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## Kent Special Riding Program inspires 4-H'er

Andy Sejat, a learning disabled teen, joined the Kent Special Riding Program (KSRP), Kent County's 4-H Proud Equestrian Program (PEP), about four years ago.

Andy, 16, of Lowell, participated in at least two six-week sessions each year.

He became so fond of horses that he joined a mainstreamed 4-H club.

For the past two years, Andy has also been a member of the Stablemates 4-H club and showed a 4-H volunteer's horse at the Kent County 4-H Fair and fun shows. Now, thanks to his positive experiences in 4-H and KSRP, Andy is getting a horse of his own.

"Everyone's been real nice. . . The more he shows, the better he gets at it. You can't go wrong with 4-H!" said Sue Sejat, Andy's mom.

When asked what his favorite part of horseback riding is, Andy replied, "Trotting!"

Although, according to his mom, he also enjoys trail riding and is very competitive.

"When Andy first started riding [at KSRP], he was a little hesitant toward horses," Sejat explained.

"I think the largest change from the program is his confidence. Secondly, his outlook on responsibility. Another big difference I saw was that he had a difficult time showing affection toward people and animals. Now, I think he has genuine affection," she said. "The [KSRP] teachers have dedication,

they're so willing to help, eager to teach and are understanding."

KSRP instructors must first become certified PEP instructors through the state program. KSRP has three six-week sessions with more than 200 participants each year. Last spring the program turned away participants because of a shortage of volunteers.

During the first class of a session, participants learn barn and safety rules. After that, groups of four participants rotate riding and learning about horses, including how to groom and saddle a horse.

"We do teach them how to ride. It's not just a pony ride," says Lynne Schumacher, KSRP coordinator for the past 24 years.

Rita Kuhnell, KSRP board member and aide, agrees.

"We try really hard to focus on the rider," she said. "We want the rider to have as active a part as possible."

Kuhnell explained that each rider has a volunteer to help lead the horse and sometimes one or two additional side walkers for safety. However, the instructors and volunteers wait until the rider cues the horse to move.

"We've seen a lot of good results from the therapy aspect,

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— Sue Sejat, Andy Sejat's mom

especially in the physically impaired. It [horseback riding] helps with balance, coordination and self-esteem," Schumacher said.

The 4-H Proud Equestrians Program (formerly the 4-H Horseback Riding for Handicappers Program), including KSRP, is supported by gifts to the Michigan 4-H Foundation and is a diversity and inclusive programming priority for the *Campaign for 4-H*.

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**Kent County 4-H'er Andy Sejat, a former Kent Special Riding Program participant and member of the Stablemates 4-H club, with Rusty, the horse he and his family will soon own.**



Explore, Experience, Achieve:

# The Campaign for



With just under 3½ years to go until completion of the Michigan 4-H Foundation's seven-year, \$15 million *Campaign for 4-H*, the foundation's board of trustees and campaign cabinet are taking a look at better aligning campaign funding goals with current 4-H priorities.

This alignment includes the board's decision to seek annually \$250,000 in unrestricted gifts to the campaign. This would mean increasing the unrestricted giving goal to \$1 million by 2007. The foundation is currently at 93 percent of the original \$600,000 goal.

"What we've learned from the past year is that there clearly needs to be more attention on raising funds that can be used quickly to meet unexpected needs and new opportunities," said Victor Fulgoni, president of the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

The foundation has also recognized that there has not been an intentional public focus on support for county 4-H programming as part of the *Campaign for 4-H*.

## Realigning at the half

*Campaign for 4-H focuses attention on unrestricted and county-designated giving*

"We will look at including a campaign goal that encourages donors to give to the foundation in support of priority programs determined locally by volunteers, 4-H staff members and the young people they work with," said Cheryl Howell, foundation executive director.

To begin this focus and realignment, trustees and friends of the Michigan 4-H Foundation are hosting events that share messages related to support of local 4-H programming and also serve to encourage donors to consider giving for the love of 4-H.

