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The Michigander Special Edition

"Family Fun Through Camping in Michigan"



August 2010

Campvention 2010 Berrien Springs, MI

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Michigan has a new International Teen Queen: Taylor McClelland

There were 14 teen queen contestants in this years FCRV Teen Queen Pageant representing Texas, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Iowa, Colorado, Indiana, Mississippi, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Ontario, and Missouri.

Miss Ontario won Miss Congeniality; the top finalists were Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Connecticut and Ontario; Taylor McClelland won top talent. The final question was: Do you think teens are the best ambassadors for FCRV and why? All five finalists did an excellent job answering the question.



The Royal Family



David Lynch and Taylor McClelland

On behalf of all
Michigan FCRV
members,
CONGRATULATION
Taylor and enjoy your
reign as
Miss FCRV.

The Michigander Editor
Linda English
23234 Floral Street
Farmington, MI 48336

The Pageant...



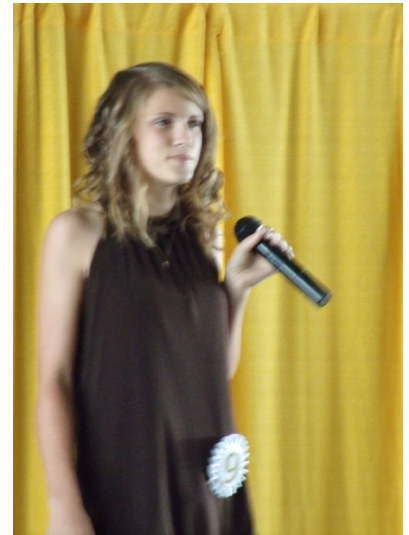
The Crowning



The FCRV Royal Court



Miss FCRV Teen Queen, Taylor McClelland



Miss Talent



Taylor with Dad and Mom



Princess Heather Bono with Taylor who participated in the Teen Pageant

...The Queen's Ball



Taylor McClelland and
David Lynch



International Teen Queen Taylor with
International Retiree Queen and King
Samie-Jo and Pete Schaub



Taylor and Dad, Ed



David and Mom, Donna



Taylor with Grandpa's Floyd and Dennis

Michigan Moments at FCRV's 50th Campvention

Saturday, July 10

- MSA President, Jim Duplanty, carried Michigan flag in opening ceremonies
- Pete & Samie-Jo Schaub, International Retiree King & Queen, participate in ribbon-cutting ceremony
- Michigan Get-Together and Noise Parade hosted by Teen King David Lynch and Family

Sunday, July 11

- Tim Hinkley and the Praise Gang Puppeteers direct Religious Services
- John & Joyce Williams receive FCRV Humanitarian Award

Monday, July 12

- Chuck & Sue Carlsen receive FCRV plaque
- Michigan teens win gold in softball, relay, and volleyball
- Teenie King Brandon Devos with Sierra Woolworth's ferret receives largest non-canine pet award
- Ron & Dick Nas tie for 4th place in golf outing

Tuesday, July 13

- Taylor McClelland is crowned Miss FCRV and receives top talent trophy
- Teen King, David Lynch, escorts Queen Taylor during the pageant
- Princess, Heather Bono, is introduced on stage
- Former Michigan Teen Queen and 2009 2nd Runner-up, Sarah Duplanty, performs during the pageant
- John & Joyce Williams win 1st place in husband calling contest

Wednesday, July 14

- Sue Carlsen is sworn in as national corresponding secretary
- Sandra Chamberlin wins "Most Creative" site direction contest
- Carolyn DeShone ties for 1st place in Euchre Tournament
- Ledge Loafers win 2nd place for chapter scrapbook entry
- Michigan wins second place for state tab collection (543 pounds)
- Aqua Jets win first place for chapter tab collection
- Photos submitted by two Michigan youth win wildlife photo contest:
 - o Michaela Graves, 2nd place (age 7-13 category)
 - o Shane Duffy, 3rd place (age 14-19 category)
- Brittney Huryn takes 3rd place for her conservation poster (age 15-19 category)
- Michigan youth ribbons for "Camping Is" posters
 - o Mark Graves III, 2nd place (age 0-2 category)
 - o Peter Kurburski, 3rd place (age 9-10 category)
 - o Emily Kurburski, 2nd place (age 11-12 category)
- Brittney Huryn performs in Talent Show

