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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Agricultural Issues Contest Held At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – The 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention was host to nearly 3,000 FFA members, parents, advisors and special guests. Continuing in its role of leadership training, the Agricultural Issues Leadership contest was held and the following winners were announced on March 9, 2012:

- State Winner:** Cassopolis
- Gold Award Recipients:** Laker  
Byron  
Breckenridge  
Webberville  
Caledonia  
Alcona
- Silver Award Recipients:** Ogemaw Heights  
Hopkins  
Ravenna  
Camden-Frontier
- Bronze Awards** Milan

Agricultural Issues is one of eleven leadership contests held annually at the state level. It provides an opportunity to expose a wide variety of students to the selection, research, planning and presentation of an important agricultural issue.

The Cassopolis FFA Chapter will now have the chance to compete at the 85<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in October 2012 that will be in Indianapolis, Indiana. They will receive monetary assistance for the trip from the Michigan FFA Foundation.

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### **Cassopolis Wins Agricultural Issues Contest At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – A team from the Cassopolis FFA Chapter was named the State Winning team in the Agricultural Issues Contest at the 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention on March 9, 2012. The members of the team were Malika Malik, Cameron Hayden, Courtney Kuemin, Libby Hein, Desirae Massey, Emily Waldschmidt, and Anna Berijamin.

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### **Creed Speaking Contest Held At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – The 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention was a host to nearly 3,000 FFA members, parents, advisors and special guests. Continuing in its role of leadership training, the Creed Speaking Leadership contest was held and the following winners were announced on March 9, 2012:

**State Winner:** Becky Mauer, Hastings

**Gold Award Recipients:** Olivia Buckley, Caledonia  
Allison Luchenbill, Durand  
Jenna Smith, Laker  
Summer Moore, Montague

**Silver Award Recipients:** Joas Gingerich, Ovid-Elsie  
Logan Denby, Ogemaw Heights  
Erica Drake, Saline  
Samantha Ludlam, Hopkins  
Taylor Dunn, Jonesville  
Brandon Sweet, Alcona  
Autumn Loss, Ubly

Creed Speaking is one of eleven leadership contests held annually at a state level. Its purpose is to allow FFA members in the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grades to learn the FFA Creed and present it in a positive way. The FFA Creed was adopted in 1930 and penned by E.M. Tiffany of Wisconsin. The first stanza of the Creed reads: “I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds—achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturalists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.”

Mauer will now have the chance to compete at the 85<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in October 2012 that will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. She will receive monetary assistance for the trip from the Michigan FFA Foundation.

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### **Hastings Student Wins Creed Speaking Contest At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – Becky Mauer of the Hastings FFA Chapter was named the State Winner in the Creed Speaking Contest at the 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention on March 9, 2012.

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Mauer will now have the chance to compete at the 85<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in October 2012 that will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. She will receive monetary assistance for the trip from the Michigan FFA Foundation.

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### **Demonstration Contest Held At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – The 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention was the host to nearly 3,000 FFA members, parents, advisors and special guests. Continuing in its role of leadership training, the Demonstration Leadership contest was held and the following winners were announced on March 9, 2012:

- State Winner:** Hopkins
- Gold Award Recipients:** Lapeer  
Marshall  
Byron  
St. Louis
- Silver Award Recipients:** Dundee  
Alpena  
Coopersville  
Laker  
Ogemaw Heights  
Montague  
Dundee

Demonstration is one of eleven leadership contests held annually at a state level. Its purpose is to develop an interest and desire on the part of FFA members to demonstrate to others what has been learned regarding improved agricultural practices. The Laker team demonstrated the proper handling of pesticides.

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### **Hopkins Wins Demonstration Contest At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – A team from the Hopkins FFA Chapter was named the State Winning team in the Demonstration Contest at the 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention on March 9, 2012. The members of the team were Alex Green, Julie Miller and Lacey Wilson

Demonstration is one of eleven leadership contests held annually at a state level. Its purpose is to develop an interest and desire on the part of FFA members to demonstrate to others what has been learned regarding improved agricultural practices. The Laker team demonstrated the proper handling of pesticides.

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### **Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest Held At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – The 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention was the host to nearly 3,000 FFA members, parents, advisors and special guests. Continuing in its role of leadership training, the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership contest was held and the following winners were announced on March 9, 2012:

- State Winner:** Jaime Curth, Maple Valley
- Gold Award Recipients:** Levi Voorhies, Corunna  
Alycia Drwencke, Lenawee Vo-Tech  
Emily Feuka, Perry
- Silver Award Recipients:** Kenneth VandenBaut, Caledonia  
Zachary Stedman, St. Louis  
Lindsey Fischer, Whitmore-Prescott  
Zane Kemp, Jackson Area Career Center  
Teasha Johnson, Montague  
Jill Castle, Standish-Sterling
- Bronze Recipients:** Bryce Tomac, Chesaning  
Rebecca Flynn, Branch Area Career Center

Extemporaneous Public Speaking is one of eleven leadership contests held annually at a state level. Its purpose is to develop agricultural leadership by providing for membership participation in agricultural public speaking activities, and to stimulate interest in leadership and citizenship. Participants are provided with a list of four major subject areas and choose one of these areas (for example, Global Agriculture and Ag Marketing) prior to the event. At the contest, students will draw a specific speech topic and are given 30 minutes to prepare a speech on said topic.