**Margaret Bethel**, MSU Extension director and foundation trustee, joined trustee **George House** to host a west central region campaign event Aug. 21. The event, themed *Honoring the Past While Investing in the Future*, gave current and past 4-H friends, MSU Extension retirees, and Michigan 4-H Foundation current and past trustees an opportunity to visit and consider ways they can keep the 4-H movement in Michigan as strong in the future as it has proven to be for past 4-H generations.

This fall, friend **Ray Mazurek** will welcome guests to his home in the lower southeastern Michigan region in celebration of the fall season and the harvest that investing in 4-H brings in the lives of Michigan youth.

In December, friend **Gary Seevers** will host in lower southwestern Michigan, *Grosvenor*

*House for the Holidays*, a reception in support of 4-H at the historic Victorian museum in Jonesville and the home of former Michigan Lt. Gov. Ebenezer Oliver Grosvenor.

Friends and donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation in each of these regions will be invited to these events to learn more about how their campaign support can benefit 4-H locally or at the state level.

For more information on these and other *Campaign for 4-H* activities, contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at (517) 353-6692 or visit online at <http://www.mi4hfdtn.org>.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the 51st Annual Membership Meeting

**Friday, October 1, 2004**  
**9:30 a.m. to noon**  
**Michigamme Room**  
**Kellogg Center**  
**Michigan State University**

Refreshments available at 9 a.m.

#### AGENDA ITEMS:

- Board of trustees elections.
- Report of 2004 audited financial statements.
- Campaign for 4-H report.
- 2004 president's report.

Membership includes any individual or organization that donated \$10 or more to the Michigan 4-H Foundation in the past year. Members vote on all issues at the annual membership meeting. Call the foundation at (517) 353-6692 for more information.

## Calendar

**September 19 — 4-H Emerald Clover Society recognition wall unveiling and Kettunen Center donor reception.** 2-4 p.m. at Kettunen Center. RSVP by Sept. 10 at (231) 829-3421.

**September 19 — Kettunen Center Dinner Theater.** 5-7:30 p.m. Enjoy a performance of the "Greater Tuna" by the Cadillac Footliters and an evening of fine dining at Kettunen Center. Tickets are \$26/adult and \$18/youth. RSVP by Sept. 10 at (231) 829-3421.

**October 1 — Michigan 4-H Foundation annual meeting.** 9:30 a.m. to noon at the MSU Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

**October 3-9 — National 4-H Week.**

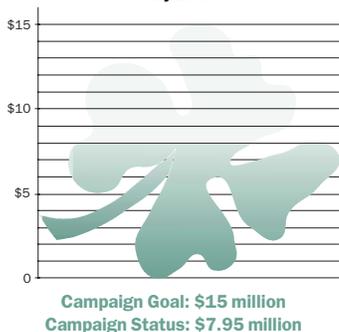
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**October 10-15 — Kettunen Center Elderhostel Fall Program.** Call (231) 829-3421 for details.

**October 31 — The outdoor Michigan 4-H Children's Garden closes for the season.** The indoor garden is open year-round.

**December 31 — Gift deadline for 2004 income tax credit.**

**Campaign for 4-H Status**  
July 2004



# Foundation redefines donor recognition program

The Michigan 4-H Foundation has revised the Clover Citation Program in order to provide a more meaningful gift club program for donor recognition (see the chart at right for the revised Clover Citation categories).

All donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation are recognized in the foundation's annual report. Individual donors of \$1,000 and above will also be recognized annually at a luncheon following the foundation's annual meeting each October.

Major donors will be recognized with membership in the Cornerstone Society, and two new categories, the A.G. Kettunen Society and the Corporate Clover Club.

**The Cornerstone Society** recognizes gifts within a 10-year period for the following: individual gifts of \$25,000 and above; member organization gifts of \$50,000 and above; and corporate and foundation gifts of \$75,000 and above.

**The A. G. Kettunen Society** honors the legacy of Arne G. Kettunen, state 4-H club leader from 1925 to 1956 and the founding leader of the Michigan 4-H Foundation, by honoring donors with documented planned gifts of \$50,000 and above.

