



# The Michigander

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## Campout Announcements

2015 - July 6-10 Campvention, CamPlex, Gillette WY, full hook up, \$275 inc. \$10 vendor bucks, build your own Jackalope contest, golf carts, ample parking at building, it is a distance to walk from campground to building; large commercial area, tours scheduled prior to Campvention, early days July 1-5 @ \$25.00/night, 4th of July fireworks provided by CamPlex; if registered by December 31st, drawing for 6-\$50 gift cards; some hunting licenses will be available for sale.

2016 - July 18-22, Campvention, Shawnee, Expo Center, OK, 40 miles SE of Oklahoma City, early days, July 16 & 17, a rodeo precedes Campvention

- Ontario provincial campouts has dedicated the next three years of their proceeds to promote FCRV  
John & Linda

(Also see Pages 3, and 8)

## Awards

Just a reminder; that nominations for the Family of the Year, and the Jonsey Award, are due by June 1.

To nominate someone for Family of the Year, send a letter, listing the family name, chapter name, involvement in FCRV, community involvement, and anything else that you may feel is relevant.

To nominate a teen for the Jonsey award, send a letter including the teen name, chapter name, involvement in FCRV, school involvement, community involvement, and anything else that you may feel is relevant.

Please mail your nominations to Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner, 502 Andres St., Chesaning, MI 48616, or e-mail them to [jkvanw@centurytel.net](mailto:jkvanw@centurytel.net). or [awards@mifcrv.org](mailto:awards@mifcrv.org). Thank you.

Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner  
Awards Committee

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NEW  
YEAR!



## Editor note:

Sorry this edition is late. Life has been hectic the last couple months.

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Mark/Melody Graves

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## **News from MSA President**

Happy 2015 to all! I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season filled sharing the time with friends and family. A new year is here, cold temperatures and snow on the ground remind me that we still have a few more months of winter weather, but I look forward to the new camping season.

At the November MSA delegates meeting, it was announced to the membership of MSA the board's decision of merging our royalty pageants, held during the annual fall campout. This decision was the outcome of input from fellow MSA members, as well as the board's resolution to reduce our pageant expenses. Again, this was something the executive board deemed necessary after review and consideration based on our current finances, along with the recent attendance of our state campouts; income from the spring and fall campouts is what funds our activities. I personally feel the responsibility to the membership of MSA to recognize the need for changes and we (MSA) cannot continue on with yearly expenses that are greater than our income.

Also discussed at the November delegates meeting was the question if MSA could continue to provide each state campout with additional financial support (\$500) as an added benefit for those hosting our campouts. After much debate among the delegates, with both sides of the subject discussed, the motion was brought forth to eliminate the additional support; the motion was voted down by the delegates. With the motion overturned, we, as the membership of MSA, need to realize the importance of attending our state campouts as the only way to offset this expense; the actual profit for these campouts can only be achieved after the additional financial support has been "paid back."

The 2015 State Spring and Fall campouts are in the planning stages; I encourage the membership to attend. The Spring campout will be held at the Oakland County Fairgrounds, in Davisburg (May 15, 16, 17); hosted by the Southeast District. The Fall campout will be a celebration of MSA's 50th Anniversary, hosted by the MSA Field Staff (September 18, 19, 20); location TBD.

2015 is election year for MSA board positions. Please take a moment to read the candidates resumes and complete the ballot and mail it in.

The next delegates meeting will be Saturday, February 28 (10:00), at the Burton Police Department (4090 Manor Drive, Burton, MI).

I'm looking forward to the 2015 camping season, and hope to see everyone in the spring; stop by and say hello.

Dave Mull, MSA President

### **Michigander Editor**

**DEADLINES** for submitting articles to the Michigander are:

**December 10** for the January issue

**March 10** for the April issue

**Friday after State Spring** for the June issue

**Friday after State Fall** for the October issue

You can start **TODAY** by sending articles to: [michigander@mifcrv.org](mailto:michigander@mifcrv.org).

