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Campout registration forms when available can be found at [www.mifcrv.org](http://www.mifcrv.org), click "camping schedule".



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## "Broadway in Davisburg"

### 2010 State Fall Campout

The 2010 State Fall Campout will be held: **September 24-26, 2010** with early arrivals beginning Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at **Springfield Oaks/Oakland County 4H Fairgrounds in Davisburg, MI**. This is a date change from the typical dates of a fall campout...please spread the word!

Our theme is *Broadway in Davisburg* and we have new things to offer in addition to our teen pageant and the usual activities provided at the fall campout.

Early arrivals may be interested in visiting local areas for shopping and tours. Tentative arrangements have been made to visit the *Candy Cane Christmas Tree Farm, Cooks' Farm Dairy and Ashton Orchards* concluding with the possibility of lunch or dinner in the Clarkston area on Thursday. These are all located close to one other and the dairy serves home made ice cream! On Friday we encourage you to visit the *Davisburg Candle Factory* located in Davisburg and *Diehls Orchard and Cider Mill* in Holly. Saturday there will be a tour of the *Ellis Barn* located on grounds. The barn was built in 1883 and recently moved to its new location at Springfield Oaks. A golf scramble is also possible Saturday at *Springfield Oaks Golf Course* just across the road from our fall campout! If you are interested in scheduling additional golf times, please call them directly at 248.625.2540.

On Saturday a sloppy joe lunch will be available and an ice cream social will be provided after the evening program.

On Sunday the hosts will be providing a thank you pancake breakfast. Please bring your own breakfast meat, syrup and table service.

We are very excited to host the fall campout and looking forward to a great end to the 2010 camping season. We hope you will join us! The registration form is in this issue or available on our website.

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**Presidential Update**

Hello Michigan

State Spring Campout officially starts the camping season for a lot of us. The campout in Frankenmuth started off a little wet leaving our hosts to quickly come up with a back up plan. That seemed to work well because everyone had a camping spot. The weather then cooperated and the remainder of the weekend was great. I had a good time helping with some of the activities and kids crafts. Thank You to our hosts and to those who attended. It was nice seeing everyone again.

Campvention is just around the corner and I hope to see you there. Please check the volunteer list and help where you can. I will be spending time on the tram since Brenda and I are co-chairing transportation. The Michigan get together will be Saturday evening after the evening program in the golf cart building. Please bring a snack to share.

We have hosts for the State Fall Campout. Ray Thornton and Linda English approached me at State Spring with an offer to take the campout. It sounds like everything is well underway. They will announce the campout soon so please plan ahead and come to this event. I am sure it will go well. Thank You for taking the Campout.

Brenda and I look forward to seeing you at Campvention and State Fall. Drive carefully and do everything a little slower. See you soon.

Jim Duplanty, MSA President



**2010 Graduates**

JoDee Pruden—Lansing Community College

Jennifer Scamehorn—Hope College

Leanne Crookedacre--Grand Blanc High School

Patti Malecki—Birch Run High School

**FCRV National Executive Board Election Results**

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Campvention 2010  
Berrien Springs, MI

Campvention 2011  
Ladson, SC

FCRV Current  
Membership: 5,394

FCRV/MSA Current  
Membership: 440

## *"Bavaria In The Spring"* 2010 State Spring Campout

The 2010 Spring campout is over and the books are almost closed. My family and I would like to thank everyone that attended and endured the rain and parking issues. The weather did not cooperate on Wednesday and Thursday as four inches of rain fell during that time. We managed to park all fifty seven units, just not where we intended to park them. A special thanks to the people who volunteered to help my family with the campout. A total of approximately fifteen people managed to put together a wonderful weekend. An apology to the members who attended and did not get to do what they had planned, but the weather did not cooperate. For those who are interested, the campground chairman said we would be welcome back anytime in smaller groups and as a state campout any spring!! Congratulations to the winners and contestants who participated in the youth pageant and a special thank you to the first ever *Messter Michigan* contestants. We had four very handsome contestants and the judges had a very difficult time choosing a winner. I hope everyone had a good time and will continue to support the state because we are all family.