Curth will now have the chance to compete at the 85<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in October 2012 that will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. She will receive monetary assistance for the trip from the Michigan FFA Foundation.

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### **Maple Valley Student Wins Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – Jaime Curth of the Maple Valley FFA Chapter was named the State Winner in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest at the 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention on March 9, 2012.

Extemporaneous Public Speaking is one of eleven leadership contests held annually at a state level. Its purpose is to develop agricultural leadership by providing for membership participation in agricultural public speaking activities, and to stimulate interest in leadership and citizenship. Participants are provided with a list of four major subject areas and choose one of these areas (for example, Global Agriculture and Ag Marketing) prior to the event. At the contest, students will draw a specific speech topic and are given 30 minutes to prepare a speech on said topic.

Curth will now have the chance to compete at the 85<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in October 2012 that will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. She will receive monetary assistance for the trip from the Michigan FFA Foundation.

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### **Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Contest Held At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – The 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention was the host to nearly 3,000 FFA members, parents, advisors and special guests. Continuing in its role of leadership training, the Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Leadership contest was held and the following winners were announced on March 9, 2012:

- State Winner:** Byron
- Gold Award Recipients:** Branch Area Career Center
- Silver Award Recipients:** Durand  
Lowell  
Cassopolis  
Laker  
Alcona  
Springport  
Laker  
Caledonia
- Bronze Award Recipients:** Lenawee

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### **Greenhand Prepared Public Speaking Contest Held At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – The 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention was the host to nearly 3,000 FFA members, parents, advisors and special guests. Continuing in its role of leadership training, the Greenhand Prepared Public Speaking Leadership contest was held and the following winners were announced on March 9, 2012:

- State Winner:** Seth Randall, Laker
- Gold Award Recipients:** Dakota Rogers, Springport  
Kyle Forbush, Corunna  
Grace Sampson, Ovid-Elsie  
Gretta Krumm, Hopkins  
Andrea Urbach, Ogemaw Heights  
Miles Montgomery, Montague  
Madi Heath, Milan
- Silver Award Recipients:** Joseph Lipskey, Ubly  
Adam Wyn, Fremont  
Addison, Kimmer, Charlotte  
Riley Burch, Benzie Central

Greenhand Prepared Public Speaking is one of eleven leadership contests held annually at a state level. Its purpose is to develop agricultural leadership by allowing ninth or tenth grade students, that are first year students of agricultural education/agriculture and that are first year FFA members an opportunity to participate in an official contest designed to increase their interest in career education in agriculture and the FFA organization. Prior to the contest, each participant is expected to write a speech on an agricultural, environmental or natural resource issue that can be delivered in six to eight minutes.

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### **Laker Student Wins Greenhand Prepared Public Speaking Contest At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – Seth Randall of the Laker FFA Chapter was named the State Winner in the Greenhand Prepared Public Speaking Contest at the 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention on March 9, 2012.

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Randall will now have the chance to compete at the 85<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in October 2012 that will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. He will receive monetary assistance for the trip from the Michigan FFA Foundation.

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### **Junior High Conduct of Meetings Contest Held At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – The 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention was a host to nearly 3,000 FFA members, parents, advisors and special guests. Continuing in its role of leadership training, the Junior High Conduct of Meetings Leadership contest was held and the following winners were announced on March 9, 2012:

- State Winner:** Cassopolis
- Gold Award Recipients:** Byron  
Breckenridge  
Laker  
New Lothrop
- Silver Award Recipients:** Stephenson  
Waldron  
Coopersville  
Countryside  
Standish-Sterling
- Bronze Award Recipients:** Waldron

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- State Winner:** Clara Devota, New Lothrop
- Gold Award Recipients:** Alex Nothelfer, Laker  
Madeline Henrickson, Hopkins  
Kaylee Block, Ubly  
Jocelyn Kempf, Fremont
- Silver Award Recipients:** McKayla Shaw, Standish-Sterling  
Elizabeth Westfall, Waldron  
Merideth Inman, Sand Creek  
Felicia Kempf, Fremont
- Bronze Award Recipients:** Ian Rutila, Laingsburg

Junior High Prepared Public Speaking is one of eleven leadership contests held annually at the state level. Its purpose is to develop agricultural leadership by allowing seventh or eighth grade students, that are first year students of agricultural education/agriscience and that are first year FFA members an opportunity to participate in an official contest designed to increase their interest in career education in agriculture and the FFA organization. Prior to the contest, each participant is expected to write a speech on an agricultural, environmental or natural resource issue that can be delivered in four to six minutes.

