

# Great Lakes Camp has life-changing effect on Detroit 4-H'er

Lydia Vanderbilt of Detroit is considering a career in natural resources due to her experiences at 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp this summer.

“Without your help I would still be the same girl from Detroit who knew nothing much of the Great Lakes. Now I will be able to help those in my community and in my school,” said Vanderbilt, a Wayne County 4-H REACT team member.

“It was the best camp I’ve ever been to. It was such a great experience,” she said. “It allowed me to experience things I would not have otherwise. I would not have been able to go charter fishing, catch

my first fish in the Great Lakes, go kayaking and learn how to sail.”

The camp, July 31 to August 6, had 69 youth aged 13 to 15 participate from 21 Michigan counties. The event is held at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle between the shores of inland Lake Esau and Lake Huron.

“The youth are divided into five lake groups representing each of Michigan’s Great Lakes, with 11 or 12 campers and two counselors in each group,” said Robert Patterson, camp assistant director and Michigan 4-H Foundation trustee.

“Activities include five morning sessions that each camper attends. This year the morning sessions were Great Lakes coastal processes; charter fishing for first-time campers and inland fisheries for returning campers; watersheds; forestry and wild-life; and

wetlands. The campers also participated in evening recreation and educational sessions and a variety of other activities, including early morning fishing, birding and polar bear swims in Lake Esau,” he said.

Vanderbilt, now 16 years old, will be too old to attend camp as a camper next year, so she plans to be a camp counselor instead.

“Because of this new adventure in my life, I plan to become more involved in the 4-H program. I plan to share my experience with my peers so they can come to this same fun educational camp,” she says.

“I was the only kid from the Detroit area at the camp, and I want others to learn more about our natural resources.

“This camp is a great way to reach out to kids about nature and what we need to do to help keep it intact and improve it before it all disappears,” Vanderbilt said.

**Lydia Vanderbilt (left) works with her lake group, Ontario, to investigate a conifer swamp and discover its unique characteristics during the wetlands session at 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp. At the camp youth learn to appreciate and understand Michigan’s natural resources while having fun in the outdoors.**

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— Lydia Vanderbilt  
Wayne County 4-H REACT  
team member

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is sponsored by gifts to the Michigan 4-H Foundation, Michigan 4-H Youth Development, the Michigan Sea Grant Program and the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. For more information on the camp, visit <http://web1.msu.edu/cyf/youth/glnrc.html>.

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### Commitments bring campaign \$886,000 closer to goal

Donors made *Campaign for 4-H* commitments, both cash and pledges, in fiscal year 2004-05 that brought 4-H \$886,000 closer to the \$15 million target for 2007.

At the end of fiscal year 2004, the foundation had reached \$7.95 million in campaign commitments, and by July 31, 2005, the campaign total reached \$8.83 million, a 11 percent increase of gifts from donors to 4-H youth development programming.

Of the total raised to date, 22.5 percent has supported 4-H program development; 23 percent, 4-H endowments; 9 percent, the 4-H Children's Garden; 8 percent, Kettunen Center; 8 percent, county 4-H programs; and 7.5 percent, areas of greatest need.

"Our biggest revenue years for the *Campaign for 4-H* were, of course, at its launch—the 2001 and 2002 fiscal years," noted Cheryl Howell, foundation executive director. "Although it's typical for campaign giving to drop off toward the end of the campaign, we are hoping that 4-H supporters prove the statistics wrong and we see annual gift commitments reach the \$2 million per year we need between now and 2007 to get to our goal for support of Michigan's young people."

For more information on how you can make your *Campaign for 4-H* gift, contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at (517) 353-6692 or online at <http://www.mi4hfdtn.org/campaign/>.

## Gerstacker Foundation gift makes Cedar Lodge renovations possible

Construction will begin this fall to renovate Kettunen Center's Cedar Lodge with a \$100,000 grant from the **Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation**.

"Our history [with the Michigan 4-H Foundation] goes back maybe a generation or two," said Ned Brandt, Gerstacker Foundation vice president. "The foundation was established by Mrs. Gerstacker in 1957 in memory of her late husband. She and her son, Carl Gerstacker, were both strong supporters of 4-H, and so we have that legacy."