Skip Malecki, Campout Chairperson



**2010-11 Youth Royalty**  
Teenie King, Brandon DeVos  
Teenie Queen, Alexia Jentzen



**"Messter" Michigan Pageant**  
Bob Marley (aka Sue Carlsen),  
Reggea Opression Jamacian; Bulk  
Hogan (aka Jane Thornton);  
Colonel Sanders (aka Linda  
English); Richie Simons--1st place  
winner (aka Samie-Jo Schaub)



**2010-11 Youth Royalty**  
Youth Prince, Seth McClelland  
Youth Princess, Heather Bono



## News from Mid-State

Mid-State Field Staff are working very hard on this year's Mid-State Mixer. We will be camping at the Hillsdale County Fairgrounds on August 27 - 29, 2010. There is a registration form on the website. We have lots of fun times planned. There is a flea market and auction on the grounds on Saturday morning again this year. We plan our activities so campers can go to the flea market. There is a potluck dinner on Saturday night with the meat being provided by the Mid-State Field Staff. We will also have free hot dogs on Friday night and Saturday at noon and Sunday breakfast. Come join us for the fun and food.

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of two previous Mid-State Field Directors. Maxine Smith passed away, Saturday, March 27, 2010 in Adrian. She was a member of the Hitch-Up and Go Club, Chapter 23, and a field director and Mid-State District Director. The second Field Director is Nancy Fryman. She was a member of the Huron Hooters, Chapter 129, and a field director of the Ypsilanti area. We send our sincere condolences to both families.

### Webmaster News

There have been some problems reported when trying to downloading *The Michigander* from our website. Please update your computer with the pdf download located on our website. Then remember the login is msamember and the password is ncha.

Paul Jones, Webmaster

## Recreation Passport Replaces Michigan State Park Sticker

The Recreation Passport is Michigan's solution for funding your favorite recreation destinations, and it begins **October 1, 2010**.

Instead of spending \$24 for an annual motor vehicle permit or boating access permit, you will now be asked to support the Recreation Passport with a \$10 fee when renewing your vehicle registration with the Secretary of State.

When you opt-in, your \$10 will do so much more than get you into the state parks:

- 80% will be used to rebuild and maintain your state parks and recreation areas.
- 10% will be directed to your county, city and township parks through grant funding.
- 7% will go toward your state forest campgrounds, pathways and non-motorized trails.
- 2.75% will support your state park cultural and historic resources.
- 0.25% will be used to educate and update you on the value of the Recreation Passport.

Opt-in and preserve parks for generations to come!

Since 2004, Michigan State Parks and Recreation Areas have received no state tax support and are primarily funded through user fees.

The Recreation Passport legislation was created to prevent drastic cuts to park and forest programs - and it will take the support of outdoor enthusiasts like you to make the idea a reality. Opt-in on every vehicle you register to support green spaces and recreation in your community and throughout Michigan.

Additional Info You Need to Know:

- Supporting the Recreation Passport gives you access to all 98 state parks and recreation areas, 133 state forest campgrounds, 879 miles of trails, and every state-administered boating access site in Michigan.
- Camping fees will remain in effect.
- When registering a motorcycle, the fee requested is just \$5.
- There will be a designation on your normal license plate registration sticker to indicate you have paid. Entering a park without opting-in will result in paying a Recreation Passport fee of up to \$20 or could result in a \$100 fine. .
- Out of state visitors will still pay the \$8 daily, or \$29 annual fee for park and/or boating access site entrance.

View the complete legislation at:

[www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport](http://www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport)

For more information, ask state park staff or call 517-373-9900.

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•Commercial Directory only rate is \$3.50 per line for full year (4 issues) (single column width).

### Email delivery failures:

These are the latest email delivery failures beginning in May, 2010

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## Lunch with Friends

One day I had lunch with some friends. Jim, a short, balding golfer type about 80 years old, came along with them—all in all, a pleasant bunch.

When the menus were presented, we ordered salads, sandwiches, and soups, except for Jim who said, "Ice Cream, please...two scoops, chocolate.

I wasn't sure my ears heard right, and the others were aghast. "Along with heated apple pie," Jim added, completely unabashed.