Thursday, July 15

- Michigan float wins 1st place
- Juanita Woolworth is honored for walking in 49 parades



Michigan Get Together



Juanita Woolworth and Jan DeCabooter at Red Hat Luncheon



Jan and Pork DeCabooter in Parade



Michigan Float in Parade

National President Thanks...

The Campvention was great and you and all your committee/volunteers are to be commended for a smoothly run and enjoyable Campvention. I've heard great feedback on the Pageant, The Dat Special, the overall entertainment, and the facilities. The VIP hospitality is very much appreciated (it even got into Lee Steel's song -Ontario- as he rewrote some of the words to the song "If I were a Rich Man".

There hasn't been a Campvention invented that is problem free, but its how you and your team handle the problems that can make or break one's impression of Campvention. In my book you get top marks!

Please pass my comments on to whom ever you wish.

Thanks, Jack Smyth

Newsletter Contest

The Michigander was entered in the newsletter contest this year. It placed fifth out of eight entries. In reviewing the judges comments, suggestions were provided which will be incorporated in the next edition. Content areas lacking are state campout reports, games, chapter news and travel stories. If you have chapter news or any areas of news we are lacking, please forward to me. Overall there are 100 possible points and The Michigander scored 69. I will have the judges comments available for your review and welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Linda English, Editor

President's Advisory Panel

FCRV President Jack Smyth has established a President's Advisory Panel to explore the need for and make recommendations on "things" – programs, structure, advertising, marketing, target membership group etc.- that should be made to make FCRV a more viable organization in the future.

This is your chance to have a voice in change for FCRV...submit your ideas to:

Larry Roop, Chairman, Past National President 2000-2004, Indiana 260.413.6405, FCRVIND@aol.com or any other committee member. See Camping Today for more information.



The International Teen Queen Court/Float

Past Presidents

There were more past presidents in attendance than have been for a long time.

Bob/Donna Herget, 2nd - '62-'63
Juanita Woolworth, widow of Don, 11th - '74-'76

Pork/Jan DeCabooter, 15th - '82-'86

Jim/Barb Turner, 20th - '96-'00
Larry/Vickie Roop, 21st - '00-'04
Eldon/Glenda Sellers, 22nd - '04-'08.

51st Annual FCRV Campvention
July 8 – 15, 2011
ExchangePark, Ladson, South
Carolina
Dixieland Dreams

2012--Blythe, Ontario

2013--Amana, Iowa



The Campvention 2010 Cake was made from plastic canvas and received a lot of attention.

Teen Sports Results

Softball: *Bad News Bears*--Gold Medal

Taylor McClelland	MI
Dallas Hartman	MI
Jason Bishop	MI
James Simmons	IN
Paige Shaneyfelt	IN
Victoria Semper	IN
Brad Frye	IN
Fletcher Shaneyfelt	IN
Dustin Herold	IN
Connor Stewart	ON
Jack Skillings	ON
Jordan May	ON
Florence Ekman	ON
Matt Rapson	KY
Max Bord	WI
Clayton Cassibry	AL

Softball: *Gym Class Heroes*--Silver Medal

Caitlin Lewis	CT
Parker Sherry	PA
Tim Gittel	WI
Chris Gittel	WI
Katie Mashak	KS
Abigail Moats	IA
Jacob Stuhr	IA
Lisa Collier	NY
Chris Wittmeyer	NY
AJ Johnson	MS
Ally May	SD
Courtney Rapson	KY
Broc Mueller	NE