**The Corporate Clover Club** recognizes annual corporate, foundation and other organizational unrestricted or sponsorship gifts of \$5,000 and above. Corporate Clover Club donors receive public recognition through volunteer training program promotion, the

Clover Citation Program	
<b>Membership</b>	<b>\$10–\$99</b>
<b>Bronze Clover</b>	<b>\$100–\$249</b>
<b>Silver Clover</b>	<b>\$250–\$499</b>
<b>Gold Clover</b>	<b>\$500–\$999</b>
<b>Platinum Clover</b>	<b>\$1,000–\$2,499</b>
<b>Amethyst Clover</b>	<b>\$2,500–\$4,999</b>
<b>Sapphire Clover</b>	<b>\$5,000–\$7,499</b>
<b>Ruby Clover</b>	<b>\$7,500–\$9,999</b>
<b>Emerald Clover</b>	<b>\$10,000–\$24,999</b>
<b>The Cornerstone Society</b>	<b>\$25,000 and above</b>

foundation's Web site and annual report, and the Vantage newsletter.

## Estate gifts make the difference for long-term 4-H program support

Thelma and Leonard Burleigh were so intrigued with the Michigan 4-H Foundation's commitment to training 4-H teen leaders that they made a gift of property to the Michigan 4-H Foundation as a way of supporting this 4-H programming.

The sale of this gift helped support completion of Kettunen Center Vision 2021 renovations, fund programming in Mason County, where the property was located, and established the Thelma and Leonard Burleigh Endowment Fund.

Through the balance of Mrs. Burleigh's lifetime, she regularly received letters from 4-H teens who attended 4-H Peer Plus and Group Dynamite teen leadership workshops at Kettunen Center sharing

what a great learning experience that weekend proved to be for them.

She didn't forget the difference her first gift made.

At her death in 2003, the Michigan 4-H Foundation was a significant beneficiary of her estate which will provide support for 4-H teen leadership programming for years to come.

This is the difference an estate gift to the Michigan 4-H Foundation can make.

The Michigan 4-H Foundation offers a variety of methods for making a planned gift to support 4-H.

Estate gifts can be made as bequests through wills or testamentary charitable remainder trusts. Deferred gifts can be made as chari-

table gift annuities or life estate contracts, through life insurance policies or as charitable lead trusts.

These gifts can support potential future 4-H needs not yet identified, specific statewide 4-H programming or a specific county's 4-H programming.

When considering an estate gift to the Michigan 4-H Foundation, it is important to consult with legal counsel about estate planning, taxes and the impact of planned gifts.

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is committed to protecting the donor's interests first and to ensuring confidentiality unless public recognition through Michigan State University or Michigan 4-H Foundation donor societies is sought.

The Michigan 4-H Foundation now offers a new donor society for recognizing individuals like the Burleighs, who commit to and verify a planned gift of \$50,000 or more.

The A. G. Kettunen Society recognizes donors who have committed in writing to a planned gift at this level or higher. In addition to a beautiful wall hanging, donors are also recognized permanently at Kettunen Center once the gift is actually granted to the foundation.

For more information on making an estate or deferred gift to the Michigan 4-H Foundation, contact the foundation at (517) 353-6692 or visit online at <http://www.mi4hfdtn.org/giftoptions.html>.

# Sixteen 4-H alumni inducted into 4-H Emerald Clover Society June 24

Sixteen 4-H alumni were inducted into the 2004 class of the Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society on June 24.

Dan Wyant, Michigan Department of Agriculture director and 2002 Emerald Clover Society member, served as the master of ceremonies. Margaret Bethel, MSU Extension director and 2002 Emerald Clover Society member, and 4-H youth members Karley Hermans and Yolanda Haynes also spoke at the event.

The goal of the society is to identify, acknowledge and celebrate Michigan 4-H alumni who

had significant 4-H involvement as youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities.

Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society members are inducted every two years. The inaugural class of 62 members was inducted in 2002 in honor of the national 4-H centennial. Nominations for the 2006 induction class will be accepted through Dec. 31, 2005. For more information on the 4-H Emerald Clover Society, and its members visit <http://www.mi4hfdtn.org/ecs>.