We tried to act quite nonchalant, as if people did this all the time. But when our orders were brought out, I didn't enjoy mine.

I couldn't take my eyes off Jim as his pie a-la-mode went down. The other guys couldn't believe it. They ate their lunches silently and grinned.

The next time I went out to eat, I called and invited Jim. I lunched on white meat tuna. He ordered a parfait.

I smiled. He asked if he amused me

I answered, "Yes, you do, but also you confuse me.

How come you order rich desserts, while I feel I must be sensible? He laughed and said "I taste all that is possible.

I try to eat the food I need, and do the things I should. But life's so short, my friend, I hate missing out on something good.

This year I realized how old I was. (He grinned) I haven't been this old before."

"So, before I die, I've got to try those things that for years I had ignored.

I haven't smelled all the flowers yet. There are too many trout streams I haven't fished. There are more fudge sundaes to wolf down and kites to be flown overhead.

There are too many golf courses I haven't played. I've not laughed at all the jokes. I've missed a lot of sporting events and potato chips and cokes.

I want to wade again in water and feel ocean spray on my face. I want to sit in a country church once more and thank God for His grace.

I want peanut butter every day spread on my morning toast. I want un-timed long distance calls to the folks I love the most.

I haven't cried at all the movies yet, or walked in the morning rain. I need to feel wind on my face. I want to be in love again.

So, if I choose to have dessert, instead of having dinner, then should I die before night fall, I'd say I died a winner, because I missed out on nothing. I filled my heart's desire. I had that final chocolate mousse before my life expired."

With that, I called the waitress over.. "I've changed my mind," I said. "I want what he is having; only add some more whipped cream!" Happiness isn't based on possessions, power, or prestige, but on relationships.

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Tony and Marianne Samardich joined FCRV in 1993. They were members of Chapter One, Tails-A-Wagon. Tony was two days shy of his 64<sup>th</sup> birthday when he went to be with our Lord on May 13. We not only lost our Assistant State Director, but a dear friend. During the five years we served together on the MSA Board, we had many conversations, a few disagreements, and lots of laughs. There was never a doubt that if we needed anything from Tony, it would be done. Tony loved FCRV and was very proud of his position as national golf cart director. He was also proud of his 40' Class A diesel-pusher motor home and the fact that Marianne could not only drive it, but park it. In fact, Tony took a lot of pride in everything he did and inspired those close to him to do the same. It was extremely touching to hear testimonials from family members stating that they never once heard Tony complain and he refused to let his handicap stand in the way of achieving his goals. It was an honor and a privilege to be asked to give the following eulogy at Tony's funeral.

The Family Campers and RVers considers itself a camping family and Tony's absence will leave a huge void in our family. Tony and Marianne were very active in Family Campers, and I know there were times when our activities conflicted with events taking place among his real family. And we thank you for sharing him with us for so many years. We campers enjoy camping all year long, adjusting our activities to the various seasons of the year. As I was trying to come up with memories to share about our Tony, I saw a parallel between his multi-faceted personality and the four seasons we enjoy in Michigan. Like the fall foliage, Tony wore a coat of many colors. He was a leader as well as a worker. He was both compassionate and (constructively) critical. He was generous as an individual, yet frugal when spending Association funds. But he was always fair. We could count on Tony's humor to pull us through a sticky situation. To those few with whom he disagreed, Tony's words could be as brisk as a cold winter wind. Like the crocus that bursts through the frozen ground in early spring, Tony would never give up. He never let his handicap stop him from flipping pancakes while leaning on a crutch, crawling under a rig to make a repair, or getting wherever he needed to be. Tony and Marianne managed to be in a lot of places

— he was president of his chapter, Tails-A-Wagon; was appointed Assistant State Director; and coordinated golf cart rentals at our national campvention for many years. The summer season describes Tony the best — the warmth of his eyes and the radiant smile. Tony's embrace could make one feel as if they'd been kissed by the summer sun. While Tony had many good friends in Family Campers, the young people held a special place in his heart. He was an avid supporter of our teens, cheering at their sports events and making sure they had money for pizza after the game. When our teens needed a first-aid kit, Tony provided one. He was so very proud when his nephew, David Lynch, became Michigan's Teen King last fall and was looking forward to seeing him on stage with the other kings at Campvention in July. In turn, our teens loved and respected Tony. Here with us this morning is Michigan's Teen Queen, Taylor McClelland, with a special tribute to our Tony. Taylor brought tears to many in attendance when she sang "Temporary Home" a cappella.

