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Lapeer County FFA - State Convention Success!

March 9-11, Lapeer County FFA participated in the 2011 FFA State Convention, which included Leadership Contest Finals, delegate meetings with State Representatives at the Capitol, and recognition of individual students' success.

Kayla Belavek, Phillip Ankley, Kevin Schapman, and Mallory Tanis all received Silver Awards for their success in Creed Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, and Extemporaneous Speaking. They were each part of a group of eight finalists in the State, and were recognized in front of several thousand people, at the Auditorium at Michigan State University.

Coy Hansen, an Almont High School student, was awarded a scholarship to attend the FFA Washington D.C. Leadership Conference, which will be held in June.

Five student delegates toured the State Capitol, met with Rep. Kevin Daley, and learned more about elected leadership.

Students who fulfilled the stringent requirements for "Outstanding Junior" award include Andy Ziehm, Erika Garant, Ben Ankley, and Chad Weiss.

"State Degree" honorees (Senior students who have met high qualifications, and exhibited an outstanding commitment to agriculture through demonstrated labor and entrepreneurship) included John Eschenburg, Matthew Fisher, Mary Listwak, Jacob Lucia, Ryan Lucia, Chelsea Mikolowski, Kaleb Parsch, Katelyn Pfromm, Olivia Saliga, Mallory Tanis, and Heather Wise.

We were also very excited for an alumnus, MSU student Joseph Ankley, who received the prestigious Russel Erickson Agricultural Scholarship, in the amount of \$5000. Joseph will graduate with a dual degree in Animal Science and Agriscience Education, and plans to return to Lapeer County to share his knowledge.

The FFA Mission

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and**