## 4-H Emerald Clover Society recognition wall under construction at Kettunen Center

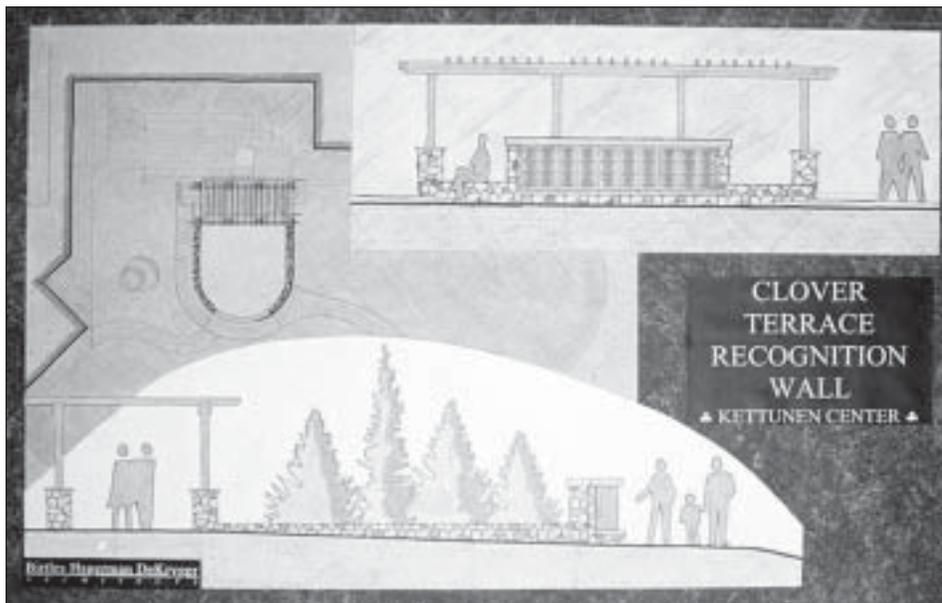
Construction of the 4-H Emerald Clover Society recognition wall began in June at Kettunen Center.

The wall, designed by Deb Kinney, MSU landscape architect, will provide permanent recognition for the 78 current members and will accommodate future classes of the 4-H Emerald Clover Society. Each person's name and county of 4-H membership will be engraved in granite.

Below is a rendering of the recognition wall by Birtles, Hagerman and DeKryger Architects of Cadillac.

The wall is an expansion of the existing Red Oak Courtyard and Terrace built in 1998 as part of the Vision 2021 Campaign for Kettunen Center. The wall is also designed to provide seating and enhance the courtyard for receptions.

A Sept. 19 reception is planned to unveil the new recognition wall.



Above is the architect's rendering of the new 4-H Emerald Clover Society recognition wall at Kettunen Center. The wall is an expansion of the Red Oak Courtyard and Terrace.



### Congratulations to the 2004 4-H Emerald Clover Society members:

**Wayne R. Adam**  
Sanilac County 4-H'er

**Cheryl N. Booth**  
Gratiot County 4-H'er

**David D. Eppelheimer**  
Newaygo County 4-H'er

**Walter E. Frahm**  
Saginaw County 4-H'er

**Laura M. Hamlin**  
Ingham County 4-H'er

**Alfred W. Harwood**  
Washtenaw County 4-H'er

**Ron Jelinek**  
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**Thalia F. Johnson**  
Washtenaw County 4-H'er

**S. Dean Kiesling**  
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**Ila M. Methner**  
Midland County 4-H'er

**Raymond E. Passage**  
Muskegon County 4-H'er

**Janelle A. Stewart**  
Lenawee County 4-H'er

**Melvin J. Thompson**  
Muskegon County 4-H'er

**Marjory A. McPherson Veliquette**  
Kent County 4-H'er

**Vera J. Wiltse**  
Isabella County 4-H'er

**Dennis K. Wooden**  
Cass County 4-H'er

# Kettunen Center develops arboretum and self-guided trail

Kettunen Center staff members are enhancing the arboretum and developing a self-guided interpretive trail that will become the Harwood Learning Landscape.