## STATE DIRECTOR'S NEWS

It is not too soon to start thinking about the 2015 camping season!

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**2015 Great Lakes Regional,  
Owensboro, Kentucky**

July 30-August 2, 2015

Diamond Lake Resort

[www.diamondlakeresort.net](http://www.diamondlakeresort.net)

270-229-4900

This is a full service resort with lots of amenities and activities!

Camping fee: \$28/night for 30 amp full hook up sites; \$30/night for 50 amp full hook up sites.

If you plan an extended stay, their weekly rate is cheaper.

You must make your camping reservation directly with the resort beginning January 3, 2015

It is recommended you make your reservation asap as this is a very popular resort! Requirement is one night paid camping fee. Our group will be in areas C1, C2, C3 and possibly D1. Your site will be assigned based on the size of your camper. If you want to camp together you must register together.

Cancellation policy: 2 weeks prior to the campout for a full refund

Activity fee: \$20; this will be a separate registration coming soon!

There are many things to see and do in the Owensboro area.

There will be professional entertainment Friday and Saturday night.

They welcome door prize donations. Stay tuned for additional updates and let us know if you will be joining us for the

**2015 Great Lakes Regional  
Campout...we can register together!**

[www.diamondlakeresort.net](http://www.diamondlakeresort.net)

Check out our Calendar of Events at [www.mifcrv.org](http://www.mifcrv.org) for registration information.

### OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

**For Registration Forms go to:**

<http://mifcrv.org/calendar/default.htm>

#### 2015:

**February 28**, February MSA Meeting  
Burton Police Station, 10:00 AM

**May 15-17**, MSA State Spring Campout,  
Springfield Oaks, hosted by the Southeast District Field Staff.

**July 6-10**, Campvention, Gillette, WY,  
the registration packet should be available by the 2015 February MSA meeting.

**July 30-August 2, 2015**, Great Lakes Regional, Owensboro, KY, Diamond Lake Resort, [www.diamondlakeresort.net](http://www.diamondlakeresort.net)  
more details to come

**September 18-20**, MSA State Fall Campout, Location to be determined--this is MSA's 50th Anniversary and will be hosted by the Michigan Field Staff. Please give us or any field staff your ideas and suggestions for weekend activities and also if you can volunteer to host any activity.

**November 7** -November MSA Meeting

#### 2016:

Great Lakes Regional, hosted by Michigan; **July 28-31**, Hillsdale Fairgrounds

#### 2017:

Campvention hosted by the Great Lakes Region; if you have suggestions for a site, please let us know.

As you can see we have many campouts we are to be involved in; we meaning Michigan members! We hope you are just as eager as we are to volunteer any way possible.

Please check our website at [www.mifcrv.org](http://www.mifcrv.org) for other Michigan activities and registration information as it becomes available.

John & Linda English

Michigan State Directors

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### NOTICE!

#### MSA Meeting

Saturday, February 28, 2015  
at 10:00 AM

Burton Police Department  
4303 S Center Rd  
Burton, MI



## With Deepest Sympathy

**Alvin W Evans March 11, 1938 - January 21, 2015 - Resided in Bridgeport, MI**

Alvin passed away Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at Covenant-Cooper at the age of 76. Alvin was born March 11, 1938, in Cass City, MI to the late LeRoy and Ruby (Kelley) Evans. He married Sally Hanft on September 2, 1967; she predeceased him June 8, 1987. He was a teacher and coach for Bridgeport Public Schools for 30 years. He enjoyed spending time with his dog Sandy, woodworking, and camping. He was a member of Timbertown Travelers.