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### **New Lothrop Student Wins Junior High Prepared Public Speaking Contest At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – Clara DeVota of the New Lothrop FFA Chapter was named the State Winner in the Junior High Prepared Public Speaking Contest at the 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention on March 9, 2012.

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### **Job Interview Contest Held At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – The 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention was the host to nearly 3,000 FFA members, parents, advisors and special guests. Continuing in its role of leadership training, the Job Interview Leadership contest was held and the following winners were announced on March 9, 2012:

- State Winner:** Ryan Hall, Olivet
- Gold Award Recipients:** Emma Roderick, Lowell  
Shelby Pickler, Wexford-Missaukee  
Amanda Mitchell, Ovid-Elsie
- Silver Award Recipients:** Katherine Houlihan, Branch Area Career Center  
Kelsey Zeil, Laker  
Brianna Cherry, Saginaw  
Kristin Shields, Jonesville  
Brandon Borke, Alpena  
Travis Bennett, Fremont  
Danny Deschepper, Byron
- Bronze Award Recipients:** Andrew Kanitz, Milan

Job Interview is one of 11 leadership contests held annually at a state level. Its purpose is to stimulate interest and acquaint students with the employment procedures they will face when applying for a job and to allow students to demonstrate oral and written communications.

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### **Olivet Student Wins Job Interview Contest At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – Ryan Hall of the Olivet FFA Chapter was named the State Winner in the Job Interview Contest at the 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention on March 9, 2012.

Job Interview is one of 11 leadership contests held annually at the state level. Its purpose is to stimulate interest and acquaint students with the employment procedures they will face when applying for a job and to allow students to demonstrate oral and written communications.

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### **Parliamentary Procedure Contest Held At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

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<b>State Winner:</b>	Alcona
<b>Gold Award Recipients:</b>	Byron Springport Coopersville
<b>Silver Award Recipients:</b>	Laker Durand Centerville Stephenson Caledonia Ubly Lenawee Hastings

Parliamentary Procedure is one of eleven leadership contests held annually at a state level. Its purpose is to develop the ability of FFA members to conduct meetings effectively according to correct parliamentary procedure and to improve the leadership skills of members.

The Alcona team will now have the chance to compete at the 85<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in October 2012 that will be in Indianapolis, Indiana. They will receive monetary assistance for the trip from the Michigan FFA Foundation.

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### **Alcona Wins Parliamentary Procedure Contest at 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – A team from the Alcona FFA Chapter was named the State Winning team in the Parliamentary Procedure Contest at the 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention on March 9, 2012. The members of the team were Nicole Wilt, Austin Gerard, Amanda Swinson, Caycee Oulet, Vickie Feltes, Shane Pinder.

Parliamentary Procedure is one of eleven leadership contests held annually at the state level. Its purpose is to develop the ability of FFA members to conduct meetings effectively according to correct parliamentary procedure and to improve the leadership skills of members.

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### **Corunna Student Wins Prepared Public Speaking Contest At 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention**

EAST LANSING, MI – Rebecca Whalen of the Corunna FFA Chapter was named the State Winner in the Prepared Public Speaking Contest at the 84<sup>th</sup> Michigan FFA State Convention on March 9, 2012.

Prepared Public Speaking is one of eleven leadership contests held annually at a state level. Its purpose is to develop agricultural leadership by providing for membership participation in agricultural public speaking activities and to stimulate interest in leadership and citizenship. Prior to the contest, each participant is expected to write a speech on an agricultural, environmental or natural resource issue that can be delivered in six to eight minutes.

Whalen will now have the chance to compete at the 85<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in October 2012 that will be in Indianapolis, Indiana. She will receive monetary assistance for the trip from the Michigan FFA Foundation.

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**State Winner:** Rebecca Whalen, Corunna

**Gold Award Recipients:** Ethan Haywood, Hastings  
Rebecca McCurley, OSTC-SE  
Cora Skjaerlund, Corunna  
Alexandria Schut, Caledonia  
Darcy Lipskey, Ubly  
Baleigh Schuler, Dundee

**Silver Award Recipients:** Allison Brocht, Wexford-Missaukee  
Amanda Higbee, Branch Area Career Center  
Savannah Hall, Caledonia  
Laura Kelley, St. Louis  
Daulton Neuman, Wexford-Missaukee

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Whalen will now have the chance to compete at the 85<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in October 2012 that will be in Indianapolis, Indiana. He will receive monetary assistance for the trip from the Michigan FFA Foundation.

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