The learning landscape will include the arboretum, trails and gardens to be used as part of the Kettunen Center youth and adult programs and also for guests to enjoy at their leisure.

“At this time we’re developing the arboretum. The area actually begins at the entrance of the Blue Sky Trail, passes the Blanchard Bird Observation Station and goes into the arboretum. The wildflower self-guided trail portion of the project crosses the road to the Red Fox

Trail, into the American beech and sugar maple forest and ends by the volleyball net,” said Andrea Grix, Kettunen Center educational program coordinator.

The arboretum and self-guided trail enhancements began in the fall of 2003 with a gift from Janice Harwood, a Washtenaw County 4-H alumna and 4-H supporter.

“My parents were good stewards of the land and enjoyed the woods and wildflowers,” Harwood said. “I saw this as a way of recognizing them.”

Harwood chose Kettunen Center to honor her parents because it’s the statewide location that hosts numerous 4-H members annually.

“Maybe then people will gain more of an appreciation of trees, wildflowers and the beauty of nature that my parents enjoyed,” she said.

In 1998, she and her brother, Al Harwood, also created a Michigan 4-H Foundation endowment in memory of their parents, Ada May and Webb Harwood, which provides college scholarships for Washtenaw County 4-H members.

“I feel that it’s important to give. My parents have made it possible for me to do that. I’m happy that I’m able to give back,” Janice Harwood said.

The first phase of the project, which is almost complete, included the landscape design

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— Janice Harwood

and planting of the trees, shrubs and wildflowers suggested by Bob Schutzki, MSU associate professor of horticulture and specialist in arboretum development.

Shutzki and five Michigan State horticulture students planted native Michigan plants, trees and shrubs in the arboretum in July. Once all of the trees and shrubs are in place, additional native wildflowers will be planted along the trail.

The second phase involves labeling the plants with signage and developing seasonal educational brochures. The project will be finished by fall 2005.

A highlight of the arboretum will be a year-round learning station with an educational storyboard about the Christmas tree industry in Michigan.

The arboretum and trail enhancements are part of the Kettunen Center Wildlife Habitat and Forest Management Plan which was developed in 1991 by Jay Snyder, wildlife biologist with the Forest Wildlife Project. The plan has been used periodically to selectively plant shrubs or trees, place and maintain nesting boxes, manage invasive plant species, develop self-guided trails, and provide wildlife viewing areas and signage.



**With a gift from Janice Harwood, Kettunen Center is able to enhance its arboretum and develop a self-guided interpretive trail featuring Michigan native trees, shrubs and wildflowers. Above is a cluster of black-eyed Susans, Queen Anne’s lace, spotted knapweed and goldenrod, wildflowers in the arboretum.**

# Student interns are critical to the garden's success

Each summer, student interns are critical to the success of the outdoor 4-H Children's Garden.

"The only way we can get the entire garden planted and keep it looking great is through our student interns. Over the past few years, they have also taken an important role in our special summer programs. We could not run the garden in the summer without our summer interns," said Norm Lownds, Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens curator.

This year, however, the student interns had an unusual task.

Over the winter, muskrats had put several holes in the garden pond liner, causing it to leak. To replace the liner this summer, the Monet Bridge was lifted out of place and stored for two weeks in the parking lot.

Thanks to 4-H Children's Garden student interns, the bridge was cleaned and the paint stripped. The student interns were also busy planting and maintaining the garden, so the painting was contracted out. The interns also rescued the turtles and fish from the pond and cared for the animals during renovations. They are now safely back in the pond.

This summer, three student interns have assisted with garden programs and upkeep. Each year, two student interns are funded by the Mawby-Edison endowment fund through the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Additional interns are supported by gifts and grants to the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens.

The 2004 interns are Michigan State University students Laura Shaver, Emily Viele and Angie Rodgers. Laura is pursuing her second bachelor's degree in horticulture, Emily just graduated from the elementary education program and is looking forward to her internship year, and Angie is a student in the Family and Child Ecology program.