Sue Carlsen, State Director

### *With Deepest Sympathy*

**Maxine Smith**, 3/27/10

Member of Hitch-Up and Go, Chapter 23; Mid-State Field Director

**Nancy Fryman**, 4/10/10

36 year member of the Huron Hooters Chapter 129, Mid-State District Field Director

**Tony Samardich**, 5/13/10

**Ralph Sulek**, 5/22/10

42 Year member of Early Risers, Chapter 88; also member of Chapter 184; retiree King; worked the 1988 Campvention in Michigan. Three of their five children were FCRV members but only daughter Beth Sulek-LaHousse is still active.



## Campvention 2010 Update, Berrien Springs, MI

### VIP Area

We are Ed & Juanita, Chairpersons for V.I.P. Hospitality for the 2010 Campvention. Our Co-Chairpersons are Gordon & Judell Payne. Hospitality will occur every day of Campvention.

Our plans are to provide both regular and decaffeinated coffee, hot tea, iced tea, lemonade and iced water. We will also need non-dairy creamer, sugar and sweetener, and cold and hot cups. We would like to serve cookies, brownies, crackers or any other type of snack food. All of this is only possible with your help and donations.

It has been a tradition to give our guests a small gift each day. If your chapter, State Association, or individuals would like to make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. It was our pleasure to host the 2004 hospitality and every state in our Great Lakes Region gave so much and our V.I.P.'s appreciated it. We know we can do it again, and possibly even better!

Please contact us with any suggestions or to let us know what you are donating. Our address is 9420 Clio Road, Clio, MI. 48420; email [ehollar@gfn.org](mailto:ehollar@gfn.org); home phone 810.686.0432; cell phone 810.730.7670.

Thank You--Juanita Woolworth, Ed Hollar

### Volunteers

Volunteering is a great way to meet people and have a great time at Campvention.

You may sign up at the Information booth at Campvention or contact the Volunteer Chairpersons:

- Don/Hope Colpaert, 30997 Boewe Dr., Warren 48092  
Phone: 586.573.7578, Email: [hopecolpaert@yahoo.com](mailto:hopecolpaert@yahoo.com)
- Frank/Kay Newman, 2148 Price Rd., Kimball 48074  
Kay's Phone: 810.987.9465; Frank's Phone: 810-434-4154

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available and you may choose the time and place where you want to help.

### MSA Activity Information

**Float**--Garden is the theme and Ed/Alisa McClelland are the chairs. Bring something with a garden theme and your help is needed!

**Hospitality**--Michigan will participate in the regional hospitality at Campvention. Your help is needed.

**Michigan Get-Together**--Saturday night after the evening program. Gather in the golf cart building. Bring a snack to share.

**Noise Parade**--Saturday night immediately following the Michigan Get-Together. Remember the "rotating red light" will guide us.



Monitor the bulletin board for Michigan activities at Campvention.

### Swap/Trade Items

At the 2010 Campvention, since it is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are going to bring back activities that used to be favorites at Campventions in the past. One of them is the swap/trade items. Do you remember those? These were small items either handmade or purchased that were usually representative of the person's state/province or area. Usually a string with a safety pin or a safety pin was attached to the item so that it could be put on your vest or hat. Also, there was the name of the person and where they were from and sometimes the name of their chapter attached to the item on a label or piece of paper.

At Campvention you then traded with others and it was a great way to meet people and sometimes make a new friend. You may have seen pictures of some of the members that would have hats full of swaps and they always wore them at Campvention. They enjoyed showing off what they had collected over the years. So, put your thinking caps on and come up with a swap/trade item that you would like to bring to Campvention so we can bring back one of the fun activities of past Campventions and you can meet some new friends!

