

## Campaign finance Twitter feed links candidates, committees

(Submitted by the Michigan Department of State)

The Bureau of Elections is launching a Twitter account to alert candidates, committees and those interested in campaign finance of reports detailing campaign contributions and expenditures.

Those interested should sign up for the MichCFR Twitter feed. More detailed information will be provided, as always, on the Michigan Secretary of State's elections website at [www.Michigan.gov/elections](http://www.Michigan.gov/elections).

Changes to the Michigan Campaign Finance Act and campaign finance training sessions will be included in the feed at [www.twitter.com/MichCFR](http://www.twitter.com/MichCFR), as will MERTS Plus software updates. MERTS is the Michigan Electronic Reporting and Tracking System, which allows state level committees to file required campaign finance statements electronically over the internet or other removable medium like a flash drive or CD.

The Secretary of State's office also operates a separate Twitter feed at [www.twitter.com/Michsos](http://www.twitter.com/Michsos), which features news and alerts on upcoming elections, renewing license plate tabs and driver's licenses, Michigan Organ Donor Registry and other services provided by the department. There is also a Michigan Secretary of State Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Michigansos](http://www.facebook.com/Michigansos).

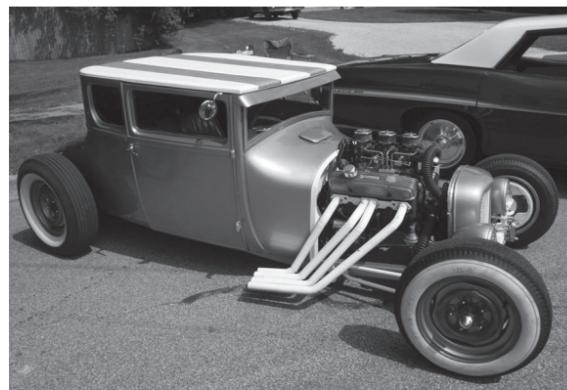


**Shannon Powell**, 10 years old, has been a 4-H member for two years in the Moorland Achievers. She is shown here with Bahhee, her six-month-old Stafford crossbreed sheep. Shannon enjoys 4-H because she sees neighbors and gets to make money when she sells her sheep to save money for college.

Shannon said she also "enjoys showing, taming the sheep, making his four legs box straight in the ring, and letting the judge sneak up on him if need be or touching the rear end of the animal and not be bothered by it." (Photo by Marilee Beck)

## Coopersville Del Shannon Car Show

photos by Sharon Davis



## Historic snowmobile decals now on sale

(Submitted by the Michigan Department of State)

Historic snowmobile enthusiasts now have a new way to enjoy their sport and Michigan's great outdoors with the new historic snowmobile registration decal.

Snowmobiles 26 years old and older, and owned solely as a collector's item are eligible for the historic registration decal, which costs \$50. A Michigan snowmobile permit is not required for snowmobiles that have a historic registration decal.

Sleds registered as historic are limited to occasional use and may only be used in club activities, exhibitions, tours, and for similar uses. The registration does not expire and may not be transferred to a new owner if the snowmobile is sold. Registration fees support snowmobile trail grooming and other purposes.



**Rebecca Goodno** (center) of Ravenna (14) is in her third year with the Ravenna Livestock 4-H Club. Autumn VanDonkelaar, age 12, (left) and Brooke VanDonkelaar (14) are also members of the same club. All admit they enjoy 4-H because they see friends, encourage each other, and they enjoy learning. They also enjoy having fun and getting paid for it. Rebecca made and entered a quilt, placing first. She also entered a pig and placed second with her baked goods.

Brooke entered a photo and won Reserve Grand Champion, and first place with her baked goods.

Autumn entered the Natural Resources class, taking Grand Champion; placed fifth in baked goods, and entered a rabbit.

While at the fair, part of the 4-H members' duties include answering questions from the community, guarding and caring for their entries, and making sure the barn is kept clean. (Photo by Marilee Beck)

## Diversity lecture series speakers announced

(Submitted by Grand Rapids Community College)

Monday, September 26, 2011 is the first in the 2011-2012 lecture series sponsored by Grand Rapids Community College. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> annual lecture series sponsored by the college. All lectures begin at 7 p.m. at the Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain St. NE in Grand Rapids. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information, call (616) 234-3390.

Author, columnist and journalist Nicholas D. Kristof, known for bringing to light human rights abuses, will speak on "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women," in the first event September 26.

Jeanette Walls, author and columnist, will speak on "The Glass Castle: Demon Hunting and Other Life Lessons," on Wednesday, October 26. Her book, *The Glass Castle*, has been on the New York Times best-sellers list for over three years.

On Wednesday, November 9, speaker Maziar Bahari will speak on his arrest in Tehran on trumped-up charges of espionage in "Then They Came for Me: A Family's Story of Love, Captivity, and Survival." He is an expert on Iran and also embraces a wide range of subjects as a filmmaker.

Jeff Johnson, social activist, author and journalist, is featured on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. As a trailblazing social entrepreneur and authentic voice for change, his topic is "Everything I'm Not Made Me Everything I Am."

The final lecture on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 features Naomi Wolf, an author, social critic and political activist. As the author of seven books, she focuses on gender equality, pervasive inequities in society and politics, the defense of liberty in America and internationally, and body image. Her lecture is entitled, "Beyond Victimization: The Beauty Myth Revisited."

## Banana smoothy

By Judy Brandow

- 1 banana
- 1 C. milk
- 3 scoops vanilla ice cream
- 1 tsp. lemon juice

Combine in blender and run on high a minute or two. Pour into glasses. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Makes two 8 ounce servings.

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