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Ionia County 4-H volunteer says empowering youth is key to positive 4-H experience

It's fair week in Ionia County, and Roger Packard's days are spent volunteering to make sure the week is a successful one for 4-H youth participants.

It's the end of the 4-H program year for Packard's Lucky Charms 4-H Club, a 19-member club with youth ages 7 to 19.

As he walks the fairgrounds, Packard is watchful for opportunities to recognize young people "doing and being" good. And he is also on the lookout for opportunities to encourage youth and adults to get engaged in and excited about the possibilities of the youth development responsibilities of 4-H.

"We live in a world where family values and time for family doesn't count as much as it once did," Packard said. "I think that kids need to be around a program that provides these and other opportunities. I think 4-H does that!"

When Packard talks about 4-H, what you hear about most from him is the importance of the principles that 4-H says are key to positive youth development.

"It's about empowering youth, giving them responsibility and opportunity to experience the consequences of their actions and de-

isions," Packard said. "For me that's extremely hard — I would much rather tell them this is what we're going to do, this is how it's done, now do it this way. But that's not what the strategy for youth development supports.

"If they are going to make mistakes, let's let them make them where they can be supported and have opportunity to learn and grow from those errors."

Packard would like to see youth development principles guide all that 4-H volunteers do with young people.

4-H volunteer training opportunities, many of

"Trreally like kids, they're just neat people!"

—Roger Packard, Ionia County 4-H volunteer

which are supported by gifts to the Michigan 4-H Foundation, are often designed to support project and content skill knowledge. These trainings also encourage and support volunteers in using appropriate methods that support giving youth opportunities to lead their learning, to ensure that experiences are safe and age-appropriate and to ensure that the 4-H guiding principles are infused throughout what youth do.

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Ionia County's Lucky Charms 4-H Club, led by Roger Packard, painted faces in the Children's Barnyard for the 4-H promotional day during the Greater Ionia Fair. Throughout the day, 4-H clubs demonstrated various 4-H projects and activities to recruit others to join 4-H. The county's 4-H centennial team started the 4-H promotional day in 2002 for the national 4-H centennial and continued it this year.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the 50th Annual Membership Meeting

Friday, October 3, 2003
10 a.m. to noon
Room 105 A & B
Kellogg Center
Michigan State University

Refreshments available at
9:30 a.m.

AGENDA INCLUDES:

- Board of trustees elections.
- Report of 2003 audited financial statements.
- Campaign for 4-H report.

Membership includes any individual or organization that donated \$10 or more to the Michigan 4-H Foundation since Oct. 4, 2002. Members vote on all issues at the annual membership meeting. Call the foundation at (517) 353-6692 for more information.

Two new trustees welcomed to board

James T. Fitzpatrick of Lansing and Robert J. Patterson of Big Rapids were elected to three-year terms on the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees in mid-June.

The trustees manage foundation policies and operations, and serve as community advocates for 4-H.

Fitzpatrick is vice president of development and education policy at Michigan Virtual University (MVU) of Lansing. Since joining MVU in 1998, he has planned, organized and led the implementation of the Teacher Technology Initiative (TTI), a \$106 million program that equipped Michigan K-12 educators with a personal computer, software, remote Internet access and Web-based professional development op-

portunities. He also led the initial design and development of the Michigan Virtual High School (MVHS) project, which provides online high school courses in Michigan schools.

Fitzpatrick has been the director of technology for the Michigan Department of Education, the Regional Educational Media Center (REMC) director at Saginaw Intermediate School District and worked in the private sector for Pitney Bowes Corporation. Fitzpatrick also serves on the Olivet College Board of Trustees in Olivet.

Patterson is the vice president of Patterson's Flowers, Inc., of Big Rapids. He has been a Mecosta County 4-H volunteer leader in floral arrangement for more than 10 years, served on the administrative team for the statewide 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp for more than 15 years, and has volunteered at Kettunen Center's Breakfast With



James T. Fitzpatrick and Robert J. Patterson (L to R) were elected to the foundation's board of trustees June 13.

Santa program various times. Patterson is a board member of the Mecosta County Chamber of Commerce and on the fund-raising team of the Mecosta County Council of Arts. He has served as president of both the Big Rapids Downtown Business Association and the Michigan Floral Association (MFA).

In 2002 Patterson received the MSU Distinguished Service Award to Agriculture and Natural Resources for serving as an ambassador for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) and for his leadership that led to a partnership between the MFA and the CANR that created the Michigan Certified Florist program.