See more at: <http://www.casefuneralhome.com/obituary/Alvin-W.-Evans/Bridgeport-MI/1473764>

We have learned that Kari now lives in Ohio with her sister; however her mail is being forwarded from her home address. Cards may be sent to Kari at: 3445 Bluebird Dr, Saginaw, MI 4860 – John & Linda



**Elections! The following are resumes of those running for office.  
BALLOTS ARE ON PAGE 6!**

**Dave Mull** is running for 2nd term as **MSA President**.

- Dave has been married to Heidi for 30 years, having met her at 1981 State Spring campout, held in Charlotte.
- His family joined NCHA in 1971, along with 10 other families, forming the Woodpackers (Chapter 171).
- Dave & Heidi joined NCHA/FCRV in 1989, the membership given to them as a Christmas gift from his father.
- Two daughters, Amber (26) & Courtney (23)
- MSA Vice-President (2009-2013)
- Field Director since 1996 & currently Mid-West District Director
- Member of Chapter 316 Traverse Bay Travelers
- Attended 51 of 52 state campout since joining FCRV
- Volunteered on various committees at many state campouts and the annual Halloween Campout in Hudsonville
- Chairman for 2014 Fall campout, in Gladwin
- Current Vice-President of West Michigan Mustang Club
- Operations/Production Supervisor/Manager for over 27 years

**Kaylene VanWagner** is running for **MSA Treasurer**.

- She has been married to husband Jamie for 30 years.
- They have two children and two grandchildren with another due at the end of January.
- She has been a member of FCRV and the Showboat Wheelers, since 1993
- Currently secretary for her chapter.
- She has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Baker College.
- She has worked for the past 10 years for the City of Saginaw.

**Teen Elections!**

**Below are resumes for the Teens that are running for office.**



Hello,

My name is **Emily Kurburski** and I'm running for the **Michigan State Teen Association President**. I have been a member of FCRV for 16 years.

Through FCRV I have participated in several youth pageants where I held the title of princess. I have entered "**Camping Is**" and "**Conservation**" posters that have gone onto National. As a teen, I have been Michigan's Teen queen in 2011 and 2013. It was my pleasure to be National Miss FCRV 3rd runner-up in 2012 and am currently 1st runner-up for the 2014-15 year. This year, I received 1st place on my conservation essay at nationals.

In my chapter I help out with our annual charity auction and Toys for Tots drive.

Outside of FCRV, I am involved in Grange, Crooked Tree Youth Leadership, DECA, Varsity Golf, Girl Scouts, National Honor Society, and Scottish Dance.

I would love to be the MSTTA president to help get it back on its feet and to be a leader and an ambassador for an organization that has given me so much!

Thank you for your time,  
Emily Kurburski



Hello,

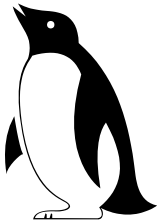
My name is **Katie Kurburski** and I am running for **Michigan State Teen Association Secretary**.

I am fifteen years old and am a freshman at Petoskey High School. This year I am currently taking honors classes and exploring the career that I am interested in. I am involved in student leadership and basketball as well as highland dance that many of you already know.

I am interested in being the secretary because I have much experience in this position. I possess the qualities of organization and note taking. My attendance at the FCRV functions is extremely high and I have missed very few campouts in my affiliation with FCRV. Thank you for your support.



**PENGUIN PAGE**



## **Farewell from our 2014 TEEN KING SHAWN CROOKEDACRE**

I would like to start with THANK YOU so very much. I would like to thank the Huryn and Kurburski families in all the support and confidence they have given me throughout all three years of my rein. Throughout all the ups and downs they were there to help out in any way shape or form. From all the campouts it was so fun. In these past Three years I have grown into a man that all of you know and love. I would like to thank everyone who supported me at the National Campvention in Vermont this past summer even if you couldn't make it. I'm so happy I could make this state proud by coming home with a First runner-up. I would like to thank John and Linda English for putting up with me on our trip to Indiana for the Great Lake's regional campout that was so fun. I would like to thank Pete and Sami-Jo Schaub & Ray and Jane Thornton for always bringing the laughs no matter how I was feeling. You always put a smile on my face from all the fun and crazy family games to the really corny jokes. I love it. I want to thank Chapter #1 Tails-A-Wagon and Chapter #35 Ledge Loafers for all your love and support. Last but not least I would like to thank my parents Shannon and Louise Crookedacre for being there for me the whole way. I love this organization and would love to be your king again in the future.