### Teen Queen Ball

Door prize donations are needed for the Queen's Ball at Campvention and will be accepted at the teen center. Please contact Samie-Jo Schaub (231.642.7735) or Linda English (248.797.5030) if you have questions or donations.

## News from Chuck...

We had a beautiful weekend in Frankenmuth for our annual spring campout. We appreciate all the planning and hard work by the Malecki family and friends to make sure all the rest of us had a good time. Congratulations to Michigan's new youth royalty – Heather, Seth, Alexa, and Brandon! We know you'll have a great time representing MSA and FCRV at campouts, parades, and RV shows. We also congratulate the Ledge Loafers, whose history book won first place, and Samie-Jo Schaub (aka, Richie Simons) for winning the Messter Michigan contest. We extend our gratitude to our dedicated field staff for their comments and ideas during our meeting. And we thank the teens and double-digits for providing our lunch.

Campvention is just around the corner. We are very grateful to all the Michigan folks who have been working very hard preparing for this event. Do you know how many campventions you've gone to? Please have that answer ready when you arrive at Central Registration as everyone will receive a colored ribbon indicating the number of past campventions attended. This will be our 25<sup>th</sup>! Campvention promises to have something for everyone. There are more than 40 seminars scheduled, approximately 35 vendors, great entertainment nightly, and special activities for young adults, teens, and youth. Always a highlight at campvention, the Teen Queen pageant will be on Tuesday evening. Michigan is indeed proud of our contestant – Taylor McClelland. In addition to being

Teen Queen, Taylor is also the president of the state teen association, and recipient of the Jonesy Award for outstanding service. Add these achievements to her talent and beauty and Michigan's surely got a winner! Let's also show our appreciation to two other Michigan teens who will be on stage during the pageant – Miss FCRV 2009 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up, Sarah Duplanty, and our current Teen King, David Lynch, who will be escorting Taylor. While in Berrien Springs, remember to use \$2 bills when making purchases. And keep in mind there's lots to see and do in the southwest corner of our state – as in beaches, golf courses, wineries, and a casino to name a few. Did you know you can take the Amtrak train to Chicago and return the same day? Or you can head southeast to Elkhart, Indiana, and visit the RV Hall of Fame. Regardless of how you spend the week, one thing's for sure – it's always a good time when us Family Campers get together!

We are proud to announce that Sue has been elected to the national office of Corresponding Secretary and will be installed during campvention. Since an individual may not hold two positions on the FCRV Executive Board, Sue has stepped down as State Director (effective May 15), but Chuck will remain in the position at the present time.

In closing, we want to recognize the contributions of our Assistant State Directors, Tony and Marianne Samardich. We are truly thankful for their years of friendship and support. We

will miss Tony very much. (A separate tribute to Tony is on page 6). We are pleased that Marianne will continue serving Michigan as Chuck's Assistant State Director.

Enjoy the camping season! We hope to see many of you at our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in July!

Chuck Carlsen, State Director

### History Book

At each State Spring there is an opportunity to submit a History Book for the prior year by any Adult chapter or Teen chapter. This year we had two wonderful books submitted by Chapter 35 Ledge Loafers and 173 Travel Kats. First Place went to Chapter 35 Ledge Loafers and Second Place went to 173 Travel Kats.

At Spring 2010 **Camper and RV Show**, Rock Financial Showplace, Novi, MI. the Travel Kats' book from a prior year that covered going to Colorado was used. Some of the people that stopped at the Family Campers & RVers' Booth were surprised to see the Colorado area that they knew in the book.

For Mollie Breasbois by Al and Betty Carl



## FCRV Commercial Members Located in Michigan

Following is a list of FCRV Commercial Members. Commercial Membership is available for dealers, RV parts and service, campgrounds, or other items of interest to campers. For more information on FCRV Commercial Membership: <http://www.fcrv.org/membership/membership.php>

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### Thanks...

We would like to thank all our Michigan Retirees who gave us their help and support both at the Michigan Rally in St Louis and the National Rally in South Carolina.