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The Campaign for



Consider unrestricted giving to support 4-H

To remain flexible in its ability to anticipate and meet the needs of youth, Michigan 4-H Youth Development needs financial support that is flexible. Unrestricted gifts to the Michigan 4-H Foundation allow 4-H to remain open to new opportunities and free to address new challenges.

The Campaign for 4-H fund-raising goal for unrestricted gifts is \$600,000.

Unrestricted gifts support 4-H at the county and state levels, and pay

for volunteer training, technology and new initiatives development. You can help by designating your annual gifts to be unrestricted or by giving to the Michigan 4-H Legacy Fund, which helps build the long-term programming endowment to allow for annual flexibility for innovative 4-H initiatives. Although gifts to this fund are restricted, the programming areas that the fund can support from year to year are unrestricted.

For more information on the Campaign for 4-H or unrestricted giving to the Michigan 4-H Foundation, visit the foundation online at <http://www.mi4hfdtn.org> or call (517) 353-6692.

Calendar

September 28 — Kettunen Center donor appreciation event. See ad on page 7.

October 3 — Michigan 4-H Foundation annual meeting. 10 a.m. to noon at the Kellogg Center, East Lansing.

October 5-11 — National 4-H Week.

October 12-17 — Intergenerational Elderhostel at Kettunen Center. Elderhostel is an experience for grandparents and grandchildren to learn together. Call (231) 829-3421 or visit <http://www.kettunencenter.org/events.htm> for details.

October 31 — Michigan 4-H Children's Garden closes for the season. The garden will open April 1, 2004.

December 31 — Emerald Clover Society nominations due. Visit <http://www.mi4hfdtn.org/ecs/> for nomination forms.

December 31 — Gift deadline for 2003 income tax credit.

Charitable gifts continue support of 4-H program initiatives

The Michigan 4-H Foundation uses charitable gifts from families and organizations to support Michigan 4-H.

A recent gift from the **Guido A. and Elizabeth H. Binda Foundation** will support new initiatives in the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden.

Gifts from **Pfizer** and the **Women's National Farm and Garden Association, Michigan Division and Saginaw Branch**, supported the 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp. The camp was held in July in Alpena County. It is for teens aged 13 to 15 who are interested in learning more about forest, wildlife and aquatic ecology.

The Frederick A. Vollbrecht Foundation of Birmingham continues to fund a three-year program to support Oakland County 4-H's partnership with Oak Park High school to increase job preparedness skills.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation continues its ongoing support of the KATCH (Kids Are True Conservation Heroes) grant. KATCH provides young people with hands-on environmental learning and community service that can foster fisheries and wildlife stewardship.

Michigan Farm Bureau continues its long-term commit-



Kettunen Center's Blanchard Bird Observation Station was built in April 2003 with gifts from former Michigan Governor James Blanchard and his wife, Janet. The station provides a place for Kettunen Center visitors to observe birds in their natural habitat.

ment as sponsor of the Michigan 4-H Award of the Clover program, which provides recognition to 4-H volunteers.

The Land O'Lakes Foundation also provides funds to promote local community service initiatives in counties.

Volunteer

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"If we can't get the leaders to be enthusiastic and supportive, we're not going to get young people believing they can do all the things that they can do," Packard said.

He is in his sixth year as project leader for the Lucky Charms 4-H Club, which has six additional volunteer leaders. He also leads the Ionia County 4-H Technology Team. He puts his beliefs to test in his leadership or, in his words, "guidance" of the club.

The Lucky Charms club year goes from September to July, ending with the county fair. Members meet weekly and have business meetings once a month led by youth using parliamentary procedure. To ensure that every mem-

ber experiences running the meetings and leading decision-making processes, club officers change every three months. The club's primary project areas are woodworking and photography, but members experience other project learning opportunities during their weekly 4-H club meetings.

Members choose what project they want to work on that day, and then the 19 youth are divided into six groups according to both their interests and their ages. This approach to age-appropriate, youth-determined focus for the activities of the club is considered key to providing positive youth involvement.

"We do try to guide their experiences, but we as adults also learn that we all can learn more through allowing youth to do it themselves," Packard explains.



Nominate a 4-H alumnus for the 2004 class of the Emerald Clover Society!

Nominations for the 2004 Emerald Clover Society class are due by Dec. 31, 2003.

The 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.

Sixty-two members were inducted into the 2002 inaugural class in honor of the national 4-H centennial and the 50th anniversary of the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

Nominee selection is based on evidence of three or more years of 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.mi4hfdtn.org/ecs/ or call the Michigan 4-H Foundation at (517) 353-6692.

