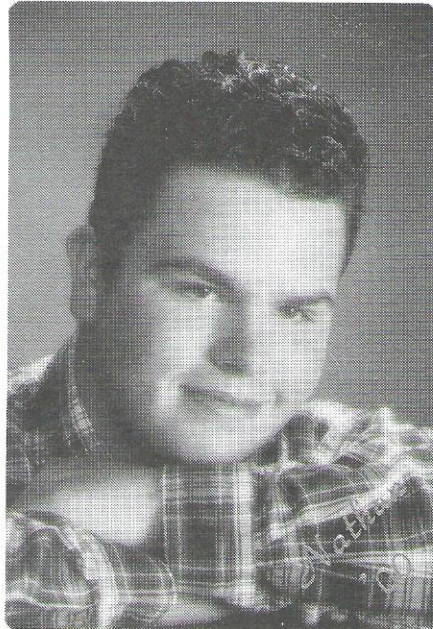


**The OTSEGO COUNTY FAIR would like to
THANK and CONGRATULATE**

**NATHAN GAPINSKI
1999
YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**



Last year Nathan accumulated over 165 hours of volunteer time, for which he was nominated by the Otsego County Fair to the Michigan Department of Agricultural and the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions as their choice for 1999 Youth Volunteer of the Year.

On January 14, 2000 the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (M.A.F.E.) announced the 1999 Youth Volunteer of the Year at the M.A.F.E. Convention at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan. The Otsego County Fair's nominee Nathan Gapinski, the son of Bernie and Denise Gapinski of Gaylord, was chosen out of thirty-four applicants throughout the state. The Michigan Department of Agriculture's, Fair Coordinator, Marilyn Thelen, and Student Assistant, Kendra Weller, presented the award. Kendra Weller had this to say about Nathan "Whenever the Otsego County Fair Association needed something done, from computer work to painting trash barrels, from pulling weeds to cleaning bathrooms...they knew they could count on Nathan to get the job done." Nathan not only displays the leadership and dedication it takes to put on a good fair, he is also well aware of the importance of the "not so glorious" jobs.

On January 20, 2000, State Representative of the 105th District, Ken Bradstreet, presented Nathan his plaque for 1999 Youth Volunteer of the Year at the 4-H Volunteer's Night Out. Representative Bradstreet also presented Nathan with a State of Michigan Special Tribute Certificate from the 90th Legislature congratulating Nathan on his hard work and leadership.