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Butterfly exhibit kicks off 4-H Children's Gardens season

Lepidoptera, chrysalis and proboscis are just a few of the new words that children add to their vocabulary while learning about butterflies in the Indoor 4-H Children's Garden.

The "Butterflies in the Garden" exhibit has been on display in the indoor garden at MSU since it opened in 2003. It is host to an average of five classes per day and more than 600 visitors a week.

Julie Clark's first-grade class spent a week in May in the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens learning about butterflies and plants.

"We are studying 'Plants are Living Things' and integrating the 4-H Children's Gardens into the curriculum," Clark said.

The class began each visit to the gardens in the Curiosity Classroom with a discussion led by the

gardens' educational coordinator,

Elizabeth Driscoll, known in the gardens as "Ms. Liz."

"What should we look for in the garden?" Driscoll asked the class.

Student answers to her question included caterpillars, chrysalises, and butterflies drinking nectar from flowers.

Upon entering the garden, students dipped their fingers in nectar to entice butterflies to land on their forefingers.

"I've got two [butterflies] and they're both different," exclaimed Darrion, a first grade student, when two butterflies landed on his hands.

Another student, Dakota, explained why he likes butterflies: "They're cool, especially when they turn from caterpillars into butterflies!"

Dakota has obviously been listening and learning his lessons. The students also know that to turn into a butterfly, a caterpillar creates

a chrysalis (or cocoon), and that a butterfly drinks nectar from flowers through its long tongue called a proboscis.

After exploring the garden, the students returned to the Curiosity Classroom for another discussion about butterflies and their habitat. Then, in small groups, the students examined butterflies, chrysalises, and caterpillars under microscopes. Students were also encouraged to write about and draw their findings and experiences in their journals.

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particular focus area, which is math, science and technology in this instance). The class plans to build their own garden.

The butterfly exhibit is open for about six weeks each spring from late April to June. It is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on weekends from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, but there is a \$3 parking fee on weekdays.

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Keilani and Darrion carefully lure butterflies onto their nectar-coated forefingers at the Indoor 4-H Children's Garden "Butterflies in the Garden" exhibit. They are students in Mrs. Clark's first-grade class at Woodcreek School in Lansing studying the habitat of butterflies.



Explore, Experience, Achieve:
The Campaign for

4-H

Getting to goal—it's all about 4-H programming!

One of the special features of the *Campaign for 4-H* is that it is less about capital improvements and more about making special and significant investments in 4-H programs—the work 4-H does with young people in communities.

The 4-H animal science team would like to create a statewide livestock judging training program to ensure that volunteers are well-trained to look for the best in both the young people and the animals they show.

The global and cultural education team would like to build relationships with other nations that foster learning both abroad and in Michigan communities.

The diversity and multiculturalism team would like to see communities model 4-H programs that have succeeded across differences to thrive and provide safe and sustainable learning environments for all youth served by 4-H.

And 4-H wants to grow and support the 4-H volunteer base by allowing “24-7” access to training and volunteer development opportunities, so that a volunteer can always access learning materials and club ideas, even on a Saturday one hour before the living room fills with 4-H members excited and ready to learn.

These are just a few of the innovative program ideas for which the *Campaign for 4-H* seeks new investments. We're at \$8.7 million and counting. Your gift to the *Campaign for 4-H* can get us to goal!

Glassen Foundation supports KATCH conservation community service grants

The Hal and Jean Glassen Memorial Foundation provided \$10,000 to support youth-initiated community service conservation projects through the Kids are True Conservation Heroes (KATCH) youth community service grants initiative.

KATCH is a hands-on education and community service opportunity for youth. It fosters conservation stewardship and helps youth develop into “True Conservation Heroes,” preparing them to be involved community members and future landowners.

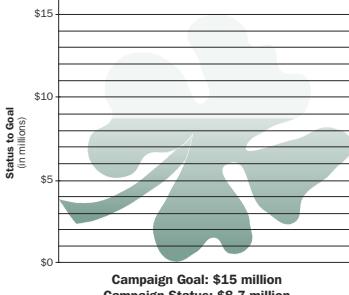
“Our board of trustees thought that this was a very worthwhile venture,” said Neil McLean, Glassen Foundation president. “We have lots of requests we turn down, but we agreed that the KATCH program was valuable, and we knew that 4-H was a reputable organization.”