Relay Races-Gold Medal

Taylor McClelland	MI
Dallas Hartman	MI
Jason Bishop	MI
James Simmors	IN
Paige Shaneyfelt	IN
Tegan Felter	IN
Victoria Semper	IN
Fletcher Shaneyfelt	IN
Brad Frye	IN
Conner Steward	ON

Sportsmanship Award

Florence Ekman	ON
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Volleyball: *Dominate Factor!*--Gold Medal

Taylor McClelland	MI
Dallas Hartman	MI
Jason Bishop	MI
James Simmons	IN
Paige Shaneyfelt	IN
Victoria Semper	IN
Fletcher Shaneyfelt	IN
Brad Frye	IN
Dustin Herold	IN
Kellie Cornwell	KS

Volleyball: *Melting Pot*--Silver Medal

Anthony Tenyson	KS
Hannah Chorley	OK
Kara Cornwell	KS
Katie Mashak	KS
Chris Gittel	WI
Tim Gittel	WI
Parker Sherry	PA
Ally May	SD
Josh May	SD
Brittany Roy	ON

Volleyball: *Gummy Bears*--Bronze Medal

Alexandris Manley	IL
Broc Mueller	NE
Florance Ekman	ON
Sarah Jo Saunders	ON
Elizabeth Caskey	OH
Taelor Kutz	OH
Lisa Collier	NY
Chris Wittmeyer	NY
Austin Johnson	MS
Clayton Cassibry	AL



Queen Taylor playing softball



Teen Sports Team Photo



Volunteer Committee

The Volunteer Chairpersons would like to thank everyone for their help with the various committees requiring help at Campvention.

Many volunteers helped several hours in order to give the people at various tables some relief. It was greatly appreciated by them as well as by our committee.

Thanks again as your help was wonderful.

Don and Hope Colpaert,
Chairpersons

Frank and Kay Newman, Co-Chairs



Carlsen's receive a plaque for their unselfish devotion and untiring efforts on behalf of Family Campers and RVers from President, Jack Smyth.

VIP Hospitality

A big thank you to the many people who helped with the VIP Hospitality.

The VIP Hospitality area consists of our National Board of Trustees and our National Executive Board. They have several meetings that start early in the morning so our guidelines ask us to have hospitality from 6:30 AM until late evening. It also suggests that we serve them a lunch one day and that we also try to give them a small gift each day along with the Campvention daily paper (if we have one). The gifts are quite often something that has the donor's state or the Campvention theme. We are also responsible to park these campers when they arrive.

Judell & Gordon Payne were co-chairs; Linda English put all my information in our Michigander; and Keith Woolworth provided his canopies. Dalton Rolfe & Keith did the VIP parking.

Our many members and chapters provided the following:

- A gold flower in a flower pot with a note pad & pen: Tails-A-Wagon Chapter #1 Michigan
- Kleenex holder: Amanda MacDonald, Michigan
- Band-aid holder and Campvention poem: International Retiree King & Queen, Pete & Samie-Jo Schaub, Michigan
- 50th Golden Anniversary tin with mints: Travel Kats Chapter 173, Michigan
- Band-aid holder: Bill & Wilma Johnson, Columbus, Indiana
- Crochet holder with note pad & pen also an RV washer & dryer: Marianne Samardich, Michigan
- Band-aid and tooth pick holder: Don & Thelma Walker, Michigan
- Recipe/picture ceramic tile holder: Shirley Fitzgerald, Michigan
- Magnetic smile face: Timber Town Travelers, Chapter 46, Michigan
- Magnetic Rainbow: Dave & Heidi Mull, Mid west District Directors, Michigan
- Cross stitch FCRV 2010 heart: Martha Cooley, District Director, Illinois
- Ohio welcomes you to the 2010 Campvention: David & Linda Hennie, Ohio State Directors
- Beaded key chain, material by Mollie Breasbois, labor by The Macomb Co. Retirees, Chapter 307, Michigan
- 2 large cans of coffee: Sandy & Ken Kendall, National Recording Secretary, Nebraska
- Sugar, Splenda & coffee creamer: Jim & Brenda Duplanty, MSA President & Youth Director, Michigan
- Hot cups: Mike & Donna Lynch, Michigan's Teen King Parents
- Cookies: Al & Joan Stone, Nebraska
- Monetary Donations:
- Aqua Jetts, Chapter 175, Michigan
- Paul & Diane Jones, Michigan
- Larry & Vickie Roop, Indiana
- V.G.'s Grocery Store, Clio, Michigan