4-H scholarships support post-secondary education for 4-H youth

Michigan 4-H Foundation scholarships provide financial support for post-secondary education. Student internships provide financial compensation for educational experiences in exchange for work.

Michigan 4-H Foundation scholarships can be in the form of annual donations, memorial gifts or endowments.

Endowments are permanent funds invested to provide income for specified purposes. The funds are named by the donor, often to honor a loved one or family member. For more information on establishing an endowment, please contact the foundation at (517) 353-6692.

Michigan 4-H Foundation scholarships and internships awarded for the 2003-04 academic year include:

Barry County 4-H Scholarship*

Lyndsay Rodgers, Hastings
Lindsey Green, Battle Creek
Stacy Vandefifer, Wayland
Samantha Harthy, Middleville

Earl J. & Arlyne M. Clark Scholarships

Kim Adams, Alpena
Stephanie Likens, Pinckney

B.E. Henry Memorial Scholarship*

Michelle Tsourmas, Battle Creek
Jason Hall, Battle Creek

Mawby/Edison Family Fund* (*Michigan 4-H Children's Garden student internships*)

Jane O'Brien, Dowagiac
Jessica Webster, Royal Oak

Ada May & Webb Harwood 4-H Memorial Fund*

Cindy Grau, Chelsea
Renee Thelen, Saline
Jackelyn Martin, Saline

Edward Miller Memorial Scholarships

Richard Taylor, Clyde
Amanda Kutchev, Macomb

Mary Miller Tribute Scholarship

Shelby Vanderpool, Morenci

Andrew L. Olson Scholarship Fund*

Elizabeth Ankersen, Traverse City
Rita Fraquelli, Kingsley
Margaret Mimnaugh, Traverse City
Alynn Ramoie, Traverse City
Lesli-Anne Rigan, Traverse City
Danielle Ruiz, Traverse City
Kelli Woods, Traverse City
Kari Wyse, Kingsley

Rolan & Bernice Sleight Memorial Award*

Beth Blauwiekel, Fowler

Lowell & Carol Spike Memorial Scholarship*

Jacklyn Martin, Ann Arbor

Denise T. Patterson & Douglas L. Thurston Memorial Scholarship

Artesia Moon, St. Johns

Howard Zindel Memorial Scholarship*

Sarah Maloney, East Lansing

**Indicates an endowment fund.*

4-H Children's Garden hosts first Plant Science Discovery Institute

Five students and two teachers from a Detroit high school worked together this summer to conduct experiments, read stories to younger children, lead plant science programs and become experts on the theme gardens in the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden during the first Plant Science Discovery Institute at Michigan State University.

The students, from Cass Technical High School, stayed in an MSU residence hall while they attended the 12-day institute. While on campus, they each studied a theme garden in the 4-H Children's Garden, then prepared a fun, online learning experience about it. The hands-on activities they also developed for their chosen theme gardens became part of the garden's tenth birthday party on July 10.

Students Larry Cash, Patrick Mitchell, Ebony Ross, Victoria Wells and Brenten Williams started experiments in the Indoor 4-H Children's Garden that they'll follow using a Web site and webcam this fall when they return to school.

Later they'll write scientific summaries of their experiment results. Their teachers, Karen Kachadurian and Earl Wilson, will incorporate lessons from the summer institute into their classes. An MSU horticulture graduate student, Kelly Barryhill, will visit with the students at Cass Tech this fall to follow their work.

"The Plant Science Discovery Institute provides an opportunity for students and teachers to work together to create science educational programs that effectively integrate technology and MSU resources to create rich learning environments, experiences and experiments focused on plant science," says Norm Lownds, 4-H Children's Garden curator and Plant Science Discovery Institute coordinator.

The institute began this year, and is expected to continue at least through 2005. It was made possible by gifts from donors to the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden and the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) Institute of Agricultural Technology.

Kids Celebrate Tenth Birthday of Michigan 4-H Children's Garden



Photo courtesy of Karol Hermans.

As part of the first Plant Science Discovery Institute at MSU, students from Cass Technical High School in Detroit hosted activities in various theme gardens at the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden during the garden's tenth birthday party on July 10. During the party, garden curator Norm Lownds opened a time capsule that had been buried in the garden 10 years ago. The capsule contained seeds that party-goers planted into a papier mâché tenth birthday cake.