The Glassen Foundation has a strong history of supporting wildlife conservation and natural resource programs. Its focus is on environmental and outdoor education, shooting sports programs, and enhancing wildlife and animal research and welfare.

Hal Glassen, a University of Wisconsin graduate, was a partner in the Lansing law firm of Glassen, Rhead,

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McLean, Campbell and Schumacher and practiced law for 62 years prior to his death in 1992. Jean Glassen was the first woman to graduate from the University of Wisconsin. With a degree in bacteriology, she pursued a career as a biologist with the Michigan Department of Public Health.

The Glassens established the Glassen Foundation prior to their deaths to continue their lifelong ambitions and goals.

The KATCH grant initiative began in 2002 and has funded conservation projects in urban, suburban and rural areas throughout Michigan. Local 4-H groups apply for KATCH grants through their Michigan State University Extension office.

The Glassen Foundation gift will help fund 12 KATCH grants in 2005. Projects include litter control, interpretive nature trail development, wildlife habitat improvement, and watershed restoration and



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cleanup in **Barry, Cheboygan, Dickinson, Gladwin, Iosco, Midland, Muskegon, Oakland, Saginaw, Sanilac and Van Buren counties**.

KATCH grants are also funded by grants to the Michigan 4-H Foundation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Fish Wildlife Foundation and the Fish America Foundation.

Calendar

June 19–24 — Elderhostel Intergenerational program at Kettunen Center. Grandparents and grandchildren enjoy educational learning opportunities together. Call (231) 829-3421 for details.

August 24 — Deadline for ordering an inscribed brick for fall placement in the Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens and/or Kettunen Center. Inscribed brick forms are available at www.mi4hfdt.org/brick.html or call (517) 353-6692.

September 9 — RSVP deadline for The Lion King event.

October 7 — Michigan 4-H Foundation annual meeting.

December 31 — 4-H Emerald Clover Society nominations due for the 2006 induction class. See page 5 for details.

December 31 — Gift deadline for 2005 income tax credit.

February 4 — The Lion King 4-H event. 4-H luncheon and musical at MSU. See page 6 for details.

4-H Foundation grants help fund local 4-H projects

Each year the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees provides grants for local 4-H initiatives. For 2005, the foundation awarded \$5,500 to 4-H groups for shooting sports, educational garden and county innovative programs.

Oscoda County Wild Things, an after-school environmental stewardship program for youth aged 11 to 15, teaches the importance of our natural resources, specifically the Au Sable River watershed, through hands-on activities, field trips, nature hikes and guest speakers.

The Oscoda County Poultry Enrichment Project is a cooperative effort between the Chatty Chickens 4-H Poultry Club and community partners to improve the environment for poultry species and project

members at the Oscoda County Fairgrounds.

The Sanilac County 4-H Naturalist Program will foster development of a lifelong appreciation and knowledge of natural history, natural resources and conservation among youth through hands-on laboratory experiences.

Gladwin County's Project FISH Educational Tour will allow for 4-H Project FISH members and their families to tour the Platte River State Fish Hatchery in Beulah, Mich., and take part in hands-on learning about aquatic ecology.

Sanilac County's 4-H Shooting Sports program will teach youth basic safety and shooting skills while being mentored and trained by caring adults in a safe environment.

The Charlevoix County 4-H Junior Master Gardener Program will work with the Raven Hill Discovery Center to maintain the medicinal herbal gardens and develop a fern and reef garden for the Jurassic Park project at the five existing Charlevoix County 4-H Junior Master Gardener sites.

Ogemaw County teen leaders, master gardeners and community volunteers will lead a 4-H club to develop the **4-H Children's Garden along the River**. The garden will be planted adjacent to a community park and river walk in West Branch. The youth will take part in planning and planting the garden.

The Planting Knowledge and Growing Seeds with 4-H project in **Ingham County** will involve 4-H

members from the St. Vincent Home of Lansing in planting a 4-H Children's Garden to teach about and involve the youth in gardening. The youth will also visit the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens at MSU.

Grand Traverse County 4-H, in partnership with the Master Gardener program, will organize **4-H Junior Master Gardener programs** at six schools currently offering after-school programs, with each site registered as a 4-H club. The clubs will offer youth age-appropriate experiential activities, quizzes and service projects.

These grants are funded by the foundation's Michigan 4-H Legacy Fund, Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports and the Raymond and Alice Mahoney Memorial endowment funds.