Also a Big Thank you to all who helped to erect and tear down the canopies (mostly Tails-A-Wagon members and Friends) and to the ladies & friends of Tails-A-Wagon who served the luncheon and cleaned up afterwards.

Last but not least I could never have done it all without a lot of help. Special thanks to my sons and their wives, Ron & Jackie, and Keith & Mitzi.

Thank you all again, Juanita Woolworth

Ronald McDonald House Lansing Michigan

Mr. and Mrs Humphrey,
Thank you for allowing our daughter Taylor, be apart of giving the pop tab donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing Michigan. Taylor was quite excited to be apart of such a great thing. I am hoping that this will inspire her to become a bigger part of our community. She is already planning on cooking a dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. She is a great cook and it is so nice to help others. Maybe she can persuade other teens to do more to help in their communities. Thank you again for graciously allowing Taylor to be at the meeting today to give the check to the Ronald McDonald House. Have a safe trip home and remember you now have family in Lansing Michigan.

Sincerely,
Alisa McClelland
Michigan State Teen Director
Family Campers and RV'S



Pop Tab Gift to Ronald McDonald House

Monday July 19th was a very special day for Family Campers and RVers as we were welcomed into the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing, Michigan, to present them with \$907.00 that was collected at our national Campvention in Berrien Springs. Our 2010 Teen Queen, Taylor McClelland, and her parents, Ed and Alisa, sister MacKenzie, brother Seth and her Best Friend Taylor Schavey were there where the Queen presented the funds. The current Michigan State Directors, Sue and Chuck Carlsen, and Lloyd and Kay Humphrey, Northeast Region Directors, were in attendance. The funds were accepted by Ruth Lumbert, the Resident House Manager.

Lisa Gnass, the Executive Director for Ronald McDonald House gave us a tour of the facility which has 8 guest rooms and is immaculate. They provide quarters for those in the hospitals and is totally self sufficient. No fees are charged to those who need to stay there. Some meals are also provided in a well stocked kitchen. There are only 2 paid workers with many volunteers. Taylor, our Queen is planning on preparing a meal in their kitchen as she is a great cook and lives in Lansing. She hopes to get her peers interested in volunteering.



FCRV Queen Presents Ronald McDonald House Check

Miss FCRV 2010 Taylor McClelland was able to give the pop tab donation check to the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing Michigan today. The pop tabs were brought to the Campvention held in Berrien Springs Michigan by the many family campers from the US and Canada. A check for \$907.00 was presented to the staff at the Ronald McDonald house. Lloyd and Kay Humphrey the Region 5 Northeast Directors from New York along with Chuck and Sue Carlsen State Directors from Michigan were on hand for the check presentation. After the presentation, Lisa Gnass Executive Director for the Mid Michigan Ronald McDonald House gave everyone a personal tour of the house. What an amazing place it is. How nice for families to stay with out any concerns except that of their child. The Ronald McDonad House is self sufficient and relies completely on donations and volunteers. Taylor is planning on volunteering her baking and cooking skills at the Ronald McDonald House in the future. After the tour she said that she is inspired to become a bigger part of her community through volunteering. Maybe she could inspire more teenagers to help out in the community. That is all for now. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Alisa and Ed McClelland ,
Michigan State Teen Directors
Family Campers and RVers

Our heartfelt thanks to our Michigan team for all the time and effort you put forth to make Campvention 2010 a success.