During the Vision 2021 initiative, other buildings at Kettunen Center underwent major renovations. The Gerstacker Foundation's gift allows for the residential and programming space of Cedar Lodge to be updated and contributes to the Kettunen Center Master Plan goal for the *Campaign for 4-H*. To date, \$707,700 has been raised toward the \$1.75 million goal.

"We will increase the size of four bedrooms, add two new larger bedrooms and build two new larger bathrooms during the first phase of this construction which will begin this fall and finish next spring," said John Grix, Kettunen Center director.

The renovations not only update the existing Cedar Lodge but do so in a way that opens up new arenas for 4-H and programming at Kettunen Center.

"Not only will we make this space much more livable and add capacity, we plan to make Cedar Lodge more family-friendly. We find more demand for 4-H family workshops and family reunions here at Kettunen Center. The larger rooms will be able to accommodate a full-sized bed and a trundle in addition to a bunk bed," Grix said.

Michigan 4-H Youth Development has annually offered family learning options such as 4-H Family Science Weekend. These events are not as large as the typical 4-H youth and volunteer training workshops, but they provide opportunity for parents to experience meaningful 4-H learning with their children.

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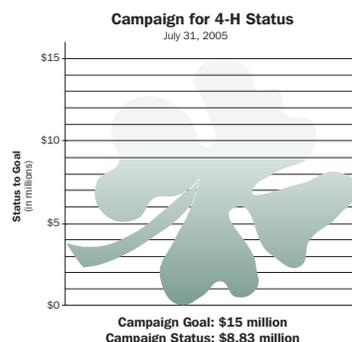
— Ned Brandt, vice president  
Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation

An additional shared learning space will be added to Cedar Lodge, bath and shower accommodations will be expanded in a more family-friendly configuration, and the heating system will be updated to include air conditioning.

"4-H is one of the youth organizations that we like to support. Our tradition has been to support activities that further the health, welfare and progress of young people, especially in Michigan. The 4-H program is built around those principles," Brandt said.



**Kettunen Center's Cedar Lodge (above) will undergo renovations this winter to update its facilities. Two additional bedrooms and bathrooms will be added, and the existing bedrooms will be made larger. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall and completed by spring.**



# Endowments — a great way to invest in 4-H's future

As the *Campaign for 4-H* moves closer to its \$15 million goal, one good way to ensure our success is to invest in endowment support for Michigan 4-H!

Is there one 4-H program or project area you feel should always be a part of the educational offerings of Michigan 4-H Youth Development?

Do you want to leave a legacy to support your county 4-H program?

If your answer to either of these questions is yes, consider establishing a permanent endowment for support of one of the 4-H program

priority areas — animal science; citizenship, leadership and service; diversity and multiculturalism; environmental and outdoor education; global and cultural awareness; personal development; technology literacy; health and well-being; and volunteer development.

You can either support a specific 4-H project area or create a fund to ensure long-term support for the 4-H programs and activities available to youth in the county in which you are or were the most involved.

Perpetual or permanent endowments can be started with

gifts as low as \$10,000, but for greater program impact, gifts of \$25,000 are suggested to ensure a minimum of \$1,000 annually in investment earnings to support current 4-H programming. Endowments can be funded with one gift or with a pledge payable within five years.

Endowments can be established with cash gifts or through planned gift opportunities such as estate plans, charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts, and gifts of life insurance policies or retirement benefit plans, among others.

Gifts of less than \$10,000 can also be made to support the **Michigan 4-H Legacy Fund**. This fund is a permanent endowment that funds a variety of innovative 4-H programs with potential to have a great impact on 4-H work in local communities.

In March of this year, the Michigan 4-H Foundation awarded for the first time four \$500 mini-grants from the Michigan 4-H Legacy Fund. As this fund grows, the ways in which it can support state and county 4-H programs will also grow.

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## Postsecondary 4-H scholarships awarded for 2005

Michigan 4-H Foundation scholarship funds provide financial support for postsecondary education for 4-H members. Student internships provide financial compensation for students who work while gaining educational experiences.

Michigan 4-H Foundation scholarships can be provided by annual donations, memorial gifts or endowment funds. Endowments ensure scholarships are available permanently. The funds are named by the donor, often to honor a loved one or family member. Endowed scholarship funds require \$30,000 minimum at the time of creation.

