

## State 4-H Awards inspire careers for youth

Each year, 4-H'ers from across Michigan devote many hours, days and weeks to completing their 4-H portfolios and fine-tuning their interview skills in hopes of receiving a state 4-H award.

The Michigan State 4-H Awards Program is an opportunity for 4-H'ers aged 13 and up with three or more years of experience in 4-H to meet new friends, gain leadership skills, increase their interviewing skills, improve their writing skills, build their self-esteem and compete for recognition in more than 30 project areas.

The awards program includes county-, regional- and state-level competition. Awards program participants submit completed individual or group awards application forms to their county MSU Extension offices in March. The applications are evaluated on the county level and

submitted for regional competition. Each region then chooses two finalists for each award category to move on to the state level. The State 4-H Awards Assembly is held during 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University each June.

"I see it [the State 4-H Awards Program] as a good opportunity for kids to prioritize, set and meet goals and plan activities to enhance their future, and winning a state award becomes a career path for a lot of kids," said Judy See, state 4-H awards coordinator.

Ogemaw County 4-H'er Andrew Walker has been a state 4-H awards participant for the past four years, working hard to perfect his 4-H portfolio and hone his interview skills, but hadn't won an award.

"It was shocking how much everyone did for their 4-H portfolios," Andrew said.

"When I originally did my portfolio it took me between eight and 10 hours, maybe even 15 to 20 hours, because I had to think about everything I had done in 4-H from the beginning. I also had to write my 4-H story about me and our county. Each year it takes me about four to five hours to update my portfolio and add to it."

This year, Andrew's hard work finally paid off. He achieved his goal of receiving the State 4-H Goat Award.

"Before I was involved in the state awards, I didn't realize all of the state activities there were. It broadened my horizons to what was available," he said. "By going to state awards, I learned about other things that others did in 4-H. I started attending the State 4-H Goat Show, 4-H Communications Day, Washington Leadership Conference and 4-H Capitol Experience. I liked showing at the goat show but also enjoyed Capitol Experience and found out I really like politics!"

Andrew is a senior at Ogemaw Heights High School this fall. Thanks to his 4-H experience, he plans to major in political science either in James Madison College at MSU or at Hillsdale College.

He also says that next year he wants to try for the State 4-H Achievement Award.

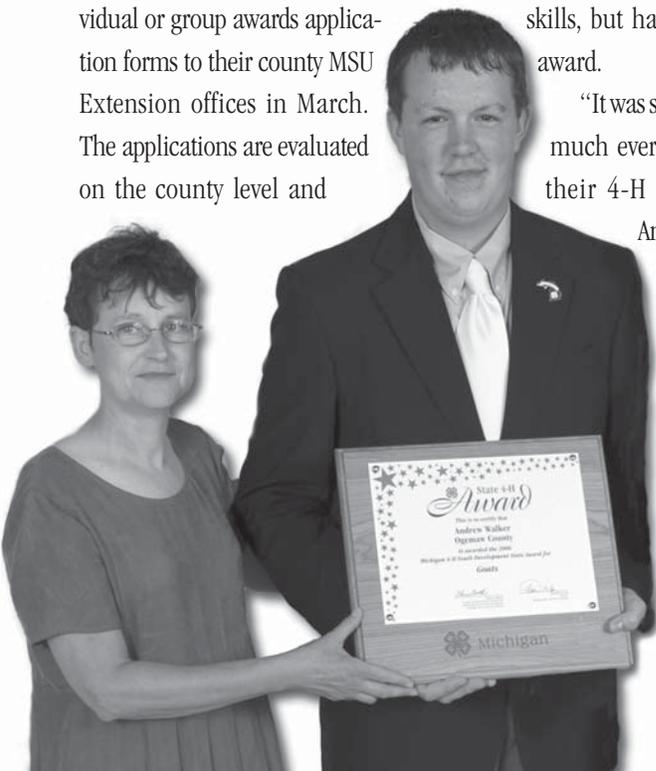
"He is a truly gifted 4-H member. He's been active forever. He's definitely very dedicated to the program," said Dorothy Munn, Ogemaw County 4-H Extension educator.

