

FourWord



Progress and Highlights of the Iowa 4-H Foundation ❖ Annual Report Edition 2005



Your 4-H Foundation Supports Iowa 4-H'ers

Your generosity and support of the youth in Iowa helped the Iowa 4-H Foundation continue with a successful year. During 2005, hundreds of cards and letters were sent to staff and trustees of the Foundation expressing gratitude for: the scholarship, the award trip; the project support; the camping/conference experience; and many other 4-H activities.

The results of your financial support to the Iowa 4-H Foundation and the work of the Foundation Trustees feature:

- Increasing attendance and improved financial stability at the 4-H Center along with the completion of a hard surfaced road to the camp entrance.
- Over 55 counties entrusting the 4-H Foundation with “designated funds” to increase their earnings for future county programs.
- Funding new materials and initiatives for volunteer training.
- Awarding over 100 college scholarships.
- Increasing financial support to enrich “after-school” youth programs.
- Construction of a new flag pole and landscaping outside the Extension 4-H building in honor of C.J. Gauger, retired state 4-H program leader.
- A planned and significant transition with the retirement of Florine Swanson, executive director, after 18 years of dedicated service. To continue the successes of the Foundation, Joe Leisz, former director of the Arizona 4-H Foundation was hired and began his duties in July.

We ask for your continued support and your suggestions so that 4-H can remain the largest most progressive youth program in Iowa. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jim Patton
Foundation President, 2004-05

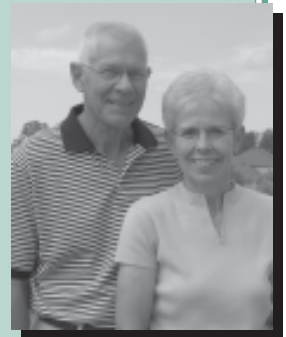


Green Hearts

by Alissa Cook

When given the opportunity to *make the best better*, Glen and Mary Jo Mente are first in line.

The Iowa couple supported the development of 4-H youth this past year with a gift of \$40,000 to establish a permanent endowment for the state 4-H recognition program.



Glen and Mary Jo Mente

Glen and Mary Jo cherish their time as Clinton County 4-H'ers when Glen was a member of the Wapsie Valley Producers 4-H Club and Mary Jo was a member of the Cherrios 4-H Club.

Some of the couple's fondest memories include Glen's trip to National 4-H Club Congress and Mary Jo's demonstrations at the Iowa State Fair.

Glen and Mary Jo were 4-H leaders for many years, and both of

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The Iowa 4-H Foundation provides resources to empower youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

The 4-H emblem is protected under 18 U.S.C. 707



Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Iowa 4-H Foundation Poised to Take Next Big Steps into the Future

Iowa 4-H Foundation

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It has been almost six months since I began my work with the Iowa 4-H Foundation, and what a big change for me moving from 4-H work in Arizona to Iowa; the birthplace of the clover with over 125,000 young people, an incredible camp, and the best program in the country!

I had the opportunity to visit with many of our 4-H'ers at the State Fair where there were over 5,000 entries in the 4-H Building and another 2,000 4-H livestock on the fairgrounds. I learned first hand why the Iowa State Fair is "America's Favorite."

I also met many outstanding youth at the State 4-H Recognition Day where we announced the National 4-H Congress trip winners and selected the youth who will

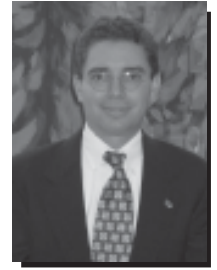
represent Iowa at the National 4-H Conference.

I worked with our outgoing president, Jim Patton, to coordinate a special campaign dedicating the new flagpole at the Extension 4-H Youth Building on the ISU campus in honor of C.J. Gauger. At the dedication, C.J. raised the U.S. and 4-H flags and shared some of the lessons he has learned from 4-H over the years.

I've traveled around the state (Iowa is a beautiful place, full of friendly people) and have heard many 4-H stories – tales of lessons learned at club meetings, hard work leading to the county fair, late nights spent with record books, and the warm feeling you get from helping others during community service projects.

I've listened to 4-H staff, Hall of Fame inductees, volunteers and others as they have shared their dreams for the future of our 4-H program. I also listened excitedly as every single person told me they want to do more for 4-H.

As the new executive director of the 4-H Foundation those are inspiring words. I came to Iowa because I wanted to do more to help young people in the 4-H movement. I wanted to work with the best program in the country, and now here I stand with you on the shoulders of giants.



Joe Leisz

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New Board of Trustee Members



The Iowa 4-H Foundation welcomed seven new board members at the organization's annual meeting in September.

◀ New trustees pictured here are (l-r): **Dale Port**, Cedar Falls; **Bill Tomlinson**, Ankeny; **Jonathon Kempf**, Jamaica; **Don Foley**, Ames; and **Greta Johnson**, Ireton. Not pictured: **Corby Fichter**, Essex, and **Ann Maine**, Des Moines.