Book Exchange – Thelma Walker

Bulletin Boards – Ben & Sue Kinsey

Campvention Shirt Sales – Dave & Heidi Mull

Crafts – Thelma Walker and Mary Lou Bissett

Day Tours – Barb Jordan and Don Walker

Driver Safety Program – Jim Duplanty

Golf Carts – Marianne Samardich and Bob & Nancy Linder

Handicap Host – Dave & Joyce Ballentine and Flintstones Chapter 10

Michigan Noise Parade – Mike & Donna Lynch

Motorcycle Ride – Ron & Jackie Woolworth and Keith & Mitzi Woolworth

Parade – Sandra Chamberlin and Susan Ritter

Parking – Bill & Theresa Wiles

Religious Services – Tim & Loretta Hinkley and the Praisegang Puppeteers

Teen Ball – Samie-Jo Schaub, Linda English, and Jane Thornton

Teen Sports – Ed and Alisa McClelland

Trams – John & Deb Duffy and Jim & Brenda Duplanty

VIP Host – Juanita Woolworth and Judell & Gordon Payne

Volunteers – Don & Hope Colpaert and Frank & Kay Newman

We deeply appreciate the hours donated by all of our Michigan members throughout the week at the various on-grounds activities. We also thank those who contributed food and created special gifts for the VIP's. Because of you, FCRV's Golden Anniversary was an historic celebration.

Chuck & Sue Carlsen, 2010 Campvention Steering Committee



Michigan Float in FCRV Parade



Michigan Royalty in FCRV Parade



The Royal Extended Family



Michigan Royalty Noise Parade

The **MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION** Congratulates its

Taylor McClelland
Michigan Teen
Queen

Heather Bono
Michigan Princess

Alexa Jentzen
Michigan
Teenie Queen



Pete and Sammi Jo Schaub
International
Retiree King and Queen

David Lynch
Michigan Teen
King

Seth McClelland
Michigan Prince

Brandon DeVos
Michigan
Teenie King

FCRV Humanitarian Award Recipients 2010

John and Joyce Williams of Richmond, Michigan, joined FCRV in 1993. Like many of us, John and Joyce



intended to spend more time in their RV when they retired. But, they chose a road less travelled. They did not head toward the coast, the mountains, or the dessert. Instead, they journeyed to various locations to help those less fortunate. They've helped clean up after natural disasters, built homes in poverty stricken areas, worked in church camps, and raised money for numerous charitable organizations. Following is a summary of humanitarian activities in which they've been involved.

Since they retired in 1997 John and Joyce Williams have volunteered over 34,000 hrs of time (with no reimbursement for their expenses) to several organizations:

- Habitat for Humanity International
- Craftsmen for Christ
- COM (Campers on Mission)
- Ford Volunteer Corp.
- Fuller Center for Housing
- Global Builders
- NPS (National Park Service) (volunteering at the Jimmy Carter Boyhood Farm and High School in Plains, GA)
- NOMADS (Nomads on a Mission Active in Devine Service)
- Nut'n But Love Ministries (our own Puppet Ministry)
- Praise Gang Puppeteers
- ROAM (RV's on a Mission)
- RV Care-a-Vanners
- RV Work & Witness
- SOWERS (Servants on Wheels Eveready)

In the past year they have given 2300 hours to Habitat for Humanity in helping to build homes and provide major earthquake relief. John has worked on the model of the house's that were built in Mexico Sri Lanka, and India. Most recently, they have been helping to assemble the shelter kits for Haiti, sending out receipts for donations, and volunteering at Habitat headquarters in Americus, Georgia.

The Williams' nomination was supported by letters from several people including former President Jimmy Carter who have been directly involved with their tireless humanitarian contributions. We were deeply touched by the outpouring of gratitude expressed consistently by each writer. We are very proud and fortunate to have John and Joyce Williams as lifetime members in Michigan and ambassadors of Family Campers and RVers. We truly believe they are deserving of the 2010 Humanitarian Award for their many years of diverse and continuous service.