We are proud and excited to represent Michigan and all our International Retirees as the 2010 FCRV International Retiree King/Queen. We met many new friends throughout the US and Canada and are looking forward to many more friendships in the coming year.

Hope to see you all at the Retiree Rally in 2011 at Canton, Texas.

Yours in Camping,  
Pete & Samie-Jo Schaub

### Chapter Anniversary Awards

#### 30 Years

- Chapter 297 - Curtis Travelers

#### 40 Years

- Chapter 129 - Huron Hooters
- Chapter 152 - Torch Lighters
- Chapter 153 - Shiawassee Vagabond
- Chapter 161 - Lantern Lighters

#### 45 Years\_

- Chapter 17 - Gladwinitters
- Chapter 26 - Camping Nomads



**Michigan Assistant State Directors,**  
Marianne and Tony Samardich

### Pleasure To Serve

Our time as your Assistant State Directors is coming to a close at the 2010 Fall State Campout. We want to thank everyone in Michigan for their support. In our time in office we have constantly tried to help working with Sue and Chuck on informing Michigan of any information from National.

As we leave office we are optimistic for Michigan's future and Michigan's strength is in its people. We have overcome great challenges in our history and will do so again. We look forward to a bright future for our organization.

Thank you again Sue and Chuck for the opportunity to serve as your Assistant Michigan State Directors.

Marianne and Tony Samardich,  
Assistant State Directors

# PENGUIN PAGE



National Campvention is fast approaching and we have much to do. We are planning to chair the float for Michigan. We would love to have some help with this as the week is going to be a busy one for us. Samie Jo has graciously offered some decorations for the float. We were thinking of making the float look like a garden. So if anyone has ideas or you just want to bring something with the garden theme, we will fit it in. We would also gladly accept any help with building the float.

We as parents and as the Teen Directors are very proud that Taylor is representing Michigan at National. We know she will do a great job. We are asking that everyone wear pink on the night of the pageant to show Taylor our support. She is still working out all of the final details for her performance but whatever she does will be great. We are looking forward to the noise parade hosted by Teen King David Lynch and his family. Michigan is known for making some noise. Don't forget to pack your noise maker for the parade. Let's make sure everyone knows that the Michigan Royalty is here.

We would like to recognize Sarah Duplanty. Sarah has done an amazing job as our past Teen Queen and currently the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up at 2009 National. We are so proud of her and it has been nice to see her grow into such a wonderful young lady. Thank you Sarah! We would also like to say congrats to all of our graduating teens. Good luck in the future...we know you will make your families proud.

We want to wish everyone a great camping season. Please drive safe and remember to take care of yourselves. Slow down and smell the roses as they only bloom for a season.

Alisa and Edward McClelland,  
Teen Directors



**Dave Lynch – Teen King**

Hello All,

Spring is the start of my family's camping season, but this spring has taken a toll on our family with the passing of my Uncle Tony Samardich. He reached out to all of us, and for me, Uncle Tony left the mark of fairness. When he liked what I was doing he told me; and when he didn't like what I was doing, he respected my view and explained why. And because of that I have always respected him. His "mission" has been accomplished.

We did not attend the Spring Campout in Frankenmuth, but I would like to congratulate all who participated in the Prince, Princess, Teenie King and Teenie Queen contest. Welcome Prince Seth, Princess Heather, Teenie King Brandon and Teenie Queen Alexa.

We now have the duty to support Taylor McClelland, our Michigan Teen Queen, for "Miss FCRV" at the 50<sup>th</sup> National Campvention in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Let's all wish Taylor the Luck of the Irish and I, as your escort, the Best of Luck.

David Lynch  
Michigan Teen King



**Taylor McClelland – Teen Queen**

Hey Michigan!!!

I am looking forward to representing our great state of Michigan at National. I would like to ask everyone to bring a pink shirt with them to National. We are going to try to iron on "Team Taylor" to all the shirts. It would be nice to see a sea of pink in the audience. Thank you to my state for all of your support. I hope I make everyone proud. I love you all.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation for the Susan Komen Foundation. I special thank you to Floyd and Lynn McClelland who donated \$100 to the cause. The teens are glad to be making a difference for someone. Thank you again.