New trustees elected to 4-H foundation board



**Sheila Burkhardt, Director
Member Relations and Public Affairs
Michigan Milk Producers Association, Novi**

Burkhardt has been the MMPA director of member relations and public affairs since 1988. She served as president of both the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Association and the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Fund. She also served on the former state 4-H dairy programming committee and is now a member of the state 4-H animal science priority program team.



**Thomas G. Coon, Director
Michigan State University Extension,
Williamston**

Coon succeeded Margaret Bethel as MSU Extension director on March 1. Coon, an MSU faculty member since 1989, previously served as associate dean for graduate and international programs for the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and various positions in the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. He has also served on many college and university committees and has received numerous honors, including the CANR Distinguished Faculty Award.



**Jeremy Garrett,
Osceola County 4-H member
and MSU student, LeRoy**

Garrett is an incoming Michigan State University freshman majoring in information and communications technology. He is a 12-year-member of the Pegasus 4-H Club, serving as both its president and vice president. He is a member of the Osceola 4-H Small Animal Association, has served as the Osceola 4-H Council teen representative for six years and serves on the Kettunen Center 4-H strategic planning committee.



**Smallwood Holoman, Jr., Manager
Dow Promise
Dow Chemical Company, Midland**

Holoman joined the Dow Chemical Company, based in Midland, in 1975 as a chemist and now manages corporate philanthropy programs involving diverse communities, Dow Diversity and Dow Promise. He served six years as a Delta College trustee, is past president of the Midland Public Schools Board of Education, and was vice president of the Midland County Council on Aging, Senior Services. He currently serves as a Saginaw Community Foundation trustee and chair of the Saginaw County Promise (America's Promise) Steering Committee.

4-H REAACT is making a difference in communities

Across Michigan 4-H REAACT teams representing diverse communities are exploring and building environmental awareness in their communities using today's technology tools in **Cass, Midland, Monroe, Oakland, Saginaw and Wayne counties.**

The 4-H Reaching Environmental Awareness and Action in Communities Together (REAACT) initiative is designed to increase youth environmental stewardship skills, technology literacy, and help 4-H better adapt environmental learning to meet the cultural, economic and ethnic needs of diverse populations.

Saginaw County's Bridgeport-SpaULDING 4-H REAACT team, an after-school science club of 15 students, meets every Wednesday. Environmental guest speakers, laboratory experiments and nature walks are among the weekly activities for youth.

"We planted 350 trees for Earth Day to help the new Bridgeport branch of the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. We also visited some local nature centers, did a virtual field trip and slime activity, sprouted seeds, learned about groundwater processes, collected nature specimens, and many more activities," said Aileen Kushner, 4-H REAACT volunteer and Bridgeport-SpaULDING Middle School teacher.

"The plan is for students to find out about the environment they live in, the living things that surround them, what's in their community, and how to be good stewards of



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our environment...Many of our students are amazed at how much wildlife is right around us. They are learning a lot and having fun while we learn," she said.

Webber Middle School also has a Saginaw County 4-H REAACT team. The youth beautified the school courtyard by planting flowers, shrubs and did an overall clean up of the area surrounding the school.

They also initiated school-wide awareness of Earth Day by asking everyone to wear white T-shirts to school and for the science classes to pick up litter.

Wayne County has two 4-H REAACT teams: Post Middle School and Cass Tech High School with 20 students on each team.

"We have been on two field excursions. Students have been introduced to the social, cultural, historical, commercial and industrial impact the Detroit River has had on not only Detroit, but also southeast Michigan," said Gary Williams,

Wayne County MSU Extension educator for 4-H natural resources and environmental education.

The groups participated in water quality experiments at the Dawson Museum in November; and in May they toured the lower Detroit River

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Middle School teacher

and Lake Erie, which are in the International Wildlife Refuge.

"They are learning about wetlands and the impact they have on ecosystems," he said.

The 4-H REAACT initiative is funded by grants to the Michigan 4-H Foundation from the **Dow Chemical Company Foundation** and **DTE Energy Foundation**. Both Dow and DTE have continued their support for the second of this three-year funded initiative.



Nominate a Michigan 4-H alumnus for the 2006 class of the 4-H Emerald Clover Society!

Nominations for the 2006 class of the 4-H Emerald Clover Society are due Dec. 31, 2005.

The Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society reflects the ultimate outcome of 4-H membership—extraordinary use of an individual's head, heart, hands and health to make our communities, our country and our world a better place in which to live.