Thank you for the contributions to this special edition of *The Michigander*. Every attempt has been made to provide complete coverage of Michigan events that occurred at our 2010 Campvention in Berrien Springs.

Additional photos are posted on our website at www.mifcrv.org.

Linda English, Editor

"Broadway in Davisburg"--2010 State Fall Campout **Springfield Oaks/Oakland County 4H Fairground, Davisburg, MI**

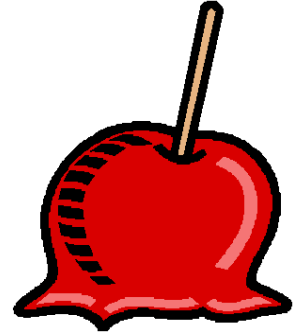
The fall is a wonderful time of year and it is apple orchard season in Michigan! We invite you to arrive early to the 2010 State Fall Campout and visit several places of interest in the area.

Information and maps will be available at registration. Some of our suggestions are: Ashton Orchards, Diehls Orchards and Cider Mills, Davisburg Candle Factory, Cook's Farm Dairy and the Candy Cane Christmas Tree Farm all very close to the fairgrounds and some of these places offer tours upon request.

Do you enjoy a fall day on the golf course? Just across the street from the fairground is Springfield Oaks Golf Course if you wish to participate in the planned golf scramble on Saturday or gather a few campers for a round or two of golf.

We are very excited to receive several applications from teens who will be participating in the teen pageant. We have many volunteers working hard on the teen pageant and queen's ball.

The youth committee is working on some different activities for our children and there will also be family games for the entire family to participate in.



A lunch will be offered on Saturday for a monetary donation so please bring your family and join your camping friends.

Please look around your home and camper as we are looking for slightly used donations for our ten-cent auction. All proceeds will go to our new FCRV National Queen, Taylor McClelland. This is always a fun activity with many treasurers to take a chance to win!

A professional magician will be part of our evening program and he will also be performing an escape act. Come and enjoy the many surprises we have planned for the evening program!

The hosts are providing a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning to thank you for your support... please bring your own table service and breakfast meat.

These are some of the many things we are offering at this year's state fall campout. We hope you will consider joining us as we end this year's camping season that hopefully you have had the opportunity to enjoy in Michigan!

Change of Address for Fall 2010 Registration Chairs

If you have an original registration form for the fall campout, please note the following change of address:

Heather and Kevin Kanicki
 1764 West Ridge Road
 Bay City, MI 48708

State Director Update

John and Deb Duffy have requested additional time for training before they become State Directors. Chuck Carlsen will continue as Michigan State Director until Spring 2011.



Broadway in Davisburg

MSA State Fall Campout -- September 24-26, 2010

Springfield Oaks/Oakland County 4H Fairgrounds

12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg, MI 48350

Make checks payable to:

2010 MSA State Fall

Mail payment with registration form to:

Kevin & Heather Kanicki

1764 West Ridge Road

Bay City, MI 48708

Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$25.00

Camping Fee (Fri/Sat) per night \$12.00

Early Arrival (Wed/Thurs) fee per night \$15.00

Friday Gate Registration + Camping Fee \$54.00

Tentative Tour Schedule

Thursday:

Diehl's Orchard

Davisburg Candle Factory

Friday:

Ashton Orchards

Candy Cane Tree Farm

Cooks Farm Dairy

Saturday:

Ellis Barn Tour

Registration Deadline: September 17, 2010.

Early Arrival (please check): ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday

Tours (please check interest) ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday

Saturday Golf Scramble (please check if interested): ☐ Yes ☐ # of players

Name: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Go Green—your mailback will be sent to the email address provided below:

Email address (please print): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter #: _____

Type of Unit: _____ Size of Unit: _____ Slide Out(s): _____

No. in Family: Adults _____ Teens: _____ Dbl Digits: _____ Youth: _____

☐ Handicap parking—We understand we will not be parked 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

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