All state 4-H award delegates receive a partial scholarship to 4-H Exploration Days and a state 4-H award lapel pin. State 4-H award winners receive \$100 and a framed certificate. Runners-up receive a certificate. The 2006 awards were supported by gifts totaling nearly \$13,000 from individuals and organizations (including many donations from 4-H councils, teen clubs, 4-H clubs and groups) to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

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**Ogemaw County 4-H'er Andrew Walker became more involved in his local community and decided he wants to study political science in college from participating in the State 4-H Awards Program. He is pictured with Cris Bean, 4-H animal science program team member.**



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### Endowments help boost Campaign for 4-H

At the close of the 2005-06 fiscal year, \$9.43 million had been raised toward the Campaign for 4-H \$15 million goal.

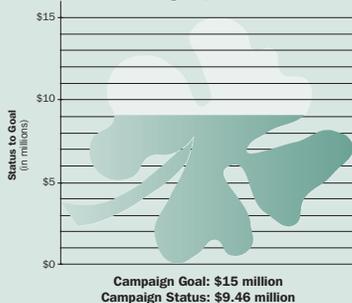
In the past few months, individuals and organizations have made additional commitments to the Campaign for 4-H by establishing endowments.

Endowments are generally permanent funds invested to provide income for specified purposes. The funds are named by the donor, often to honor a loved one or family.

The newly established endowments support general Kettunen Center operations and educational programs; annual operating and grant making needs of the Michigan 4-H Foundation; and annual recognition to 4-H volunteers.

These are just a few ways that investment earnings on endowments can be used to ensure the work of 4-H into the future. Consider how you can help further 4-H in Michigan by supporting the Campaign for 4-H today. Gifts can be made online at [www.mi4hfdtn.org](http://www.mi4hfdtn.org) or by calling (517) 353-6692.

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# Michigan Farm Bureau launches \$100,000 campaign for 4-H

Local campaign to fund new 4-H excellence in agriculture award

Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) has been in strong partnership with the Michigan 4-H Foundation making investments to make Michigan 4-H Youth Development one of the best 4-H programs in the nation.

In 1961, MFB made a lead gift of \$20,000 to help build "Camp Kett" (now Kettunen Center). In 1995, gifts from 53 county Farm Bureaus and the Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies totaled \$134,626 to renovate Kettunen Center, which today stands as a \$4 million asset dedicated to housing volunteer and youth leadership training for Michigan 4-H participants.

Most recently, MFB has launched a campaign to raise \$100,000 over the next three years to establish the **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Endowment**.

This endowment will fund the Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award, which will provide \$1,000 awards to recognize Michigan 4-H volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development in the areas of beef cattle; dairy cattle; goats; horses; plants, soils and gardening; poultry; rabbits; sheep; swine and veterinary science.

"The new endowment is a way for the Michigan Farm Bureau to show our sincere appreciation to the 4-H leaders whose voluntary service makes 4-H possible," said



**Michigan Farm Bureau launched the 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Endowment campaign to raise \$100,000 over the next three years. The endowment will fund up to five annual \$1,000 awards to recognize Michigan 4-H volunteers that have excelled in agricultural 4-H youth education and leadership.**

Wayne H. Wood, Michigan Farm Bureau president. "Thanks to these volunteers, youth are advancing their knowledge of and participation in agriculture. These experiences are invaluable as Michigan agriculture becomes more integral to the state's growing bio-economy."

The awards will be presented annually beginning in 2007. Awards can be used for 4-H volunteer training, to purchase supplies and curriculum, or to enhance programming locally or statewide. The endowment will reward up to

five \$1,000 awards annually once the endowment is fully funded.

County Farm Bureaus are encouraged to make gifts to the Michigan 4-H Foundation to build the endowment. Gifts can be paid in multiyear pledges. Individuals can also contribute to a county Farm Bureau's gift goal.

As an incentive, MFB has agreed to match county Farm Bureau contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to \$50,000. Already, county Farm Bureaus have made contributions and pledges totaling \$17,750.