Nominee selection is based on evidence of three or more years of Michigan 4-H youth membership, professional and business achievement, leadership in community service and philanthropy, contributions to or impact on American society, and significant leadership and achievement as a 4-H member.

For more details and a nomination packet, visit the Emerald Clover Society web site at www.mi4hfoundation.org/ecs or call the foundation at (517) 353-6692.

4-H families explore the West at Kettunen Center

Just as Lewis and Clark explored the West over a century ago, 4-H families discovered the West at the 4-H Family Science Weekend at Kettunen Center March 12 to 13.

"It is an opportunity for families to spend a weekend together with hands-on learning activities while having fun," said Sheila Urban Smith, the workshop coordinator and state 4-H program leader for personal development. "The focus has always been on a family unit—whatever the makeup of a family may be."

Each year 4-H Family Science Weekend has a new theme and the workshop's activities revolve around the theme. Past themes include cars, safari and the Great Lakes. This year's theme, "Wild, Wild West," explored the American West through its history, pioneers, art, games, music and more.

Debra Cohn, Washtenaw County 4-H volunteer, taught Native American beaded cloth and tapestry weaving at the workshop.

"I wanted to include the Native American presence and culture in a weekend conference with a theme about the West," Cohn said.

"I have studied, in depth, Navajo tapestry weaving which includes a history of the culture, traditional patterns, natural dye stuffs and looms.



4-H families explored the American West through its history, pioneers, art, games, music and more at this year's 4-H Family Science Weekend. Washtenaw County 4-H volunteers Todd (far left) and Sharon Carpenter (far right) created a room-sized activity to travel the Oregon Trail for the workshop.

As the 4-H families were weaving using the traditional colors of Navajo weavings, I told them the sad stories of the loss of the Navajo native lands and relocation. Native American flute music played in the background to enhance the experience. It was wonderful and very well received!" she said.

Another activity this year, created by Washtenaw County 4-H volunteers Todd and Sharon Carpenter, was a room-sized activity that

simulated traveling the Oregon Trail (the entire Kettunen Center Red Oak dining room).

"We traveled about half of the Oregon Trail a couple of years ago. There are still places where families in the 1800s etched their names, wagon ruts are still visible in the rock and some forts are preserved," Todd Carpenter said. "We combined that experience with the *Oregon Trail*® computer game to create something more tactile."

Families started with \$1,000 in play money and some possessions and had to purchase supplies to stock their wagons. Then, the wagons set out across the trail—as mapped out on large pieces of paper—and the participants received tasks to perform using their supplies.

"It's all about choices and what you choose to survive," Carpenter said.

Other workshop activities included voices from the Lewis and Clark Expedition and campfire time.

4-H Family Science Weekend has been held at Kettunen Center for the past decade for families with youth aged 5 to 12.

"The thing that I love is that families are involved year after year!" Smith said.

MSU Extension retirees reunite at "Camp Kett"



Forty MSU Extension retirees visited Kettunen Center May 19 to 20 for an Extension reunion. Attendees above are: (front L to R) Sandy Clarkson Stuckman, Grace Lang, Nancy Bortel, Jim Hutchinson, Sharon Fritz, (back) Noel Stuckman, Charlie Lang, Dean Rhoads, Bill Bortel, Gale Arent, Bob Haile, Marcheta Haile, Dick Miller and Mel Matchett.

AFT: an easier way to give

Giving automatically every month benefits all

Giving to the Michigan 4-H Foundation every month by automatic or electronic fund transfer is easy, convenient and secure.

How does monthly automatic giving work?

Automatic giving to the Michigan 4-H Foundation uses automatic or electronic funds transfer (AFT or EFT, respectively). This is an easy form of banking that people use to pay for everything from bills to membership fees to tuition.

This simple transaction transfers your monthly gift from your bank account into the Michigan 4-H Foundation's bank account.

What are the advantages of giving monthly automatically?

Giving monthly automatically is a hassle-free way to fulfill an annual pledge. Because the giving is done automatically, there is no need for stamps, envelopes or checks, and the process is safe and secure. When a donor gives automatically every month, it speeds up the gift processing time and allows the gift to have an impact on Michigan's youth sooner.

Across the country, people give from \$5 to \$1,000 a month automatically to charitable organizations. Most gifts tend to be between \$10 and \$25. Consider that a \$10 monthly gift adds up to a gift of \$120 per year.