*Michigan 4-H Foundation scholarships awarded to date for the 2005–06 academic year are:*

### **Amanda Awalt Scholarship**

Miranda Mannino, Mason

### **Chase Showmanship Sweepstakes**

Rebecca Bell, Eaton Rapids

Katie Golden, Holt

Brittney Riedel, Jackson

Amanda Puja, Williamston

Brooke Janezke, Williamston

Maggie Paul, Mason

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

Crystal Manning, Alpena

Nicole Radniesky, Fowlerville

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

Roxanne Ernst, Ann Arbor

Matthew Noggle, Manchester

Julie Thelen, Saline

Renee Thelen, Saline

### **B.E. Henry Memorial Scholarship\***

Alyssa Reniger, Marshall

Erin Segar, Homer

### **Mawby-Edison Family Fund\*** (*Summer 2005*)

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens student interns*

Jessica Albright, Coldwater

Britt Uecker, Manistee

### **Edward Miller Memorial Scholarships**

Paul Ayers, Edmore

Sara Sickels, Bronson

Stephanie Silm, St. Johns

### **Mary Miller Tribute Scholarship**

Misty Williams, Adrian

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

Bailey Ankerson, Traverse City

Caleb Casselman, Buckley

Darcey Matthews, Buckley

Benjamin Musser, Kingsley

Ian Ruddy, Kingsley

Kaylla Shomock, Kingsley

### **Rolan & Bernice Sleight Memorial Award\***

Joe Blauwiekel, Fowler

Stephanie Silm, St. Johns

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

Renee Thelen, Saline

*\*Endowment fund.*

## Calendar

**September 9 — RSVP deadline for The Lion King event.**

**October 2-8—National 4-H Week**

**October 7 — Michigan 4-H Foundation annual meeting.** 9:30 to noon at the MSU Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

**October 31—Outdoor Michigan 4-H Children's Garden closes for the season.** The garden re-opens April 1, 2006.

**December 31 — 4-H Emerald Clover Society nominations due for the 2006 induction class.**

**December 31 — Gift deadline for 2005 income tax credit.**

**February 4 — The Lion King 4-H event.** 4-H luncheon and musical at MSU.

# 4-H beef scholarship established in memory of John Schunk

The Schunk family of Clare County has established a \$5,000 memorial scholarship fund to remember their husband and father, John J. Schunk.

“John just loved kids, and our kids were brought up in 4-H,” said Robyn Schunk, John Schunk’s wife. “If it wasn’t for 4-H, our kids wouldn’t be where they are today.”

John Schunk grew up as a Clare County 4-H member and instilled the values he learned in not only his children but the other 4-H members he worked with.

“John took great pride in helping other area youths develop their passion for showing cattle,” said Whitney Lloyd, Schunk’s niece. “Always participating in clinics designed to teach 4-H groups more about their cattle, holding a club calf sale every October to provide local 4-H’ers with quality cattle for their projects, helping young showmen in and around the arena, or just providing a smile and a wish of good luck as they ventured into

the show arena. John gave to many children what he had always held close to his heart—a belief that nothing is as satisfying as watching something you pour your heart and soul into blossom into a success.”

The **John J. Schunk Memorial 4-H Beef Scholarship** will provide a \$1,000 scholarship for postsecondary education each year for the next five years to a Michigan 4-H’er who has participated in the 4-H beef project area for a minimum of three years.

The scholarship application will be available for the first time this fall for distribution in the 2006-07 academic year. Scholarship applications are due Dec. 3, 2005.

Although at this time the scholarship is funded only for the next five years, Robyn and her children, Travis and Ashley, hope to continue this scholarship after the initial five-year commitment.

For information on the scholarship and a scholarship application, visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/scholar.html>.



**John J. Schunk (left) developed a passion for farming, especially for raising and showing beef cattle at a young age. He grew up as a Clare County 4-H member and instilled the values he learned in not only his children but the other 4-H members he worked with.**

**The John J. Schunk Memorial 4-H Beef Scholarship provides a \$1,000 scholarship for postsecondary education to Michigan 4-H beef project members for the next five years.**

## Endowments

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The *Campaign for 4-H* goal is to build this fund to \$1.5 million by 2007. To get there, the foundation will need the help of those who care most about 4-H.