## Calendar

**October 1-7 — National 4-H Week.**

**October 6 — Michigan 4-H Foundation open house & annual meeting at MSU Stadium. See p. 3 for details.**

**October 31 — The outdoor Michigan 4-H Children's Garden closes for the season. The outdoor garden will open April 1, 2007. The indoor garden is open year round.**

**December 31 — Gift deadline for 2006 income tax credit.**

# 4-H volunteers establish Founder's Fund

George and Deanna House, of Ada, have been long-time supporters and friends of the Michigan 4-H Foundation and 4-H.

George has been a Michigan 4-H Foundation trustee since 1979, serving as president, vice president and treasurer. He provided leadership to the Vision 2021 renovations of Kettunen Center and currently chairs the personnel committee. George is executive director of Michigan Allied Poultry Industries.

Deanna was a Wisconsin 4-H member, served as a 4-H summer agent and as a Kalamazoo County 4-H volunteer leader for five years (leading the 4-H club their two children belonged to). She also served on the state 4-H food and nutrition programming committee,

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— George House, Michigan 4-H Foundation trustee

was instrumental in developing the *Microwave Connections* 4-H curriculum and served on the state 4-H centennial celebration committee.

Today Deanna continues to connect with 4-H leaders and members as a freelance home economist educating 4-H audiences with cooking demonstrations.

Because of their lifelong commitment to 4-H, George and Deanna created a new endowment, **The Founder's Fund**, reflecting their interest in ensuring the ongoing

and perpetual operations of the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

"Maintaining the health and integrity of the Michigan 4-H Foundation is important because it serves as a vehicle to get the 4-H programs to 4-H kids. That's why I think The Founder's Fund is important to ensure the health and well-being of the foundation," George said.

"I care about 4-H and believe in 4-H. That's why I liked the idea of The Founder's Fund," Deanna said. "I can directly see what 4-H can do because it shaped my career. You support what is meaningful to you. 4-H is meaningful to me."

Current and former trustees, staff members and friends are all encouraged to help build The Founder's Fund to \$5 million.



**George and Deanna House recently established The Founder's Fund to support the annual operating and grant-making needs of the Michigan 4-H Foundation.**

Annual investment proceeds will support the annual operating and grant-making needs of the foundation.

If you are interested in contributing to this fund, contact the foundation at (517) 353-6692. Gifts can be made by cash, stock or through planned gifts.

## Michigan 4-H Foundation headquarters moves to Spartan Stadium

The Michigan 4-H Foundation headquarters in East Lansing will move to new office space in the Michigan State University (MSU) Spartan Stadium expansion this fall.

Effective Sept. 25, the foundation's new mailing address is **240 Spartan Way, East Lansing, MI 48824-6005**. The foundation's phone and fax numbers will remain (517) 353-6692 and (517) 432-3310, respectively.

In 2003, the MSU Board of Trustees approved a stadium plan adding nearly 3,000 seats, 24 luxury suites, 862 club seats, new press and media facilities, and upgraded public restrooms and concessions.

Included in the stadium expansion were 200,000 square feet of office space to house the Michigan 4-H Foundation, MSU Development, the MSU Alumni Association, MSU Athletic Development (formerly the Ralph Young Fund) and the MSU Office of Career Services and Placement.

The foundation's new 1,608-square-foot office suite features a conference room, four private offices for professional staff members, and three work stations for clerical and student staff members.

The foundation is scheduled to move the week of Sept. 18. Please be patient as the foundation settles into its new amenities.

### **Foundation to host open house prior to Oct. 6 Annual Membership Meeting**

The foundation will host an open house in its new Spartan Way office (Suite 240) at 9 a.m. Oct. 6, 2006, prior to the Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting. The annual meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the LaSalle Bank Club level of the stadium.

The Clover Citation Luncheon hosted by foundation trustees for major donors will begin at noon in the LaSalle Bank Club. Invitations to the luncheon will arrive in September. Luncheon tickets are \$20/person.