How is the gift acknowledged?

Rather than sending the donor an acknowledgement receipt each month, the Michigan 4-H Foundation provides two acknowledgement

letters annually for tax purposes. This allows the donor to deduct the maximum tax credit possible based on income level. The monthly gift will also appear on your bank statement, which may serve as a second record of the gifts.

Can I change or cancel a monthly automatic pledge?

Yes, donors may change or cancel their automatic monthly pledge at any time.

How do I enroll?

To start this automatic monthly transfer, download and complete the automatic fund transfer (AFT) form online at <http://www.mi4hfdtn.org/givenow.html>.

Also, be sure to complete an annual gift form to specify the gift designation.

For more information on automatic monthly giving or for an AFT form, please call the Michigan 4-H Foundation at (517) 353-6692.



Ms. Liz (Elizabeth Driscoll) shows a chrysalis to one of the first-grade students in Mrs. Clark's class. Soon a butterfly will emerge from the chrysalis. The "Butterflies in the Garden" exhibit is only the beginning of the season for the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens.

Gardens' season

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The butterfly exhibit is only the beginning of the season for the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens.

Once again the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens will host its popular Stories in the Garden, Kid Curator and Garden Chefs programs. The gardens will also hold one-day specialty programs

for Dinosaur Day, Bug Day, Teddy Bear Tea Party, Around the World Jubilee and Compost Day.

A new activity this year is the Campfire Series of movie nights in the garden.

"Last year we discovered that the garden is a great place to have a campfire, sing songs, watch movies and enjoy friends," said Driscoll.

Also new this year is Camp Monet, a three-day program for young artists. Youth have the opportunity to sketch, paint, weave and create a variety of other projects in the garden.

For more information about the "Butterflies in the Garden," visit <http://4hgarden.msu.edu/butterflies/>. For the complete Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens calendar of events, visit <http://4hgarden.msu.edu/calendar/> or call (517) 355-5191, ext. 1327.

The gardens' exhibits and programs are made possible by gifts and grants to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

4-H Foundation to host Feb. 4, 2006, Lion King 4-H event

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is offering tickets for donors to attend "The Lion King" by Disney Theatrical Productions at Michigan State University's Wharton Center for Performing Arts on Feb. 4, 2006.

"The Lion King" is a Broadway award-winning best musical based on Disney's animated feature about the adventurous life of a young lion, Simba, and the characters he meets.

Tickets purchased through the foundation are \$125 a person and include a 4-H luncheon in our own jungle at the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden prior to the Saturday matinee performance.

Invitations for "The Lion King" 4-H event will be mailed to 4-H donors and friends in July. Reservations, with payment, are due to the Michigan 4-H Foundation by Sept. 9, 2005. Seats are limited, so be sure to make your reservations early.

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In the News

Foundation hires new East Lansing staff members

Alina M. Campana joined the Michigan 4-H Foundation staff March 14 as **annual giving manager**. She is responsible for overall management of the foundation's annual giving programs. Campana came to us from Mongolia, where she spent three years serving as a Peace Corps volunteer and another 1½ years as a staff member of a Mongolian arts organization. She is a graduate of Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

Lillie A. Kopke joined the foundation staff on March 28 as **administrative secretary**. She serves as the secretary to the executive director. Kopke is a recent graduate of Spring Arbor University and worked formerly in a support staff position at Mid-Michigan Ear, Nose and Throat.

WNF&GA Royal Oak Branch leaves treasury to 4-H

The Royal Oak Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association (WNF&GA) recently disbanded and donated its treasury of close to \$2,000 to support the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens and 4-H International Exchange Programs. The 67-year-old Royal Oak Branch has made annual gifts to the Michigan 4-H Foundation for the past 14 years.

Tate named Washington State University vice president for equity and diversity

Michael J. Tate, former Michigan state 4-H director was named Washington State University (WSU) vice president for equity and diversity in April. He had served as interim vice president since Sept. 1, 2004. Tate served as Michigan state 4-H director from 1983 to 1993 and then as MSU Extension assistant director until 1998, when he became associate director for WSU Extension.

CORPORATE Clover Club

Thanks to our Corporate Clover Club members!

The Corporate Clover Club is an annual giving program recognizing corporate and business gifts of \$1,000 and above.

Corporate gifts were received from January 1 to May 16, 2005, from:

- **DTE Energy Foundation.**
- **Dow Chemical Company Foundation.**