To my King David: I look forward to National and I want to say thank you for being there supporting me. And lastly I am asking everyone to please come to National to not only scream and shout but to come and make new friends.

#### **Teen Queen**

Taylor McClelland

#### **Teen King**

David Lynch

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# Youth Corner

## Youth Royalty

### Princess

Heather Bono

### Prince

Seth McClelland

### Teenie Queen

Alexa Jentzen

### Teenie King

Brandon DeVos

### State Youth Director

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Hello Michigan!

State Spring brought lots of good weather to Frankenmuth. Kids were busy Saturday morning in the youth building. They had various crafts to choose from including "Camping Is..." poster making, jewelry making with beads, pipe cleaner creatures, hot iron art and other various projects to choose from. Couldn't see a sad face in the room, especially when they had the opportunity to hand pick their door prize. Thank you so much to all the people who continue to support the youth with your youth and double digit door prizes. It is truly the highlight of the morning for the kids.

Big congratulations go out to all the youth who participated in the "Camping Is..." poster contest. We are taking some awesome first place winners to Nationals. I'm sure they will bring home ribbons!! Congratulations to Mark Graves, Luke Kurburski, Meagan Pallas, Peter Kurburski, Emily Kurburski and Katie Kurburski.

Great weather enabled the pageant this year to be in an outside pavilion. Thank you to everyone who helped the pageant to be successful this year. Without people willing to lend a hand, there wouldn't be a pageant. A lot of work and planning goes into this event. Thanks for taking the time for our youth!! Biggest congratulations goes to the kids though for being willing to get on stage for us. Congratulations to Angela Townsend, Alexa Jentzen, Jacob Townsend, Brandon DeVos, Seth McClelland, MacKenzie McClelland, Michaela Graves and Heather Bono. Everyone did an awesome job!!

Have a safe summer!!

Brenda Duplanty, Michigan Youth Director

## Youth Poster Contest Results

First place:

Mark Graves (0-2)

Luke Kurburski (5-6)

Meagan Pallas (7-8)

Peter Kurburski (9-10)

Emily Kurburski (11-12)

Second place:

Katie Kurburski (11-12)



**Youth Pageant Contestants:** Front Row: Teenie King Brandon DeVos, Teenie Queen Alexa Jentzen, Jacob Townsend, Angela Townsend

Back Row: MacKenzie McClelland, Micheala Graves, Prince Seth McClelland, and Princess Heather Bono



**"Broadway in Davisburg"**  
**MSA/FCRV 2010 Fall Campout**

**September 24-26, 2010**  
**Springfield Oaks/Oakland County 4H Fairgrounds**  
12451 Andersonville Road  
Davisburg, MI 48350

Make checks payable to: **2010 MSA Fall Campout**  
**Registration deadline: September 17, 2010**  
**Mail registration to:** Kevin/Heather Kanicki  
896 N. Salem Drive #5, Essexville, MI 48732

\$25 pre-registration activity fee (nonrefundable)  
\$12 camping fee per night (Friday & Saturday)  
\$15 early arrivals camping fee per night (Wed & Thurs)  
\$54 Friday gate registration  
\$\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

Early Arrival (please check): \_\_\_Wednesday \_\_\_Thursday  
Tours (please check interest) \_\_\_Thursday \_\_\_Friday \_\_\_Saturday  
Saturday Golf Scramble (please check if interested): \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ # of players

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**GO GREEN**--your mailback will be sent to your email address provided.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name/No: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit type: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap parking Y N We are handicapped and must be in handicapped area. We understand we will not be with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate.

\_\_\_# Teens: \_\_\_# Youth: Please provide names/ages of youth on a separate sheet.

**Questions:** Ray Thornton, 989.777.5958, raythor2@aol.com; Linda English, 248.473.1457, lenglish54@twmi.rr.com

**Michigan 11th Annual Retiree Rally**

September 7-11, 2010  
**Church of God Campground**  
8489 N. Bagley Road  
St. Louis, Michigan 48880



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Total Fee:\$60.00- Extra Nights \$10.00

Make check payable to Michigan Retiree Rally

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