### **Michigan 4-H Foundation Open House & Annual Membership Meeting**

**Friday, October 6, 2006**  
**MSU Spartan Stadium**  
**East Lansing, Mich.**

**Open House at 9 a.m.**  
Michigan 4-H Foundation, Suite 240

**Annual Meeting at 10 a.m.**  
LaSalle Bank Club Level

**Clover Citation Luncheon at 12 noon**  
(by invitation only)  
LaSalle Bank Club Level

Membership Meeting Agenda Items:

- Trustee elections.
- Audited financial statement report.
- 2006 president's report.
- Foundation bylaws update.

Foundation members are individuals or organizations 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 (517) 353-6692 for more information.

# Youth group provides voice to civic education in schools

Michigan 4-H Youth Development received a \$20,000 grant from the Michigan Coalition on Civic Education to coordinate and maintain a statewide group, the **Civic Education Youth Advisory Committee (CEYAC)**, to provide a youth voice on civic education in schools.

“The CEYAC is part of a movement by the Michigan Coalition on Civic Education to advance the civic knowledge and experiences of Michigan youth. The coalition plans to effect state and local policy to improve civic education so that higher percentages of students experience rigorous civic education,” said Cynthia Mark, CEYAC project director and state 4-H program leader for citizenship, leadership and service.

“The members of the CEYAC discuss the civic climate of their schools, examine the policy recommendations of the Civic Mission of Schools report, and think about the ways in which those recommendations would affect civic education in their schools.”

The CEYAC, formed in the summer of 2005, currently involves 16 young people aged 12 to 21. One member is Sophia Chang, a ninth grader from Antrim County. Sophia’s father encouraged her to join the CEYAC after reading about the group in their local newspaper.

“I’ve enjoyed learning about how we can make change from our committee. Others just look at us as teens, but we really can make a change. I think that is pretty neat,” Sophia said.

Sophia had not been involved in 4-H before joining the committee, but because of the CEYAC she also had the opportunity to attend 4-H Exploration Days at MSU this past June.

“The CEYAC has given us a better idea of what citizenship is. Citizenship is broader than community service and voting. It is understanding community and social issues, volunteering in the community, having knowledge about government and being engaged in the political process,” Mark said.



**Members of the 2006 Civic Education Youth Advisory Committee include Sebastian of Jackson County; Sophia, Antrim County; Chuck, Charlevoix County; Vinay, Oakland County; Brian, Sanilac County; Rachel, Mason County; Megan, Genesee County; Kelly, Grand Traverse County; Jordan, Ingham County; Kate, Wayne County; Charles, Oakland County; Jess, Ingham County; John, Monroe County; and Terrell, Oakland County.**

## 4-H scholarships awarded

Michigan 4-H Foundation scholarship funds provide financial support for postsecondary education for 4-H members. Student internships provide financial compensation for educational experiences in exchange for work.

Michigan 4-H Foundation scholarships are funded by annual donations, memorial gifts or endowment funds. Endowments are generally permanent funds invested to provide income for specified purposes. The funds are named by the donor, often to honor a loved one or family. Endowed scholarship funds require \$30,000 minimum upon creation.

Michigan 4-H Foundation scholarships and internships awarded to date for the 2006–07 academic year are:

### **Alpha Gamma Rho 4-H Scholarship**

Theresa Sisung, St. Johns

### **Amanda Awalt Scholarship**

Hannah Dahl, Stockbridge

### **Chase Showmanship Sweepstakes**

Melanie Studebaker, Okemos

Kerri Hamilton, Onondaga

Hannah Kenoyer, Leslie

Leslie Hammontree, Onondaga

Kylie Carter, Leslie

Jennifer Spink, Munith

Audrey Carlson, Williamston

### **Earl J. & Arlyne M. Clark Scholarships**

Crystal Manning, Alpena

### **Ada May & Webb Harwood 4-H Scholarship**

Julie Thelen, Saline

Matthew Noggle, Manchester

Renee Thelen, Saline

Roxanne Ernst, Ann Arbor

### **Mawby-Edison 4-H Children’s Gardens Internship**

Jessica Albright, Coldwater

### **Michigan 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Scholarship**

Tiffany Weiss, Fostoria

Mary Shafer, Lawton

Jason McCubbin, Galesburg

Hannah Carruthers, Pinconning

### **Michigan Horse Council State 4-H Horse Show Scholarship**

Lynn DeYoung, Hudsonville

Natalie Lattimore, Rodney

### **Mary Miller Tribute Scholarship**

Dan Shaffer III, Sand Creek

### **Andrew L. Olson Scholarship Fund**

Meghann Deering, Traverse City

Hannah Haven, Kingsley

Sarah Sullivan, Grawn

Travis Paton, Kinglsey

Drew Wyse, Kingsley

Amanda Franke, Traverse City

Russell Carew, Traverse City

### **John J. Schunk 4-H Beef Scholarship**

Rebecca Hale, Brown City

### **Lowell & Carol Spike Memorial Scholarship**

Julie Thelen, Saline

# Tustin Explorers 4-H Club explores Kett outdoors

Kettunen Center is the statewide 4-H learning facility located on 160 acres of northern Michigan hills and forest bordering Center Lake in Tustin, Mich.

Nobody knows this better than the staff members who work at Kettunen Center year round.

Laura Jacobson, one of Kettunen Center's programming staff members, has taken advantage of the outdoor learning opportunities that Kettunen Center has by using the center's facilities for the club of eight 6-year-olds that she leads, the **Tustin Explorers 4-H Club**.

"We do outdoor activities primarily. We've gone snowshoeing, did a unit on dogs and learned how to make maple syrup," Jacobson said.

"Today they're going swimming, and soon we're going to go canoeing."

*"Kettunen Center is a beautiful facility that allows people to use it without having to bring in a lot of your own resources."*

— Laura Jacobson, Tustin Explorers 4-H Club volunteer

Jacobson has been on staff for about 10 years. Her master's degree in environmental science is part of the reason her 4-H club focuses on outdoor activities.

"I want the kids to get outside and enjoy what nature is. We try to promote things to get them moving in a natural environment or they'll never develop any environmental ethic of their own or be able to develop their personal view of land use."

The club meets on average once a month with a different topic



**The Tustin Explorers 4-H Club, led by Kettunen Center staff member Laura Jacobson, uses Kettunen Center's outdoor setting for many of their club's 4-H learning experiences.**

for each meeting. This fall plans include a nature discovery hike. Cross-country skiing and sledding at Kettunen Center are planned for this winter.

"I chose Kett because I work there, the kids were familiar with it and it's easy to get to," she said. "I also know what we'll see and what we may see."

"Kettunen Center is a beautiful facility that allows people to use it without having to bring in a lot of your own resources. I work there, but it wouldn't matter if I did or didn't. They treat everyone very well. Any staff member can always get you what you need. We're appreciative that we have this nice facility so close," she said.

## 2006 class added to Emerald Clover Society wall at Kettunen Center



On July 27, the 4-H Emerald Clover Society Class of 2006 permanent recognition was unveiled at a ceremony at Kettunen Center.

Pictured are 2006 4-H Emerald Clover Society members Keith Brown, Jonesville; Sheila Burkhardt, Fowlerville; Jane Thocher, Hart; Sally Ann Narhi, Pelkie; and Theodore Leipprandt, Pigeon.

Class of 2006 members not pictured are Janice Harwood, Betty James, Howard Pennington and Helen Simon.

# New Mahoney Society to provide annual support for the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Raymond and Alice Mahoney shared a love of books, literature and learning — both served during their lifetimes as librarians.

Raymond Mahoney worked for and served as acting head of the State Library of Michigan.

Alice Mahoney, who had served as a specialist in children's literature for the Lincoln School of New York, watched the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden grow from a vision on paper to a reality that actively engages young people's curiosity, interest and enjoyment — environments that would do for children what a love for reading can do.

Although Raymond Mahoney did not get the opportunity to share his wife's love of the garden, she felt supporting the gardens was a very appropriate way to honor his passion for learning.