Whether you invest in all of 4-H programming through the Michigan 4-H Legacy Fund or in the 4-H program you care most

about through support for a specific project area or a county 4-H program, consider an endowment gift to support Michigan 4-H Youth Development today and well into tomorrow.

For more information on endowments, contact the foundation at (517) 353-6692 or online at <http://www.mi4hfdtn.org>.

## Tribute Gifts

In honor of...

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*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.mi4hfdtn.org/ecs](http://www.mi4hfdtn.org/ecs) or call the foundation at (517) 353-6692.

# 4-H members navigate new Global Positioning System (GPS) course at Kettunen Center

Next time you're at Kettunen Center, look for 4-H'ers navigating the new Kettunen Center Global Positioning System (GPS) course.

GPS is a navigational system that uses satellite signals to determine location. GPS devices are becoming popular in cars, boats, planes, farm machinery and laptop computers.

Kettunen Center's GPS course has nine stations positioned in the nature trails. The GPS course layout and stations were designed by the 4-H Double Click clubs during a summer 2004 workshop held at Kettunen Center and installed in May 2005 by Norm Lownds, state 4-H program leader for technology.

"The GPS course will give youth opportunities to learn about GPS in a beautiful outdoor environment. The course is fun and provides lots

of interaction with the outdoors. It is a great way for youth to see how technology can be integrated into outdoor explorations. I am sure youth (and adults) will enjoy the course and learn lots while they use it," Lownds said.

To use the course, individuals or groups use a handheld GPS device to map their location. Currently, Michigan 4-H Youth Development offers three traveling GPS kits with 10 handheld devices per kit available free of charge for use at the Kettunen Center GPS course or for 4-H clubs and counties. Kettunen Center is looking for a donor to sponsor a permanent GPS kit for trainings at Kettunen Center.

"A pre-designed set of GPS waypoints are marked with small wooden boxes that can hold questions



**Young people at the 4-H Learning Science through the Arts Camp in June learned how to use handheld GPS devices to navigate through the Global Positioning System (GPS) course at Kettunen Center.**

about the environment, treasure hunt items, or other interesting facts for a group or individual challenge," explained Andrea Grix, Kettunen Center educational coordinator.

The course has been used with 4-H TRACKERS school groups and during the 4 H Learning Science through the Arts Camp in June. The GPS course will also be used at the 4-H REACT teen and leader training in September.

In addition to the course, Kettunen Center received Geographical Information Systems (GIS) software for the Kettunen Center computer lab through the 2004 Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) GIS Grant Program in cooperation with National 4-H Headquarters. The GIS software is used to display and analyze the geographical data collected in the field from the GPS course.

Kettunen Center summer intern Darcy Daggy, a junior at Northern Michigan University majoring in environmental science with a minor in GIS, is using the software to create a 4-H hands-on learning activity called *Intro to GIS*, designed for youth aged 12 to 19.

"We'll show students first of all where to download GIS data, then how to download an aerial photo zoomed in on Center Lake and create a table of the Kettunen Center GPS boxes using the latitude and longitude. These points will show up on the aerial photo so you can map the boxes on the aerial photo that way," Daggy said.

Daggy is also updating the Kettunen Center trails map using GPS to make the map more accurate.

"I think they're a pretty fun little gadget. I think I might buy one or put it on my Christmas list!"

## Learning landscape dedicated



**Kettunen Center's Learning Landscape Arboretum was dedicated June 16. Trustees, donors and friends gathered for a small reception and program. The learning landscape features a wildflower trail, arboretum and Christmas tree exhibit. Pictured above is the learning landscape sponsor, Janice Harwood (second from right), with her family. Harwood sponsored the learning landscape in memory of her parents, Ada May and Webb Harwood.**

# The Veggies 4-H Club learns about veggies and more

Members of The Veggies 4-H Club experienced wonder and curiosity while learning about gardening over the past year.

The club involves youth from the St. Vincent Home of Lansing, a residential treatment facility for youth who are emotionally impaired and have been abused or neglected. The youth were responsible for five gardens at the home, including the planting, weeding, watering and harvesting of plants and vegetables.