Thank You.

**Shawn Crookedacre**  
**2014 Teen King**

**Editor's note:** Shawn's article was inadvertently missed for the October issue by me. Sorry Shawn.

# MSA Election Ballots

**Official MSA Election Ballot**

President  
 ❖ Dave Mull  
 ❖ \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President  
 ○ Edward Huryn  
 ○ \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary  
 • Regina Jentzen  
 • \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer  
 • Kaylene VanWagner  
 • \_\_\_\_\_

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 Mail to: MSA Ballot, Jim Duplanty  
 5425 E. Carpenter Rd., Flint MI 48506

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☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President  
☐ Edward Huryn  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary  
☐ Regina Jentzen  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer  
☐ Kaylene VanWagner  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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# TEEN Election Ballots

**Official MSA TEEN Election Ballot**

President  
 ❖ Emily Kurburski  
 ❖ \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President  
 ○ No Candidate  
 ○ \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary  
 • Katie Kurburski  
 • \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer  
 • No Candidate  
 • \_\_\_\_\_

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 8752 S NEW LOTHROP RD, DURAND, MI 48429-9414

**Official MSA TEEN Election Ballot**

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 ❖ Emily Kurburski  
 ❖ \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President  
 ○ No Candidate  
 ○ \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary  
 • Katie Kurburski  
 • \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer  
 • No Candidate  
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# *"Come on Down to Kornfield Kounty"*



MSA State Spring Campout – May 15-17, 2015  
Springfield Oaks/Oakland County 4H Fairgrounds  
12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg, MI 48350  
Hosted by the Southeast District Field Staff

Mail payment with registration form to:

MSA 2015 State Spring Campout

c/o John & Linda English

P.O. Box 215

Quincy, MI 49082-0215

248.797.5030

[mifcrv@mifcrv.org](mailto:mifcrv@mifcrv.org)



Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$25.00

Camping Fee per night \$15.00

Friday Gate Registration + Camping Fee \$55.00

Early arrivals beginning Thursday, May 14, 2015

**Registration Deadline: May 8, 2015**

Activities will be announced soon!

Make checks payable to:

**Michigan State Association/FCRV**

## 2015 State Fall Campout

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Go Green – your mailback will be sent to the email address provided below.**

**Which do you prefer: ☐ Email my mail back ☐ U.S. Mail my mail back**

Email address (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter #: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Slide Out(s): \_\_\_\_\_

No. in Family: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Teens: \_\_\_\_\_ Dbl Digits: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please provide names/ages of youth on a separate sheet.

\_\_\_\_ Handicap parking; we understand we will not be parked with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate.

Questions: Jim/Donna Setzler, 734.497.5380 (evenings)

[jimsetzler@hotmail.com](mailto:jimsetzler@hotmail.com)

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check number: \_\_\_\_\_



## **“Win, Place or Show with the Northern District”**

Date: June 12-13-14, 2015

Place: Gladwin County Fairgrounds  
401 S. State St. - Gladwin, MI

Facilities: Electricity, showers, water available, fire in containers  
No gopher holes, Hobo style camping  
(If you wish to park together, please come in together)

Fees: \$ 15.00 Rally Fee Advanced Registration (Sorry no refunds)  
\$ 10.00 Per Night Camping Fee  
**\$ 35.00 Total for Weekend** (No mail backs)  
\$ 12.00 Thursday Arrivals

**Please make checks payable to: Northern District FCRV**

**Mail Registrations to:** Pete & Samie-Jo Schaub  
9355 E. Lakeview Hills Rd.  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
Cell 231-642-7735  
E-mail: Petsam6@cs.com

**ACTIVITIES: Friday – Bingo Saturday – Family Games, Door Prizes, Dime Auction,  
Camp Wide Potluck Supper, Evening Program Sunday – Breakfast**

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Northern District Mixer 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: Girls \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_ Boys \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Teens: Girls \_\_\_\_\_ Guys \_\_\_\_\_