Learn science methods through art at Kettunen Center

Sixty-five youth aged 9 to 14 who represented 20 counties, attended the 4-H Learning Science through the Arts Camp from June 29 to July 2 at Kettunen Center.

The camp, which uses art activities to help kids learn science, was directed by Bonnie Neuman, Kettunen Center program staff member; Molly Carlin, Wayne County 4-H member and drama major at Wayne State University; Bethany Grix, former camper and Osceola 4-H alumnus; and eight teenaged counselors.

This camp theme, this year was “In Harmony With Nature.”

Camp participants were divided into four activity groups as they collected, identified and pressed Michigan wildflowers; assembled a handmade journal using plant pigments; designed a trillium flower made from wire and nylons; and learned digital photography and edited their photos using computer software.

The Saginaw County 4-H Council offered scholarships for Saginaw County 4-H youth to attend the camp. “The youth had a wonderful time learning about nature and art together while having fun and making new friendships,” said Jan Wendland, Saginaw County MSU Extension 4-H program associate.

The youth also enjoyed canoeing and kayaking on Center Lake, as well as a dance.



Photo courtesy of Andrea Grix.

Sixty-five youth camped at Kettunen Center from June 29 to July 2 for the 4-H Learning Science Through the Arts Camp. At the end of the camp, more than 50 visitors, viewed the exhibit of art projects and attended the final performances in which youth performed a play relating to “people making harmony with the environment.”

At the end of the camp, more than 50 visitors, including parents, guardians and relatives of the campers, visited the art project exhibit and attended final performances in which each of the four groups performed an interactive, theater-style play they created relating to “people making harmony with the environment.”

The annual camp began more than 10 years ago at Kettunen Center. The camp is supported by gifts from Yoplait of Reed City and donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

Kettunen Center Appreciation Event—September 28, 2003

Each year many individuals and organizations help make Kettunen Center a successful environment for many youth.

Kettunen Center donors are invited to a special event at Kettunen Center on Sun., Sept. 28 to recognize the friends and supporters who have contributed this past year. Invitations will arrive soon. Call (231) 829-3421 for details.

Kettunen Center 4-H Envirothon Team wins state contest

The Kettunen Center 4-H Envirothon Team won first place at the Michigan Envirothon state competition last May, coordinated by the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts. Each team of five high-school-aged students studied wildlife, forestry, energy, sustainable agriculture and aquatics topics and the issue of farmland preservation, and planned and implemented a community service project in their area. The team also participated in the national competition, the Canon Envirothon, held at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md. from July 26 to Aug. 1. The Kettunen Center 4-H Envirothon Team is supported by the Cadillac Area Land Conservancy, the Michigan 4-H Foundation, and the Missaukee, Osceola-Lake and Wexford County conservation districts. Members of the team are (L to R) Jim Solce, Cadillac High School; Aranthea Benschel, Lake City High School; Luke Apps, Cadillac High School; Darcy Daggy, Evart High School; and Jonathan Salinas, Evart High School.



Photo courtesy of Andrea Grix.

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In the News

Poland 4-H'ers explore, experience and achieve on Michigan exchange trip

Michigan 4-H families hosted 30 teens from Poland this summer. The teens attended the 4-H Polish American Camp at Kettunen Center to learn about forestry from a DNR instructor and took field trips to a sawmill and a logging site. They also participated in Kettunen Center's TREE (Teams Recreational Environmental Experience) course and attended 4-H Exploration Days. The Polish teens returned to Poland July 17.

Michigan youth photography contest

The first Michigan youth photography contest was held in May. Youth aged 9 to 19 were asked to photograph a favorite Michigan historic site. Twelve photos taken around the state were selected to be part of a touring exhibit. Sixteen additional photos were selected as district winners. View the photos online at <http://www.michigan.gov/hal/>. Click on the "Celebrate Michigan Week", then click "Youth Photo Contest".

The contest was held to celebrate Michigan Week (May 17–26, 2003). It was coordinated by MSU Extension's 4-H Youth Development and the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries with support from dona-

tions to the Michigan 4-H Foundation and the Michigan Barn Preservation Network.

Foundation trustee ordained to the Episcopal priesthood

The Rev. Philip Allan Seitz of Hale was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood May 26, at Grace Episcopal Church in Standish, Mich. Seitz has been a Michigan 4-H Foundation board member since 1998.

Foundation trustee joins Huntington Bank board

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated of Columbus, Ohio announced that David L. Porteous of Reed City will join its board of directors in October 2003. Porteous has been a Michigan 4-H Foundation board member since 2000.