Also helping out in the garden for six weeks is Yushua Cummings of Pontiac, a member of the Multicultural Apprenticeship Program (MAP). Helping for 10 weeks is Brenda Wilson, a sophomore at South Carolina State University and a participant in the Undergraduate Research Internship in Plant Sciences program.



**The Michigan 4-H Children's Garden pond and Monet Bridge underwent major renovations earlier this summer. The pond liner needed to be replaced, so the Monet Bridge was lifted out of place and stored for two weeks in the parking lot. 4-H Children's Garden student interns cleaned and stripped old paint from the bridge, rescued the turtles and fish from the pond and cared for the animals during the renovations.**

"Our student interns and other help are always fantastic! I look forward to working with these students each summer," Lownds said.

## Michigan Humanities Council renews support for Michigan Barn and Farmstead Survey

The Michigan Humanities Council (MHC) granted \$5,842 for the Michigan Barn and Farmstead Survey as part of the council's mission to foster intellectual and cultural life in Michigan communities.

The survey was launched in 2000 with a MHC grant to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. The survey is a joint project of the Michigan 4-H Foundation, Michigan State University Museum, Michigan 4-H Youth Development and the Michigan Barn Preservation Network.

"This statewide effort allows Michigan citizens to be involved

in historic preservation on a grass-roots, community level," said LuAnne Kozma, the project's director and MSU Museum 4-H specialist.

Survey funding will be used for workshops to train volunteers to conduct the survey and to enter the survey results in a database. Since the project began, volunteers for the project have traveled the roads of Michigan to document the architectural features of barns and farmsteads with photography, mapping and survey forms.

The survey is currently under way in 208 townships within 26 Michigan counties. 4-H youth,

volunteers and staff members are involved in the documentation in 16 counties. A list that indicates which townships have been surveyed, are currently being surveyed and remain to be surveyed is available online at <http://museum.msu.edu/s-program/mtap/barn/>.

"We hope to involve more 4-H clubs and MSU Extension groups in every county. Our aim is not only to survey the entire state and gather important data but to offer communities an opportunity to learn about their agricultural history in an intergenerational way," Kozma said.

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The Michigan 4-H Foundation is licensed to solicit charitable gifts by the state of Michigan (MICS 2751). A report containing percentages of charitable contributions expended on program administration and fundraising is available by request.

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## In the News

### 2004 4-H Citation Award winners announced

The 2004 4-H Citation Award recipients will be recognized at the Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting Oct. 1. This year's recipients are: **Sandy Clarkson Stuckman**, former state 4-H leader and former Michigan 4-H Foundation trustee; **DTE Energy** and **Raymond Bollaert**, foundation trustee and 4-H Emerald Clover Society member; and **Betty Hooker**, former Iosco County 4-H program assistant.

### Michigan 4-H'er becomes member of National 4-H Youth Directions Council

Macomb County 4-H'er **Lisa Champion** is a youth representative on the National 4-H Youth Directions Council. The council is a youth-led, youth-driven initiative dedicated to giving youth a greater voice in decision-making and program implementation at all levels of the 4-H system. Champion assembled a survey on youth and adult partnerships and youth governance for the council. She will be a Michigan State University freshman this fall and has been a member of the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council (M4-HYCC), as well as other state 4-H groups.

### 4-H Emerald Clover Society member announces transition from MSU

Former Kent County 4-H'er **M. Peter McPherson** announced in May that he would step down as Michigan State University president on Jan. 1, 2005 after 11 years as president. Provost Lou Anna K. Simon will succeed McPherson as the university's 20th president.

### Campaign co-chair wins 4-H Achievement Award

*Campaign for 4-H* co-chair and Midland County 4-H'er **Karley Hermans** won the 2004 State 4-H Achievement Award supported by a gift to the Michigan 4-H Foundation from the **Newaygo County 4-H Council**. Hermans was among 30 award recipients at the State 4-H Awards Celebration in June.