Alice began to support the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden as an annual donor helping to build and create the gardens. Her support grew when she decided to create the **Raymond and Alice Mahoney Endowment Fund** for, in her words, "lasting success with the 4-H Children's Garden."

At her death, she left a legacy gift of more than \$1 million for current operational support and perpetual support through her endowment for the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens.

With the creation of **The Raymond E. and Alice C. Mahoney Society**, the Michigan 4-H Foun-

*"My goal is to achieve an endowment for the 4-H Children's Gardens to draw upon for lasting success."*

— Alice C. Mahoney, 1994

dation seeks to ensure Alice's vision for perpetual support for the maintenance, preservation and programming that will keep the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens the premier learning environments for young people that they were created to be.

The Mahoney Society goal is to grow the Mahoney Endowment Fund from the \$880,000 it is today to \$2.5 million, which would generate approximately \$125,000 annually

to support maintenance, renewal, replacement and programming in the outdoor and indoor Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens.

Providing for this base of annual operational support allows new gifts to the garden to increase opportunities for innovation in use of technology-based educational programming; to provide grants to support school field trips to the gardens; to allow for summer internships for teens interested in the science of the gardens; and to advance new learning through garden spaces without competing for funds needed for the necessary physical maintenance of the gardens that make them fun and engaging environments for that learning.



Alice C. Mahoney

Membership in the Mahoney Society requires an annual gift commitment of \$5,000, single cash or planned gift, for endowment support.

For more information about the Mahoney Society, contact the foundation at (517) 353-6692.

## 4-H Children's Garden hosts Mad Hatter Tea Party



On June 15, the 4-H Children's Garden was host to nearly 200 people for the Mad Hatter Tea Party. Guests wore their fanciest hats, learned a rain dance, explored the garden for Alice's favorite plants and drank mint tea. Above, Elizabeth Driscoll and Jessica Albright, 4-H Children's Gardens educational coordinator and intern, respectively, teach the group several ways to drink tea.

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Vantage is published three times per year for members of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. The foundation uses funds solicited from individuals and organizations to support 4-H youth development programs and train volunteer 4-H leaders throughout Michigan. The foundation also owns and operates Kettunen Center, the state 4-H leadership training facility in Tustin.

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

### Kettunen Center announces staff changes

**Laura M. Hamlin** was named Kettunen Center operations manager, effective July 26. Hamlin had served as marketing coordinator since May 2004. **Brenda S. Mueller** succeeds Hamlin as marketing coordinator. Mueller attended Great Lakes Junior College and joined the Kettunen Center staff in March 2006 as temporary business administrator.

### We're moving — note our new mailing address!

Effective Sept. 25, the foundation's new mailing address is:

**Michigan 4-H Foundation**  
**240 Spartan Way**  
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The foundation's phone and fax numbers will remain (517) 353-6692 and (517) 432-3310, respectively. (See page 3 for details on the foundation's move.)

### 4-H volunteer receives Governor's Service Award

On May 20, Gov. Granholm and actor Jeff Daniels presented 4-H volunteer **Mildred Corey**, of Battle Creek, the **Governor George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award**. This award honors individuals who have demonstrated a lifelong commitment to community involvement and volunteer service. Corey was a 4-H volunteer for more than 35 years, serving on the Menominee County 4-H board and as a founding member of the Menominee County 4-H Foundation.

### 4-H TRACKERS receives Osceola County Community Foundation grant

In June, the **4-H TRACKERS** program received a \$4,480 grant from the **Osceola County Community Foundation**. The grant will allow Osceola County elementary students to participate in one-day 4-H TRACKERS field trips at Kettunen Center. 4-H TRACKERS is an environmental science and outdoor education program with hands-on experiential learning and a focus on group interaction.

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Between May 13 and Aug. 14, 2006, corporate gifts were received from:

- **Chemical Financial Corporation**
- **Dow Chemical Co. Foundation**
- **GreenStone Farm Credit Services**
- **International Union, UAW**
- **Michigan Horse Council**