“They were definitely most excited when the vegetables started to appear on plants,” said Vanessa Tarbell, The Veggies’ 4-H leader. “It was interesting to see some of their perspectives on things.”

The group held a contest to determine what types of plants to plant in each of their five gardens. They have a Pizza Garden and a Three Sisters Garden in addition to their original garden planted with broccoli family plants and the remaining two gardens designed by the children.

One of the most interesting discoveries made by the children involved pumpkin seeds.

“We spread pumpkin seeds all over the yard from the pumpkins we decorated. Now we have pumpkin plants growing everywhere!” Tarbell said.

Tarbell explained further how the kids were amazed that the pumpkin plants grew from seeds directly out of the pumpkins, rather from seeds purchased for planting.

But growing plants isn’t where the 4-H project ended. The group visited the Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens in late July for more gardening inspiration.

The kids also documented their discoveries in individual journals, which included gardening dates, designs and photos of the gardens. They also displayed their garden photos as 4-H photography projects at the Ingham County Fair.

This project, **Planting Knowledge and Growing Seeds with 4-H**, received a \$500 4-H Educational Garden Grant funded by the Michigan 4-H Foundation’s **Raymond and Alice Mahoney Memorial Endowment Fund**. The grant program encourages the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.



**The Veggies 4-H Club, which involves youth from the St. Vincent Home of Lansing, spread pumpkin seeds throughout their children’s gardens. Now pumpkin plants are very prevalent at the home.**

“The accomplishments from the 4-H program aren’t necessarily project-based,” said Stephanie Cluley, Ingham County MSU Extension

4-H program associate and project coordinator. “It’s a goal to get the kids in the program and for them to behave well enough to stay there.”

## Garden experience enhanced by handheld device



**Visitors to the Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens are now able to dig deeper into the scientific features of plants, thanks to a new handheld device called the Personal Science Assistant (PSA). The PSA is a personal digital assistant with an identification scanner that reads a plant label in the garden. It then displays information about and photos of the plant’s parts (root, stem, leaf, flower, fruit and seed), the plant’s life cycle and its uses. The PSA was developed by Aparna Ramchandran as her master’s thesis project at MSU. She worked with Norm Lownds, Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens curator, and MSU’s Comm Tech Lab director Carrie Heeter. For an online demonstration of how the device works, visit <http://www.msu.edu/~ramchan1/pda/>.**

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## In the News

### Oakland County 4-H'er chosen as CWF program assistant

Oakland County 4-H member **Erin Biebuyck** was selected as one of 10 national program assistants to Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) June to July 2005. CWF is a weeklong national 4-H leadership program held in Washington, D.C., each summer. She facilitated workshops, supervised youth-led government assemblies and became a licensed Washington, D.C., tour guide.

### Wyant steps down; Irwin appointed director of Michigan Department of Agriculture

Former Michigan 4-H Foundation trustee and 4-H Emerald Clover Society member **Mitch Irwin** was appointed director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, effective July 29. Irwin replaces **Dan Wyant**, also a 4-H Emerald Clover Society member, who resigned to become president and CEO of the Edward Lowe Foundation.

### Mark your calendars for the 52nd 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Friday, October 7, 2005  
9:30 a.m.

**Kellogg Center**  
**Michigan State University**  
Refreshments at 9 a.m.

#### Agenda Items:

- Board of trustees elections.
- Report of 2005 audited financial statements.
- *Campaign for 4-H* report.
- 2005 president's report.

All Michigan 4-H Foundation members are encouraged to attend the annual membership meeting. Membership includes any individual or organization that donated \$10 or more in the past year. Members vote on all issues at the meeting. For more information call (517) 353-6692.

### Jost named MSU Retirees Association president

**Donald Jost**, Michigan 4-H Foundation executive director emeritus and 4-H Emerald Clover Society member, was named president of the Michigan State University Retirees Association, effective July 1.

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Between May 18 and Aug. 12, 2005, corporate gifts were received from:

- **Consumer's Energy.**
- **Independent Bank of East Michigan.**
- **International Union, UAW.**
- **Michigan Horse Council.**
- **Nutrition Impact, L.L.C.**