Trustees completing their term were: **Mary Heistand-Bro**, Harlan; **James Cornick**, Des Moines; **Cathy Erickson**, Des Moines; **Mike Gumina**, Johnston; **Brooks Nelson**, New Providence; **Karol Nickell**, Urbandale; **Lee Schoof**, Primghar; **Barb Sexton**, Rockwell City; and **Dana Wenstrand**, Essex.

Tributes

In Honor Of

EMMA A. DEPPE, ATTICA, IN

Nancy and Steve Schmalenberger

EDEN OUTER LIMITS, WAUCOMA

Eden Outer Limits 4-H Club

MABEL HILTON, DUBUQUE

Barbara and Steve Sauser

Great 4-H Work

FAYETTE COUNTY 4-H'ERS

John and Peggy Sparrgrove
Galen and Michelle Kelly
William and Bonnie Hayes

ALEXIS S. SPAIN, CASTALIA

Stephanie and Vincent Spain

TRAVIS SPARRGROVE, ELGIN

Dirk and Cindy Torkelson

Anniversaries

JEAN AND VINCE HASSEBROCK

(50TH), AMES

James and Dorothy Christy

ROSE AND BILL RODGERS (50TH)

RODGERS PLUMBING &

HEATING (100TH)

Richard and Nancy Buckwalter

SHIRLEY AND MARVIN STAKEY

(45TH), STORY CITY

Clifford Johnson

Mother's/Father's Day

JOYCE AND RALPH NEILL, CORNING

Natalie and Craig Oppel
Marta L. Neill

Birthdays

TONY SOPPE, WEST UNION

Dennis and Jayne Soppe

SYLVIA SCHULTE (90), NORWAY

Florine and Ron Swanson

RUTH SHEFFLER (80), MT. AUBURN

Robert and Ann Harrison

Retirement

FLORINE M. SWANSON, GALT

Regis and Barbara Arp
Julia and Marvin Anderson
Sandra and David Anderson
Brian and Carla Asmus
Everett and Sheryl Asmus
JoAnn and William Augspurger
George and Mary Jo Baitinger
Norman and Ruth Barker
Glenn and Evelyn Beavers
Louis and Patricia Beck
Duane and Barbara Beichley
Melva L. and William R. Berkland
Leedru and JoAnn Blanchard
Sue and Bill Bogue
Elaine and Lynn Bohling
Brian and Tara Bork
David and Annette Brown
Loyd and Sue Brown
Dan and Mary Burkhardt
Jack and Nancy Burright
Carl and Judith Carlson
Gail Castillo
John and Sharon Chism
Mary Holz- and Reg Clause
Margaret and William Connet
Alissa Cook
Robert Cooper
Beverly and R Jewell Crabtree
John and Dorothy Creswell
Robert and Lucy Crom
Helen and Stan Davidson
Rich and Nancy Degner
Phyllis and Banks Doggett
Dolan Insurance Agency
Jeanne Eagle
Ronald and Sara Emerson
Joyce and Andreas Falkenberg
Tim and Phyllis Fevold

Varlyn and Jane Fink
First National Bank, Ames
E.J. and Jean Fischer
James and Clare Frevert
C.J. and Dorothy Gauger
Phillip Gauger
Sharron Gilson
Richard and Rita Godfrey
Dennis and Julie Goering
Don and Doris Goering
Farris and Patsy Gray
Karl and Lynn Griffith
Vanette and Travis Grover
Gary and Barbara Guge
Judith and Michael Gutttau
Lynn and Lorraine Habben
Carol and Eldon Hans
Bob and Cheryl Hardison
Patricia A. Harrington
Robert and Ann Harrison
John and Lynnette Hauser
AuRae D. Heidemann
Janet and Peter Hermanson
Hertz Farm Management, Inc.
R Hertz
Linda Holmquist
Dean and Marcia Holst
Roy and Patricia Hougen
Lois Hunt
Connie Jensen
LuAnn and Mark Johansen
Carol and Allan Johnson
Dennis D. Johnson
Lillian Johnson
Sharon and Dean Johnson
Mary Johnston
Rozanne and Karol King
Ken and Judy Klindt
David and Barbara Knau
Joe and Marianne Kurth
Liz Anderson and Loren Kruse
Jim and Arlene Lage
Kipp and Nancy Larsen
Joseph M. Leisz
James Lewis
Tracy and Richard Lewis

Angela and Wade
Lookingbill
Donald Lusch
Barbara and
Larry Lykins
Donna MacNeir
Richard and June McClure
Carolyn and Ralph Manning
Glen and Mary Jo Mente
Marilyn Middleton
Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen
Jurine Borton Moore
Marlys Moore
Charles and Margaret Mordan
Donna Christensen- and Alan Mores
George and Janet Moriarty
Chuck and Mary Morris
Glee and Karen Mulder
Shirley and Donald Nebergall
Joyce and Ralph Neill
Ruth and Larry Neppi
Joann and Edward Neven
Bud and Joyce Nichol
David and Valerie Pace
Diane and Gerald Parsons
James and Diane Patton
David and Amy Petersen
Meredith McHone- and Dennis Pierce
Pioneer Community Investment
Rhonda and Phil Plourd
Mary Schrandt- and Bill Prouty
James Rebhuhn
Glenn and Beverly Rowe
Barbara and Steve Sauser
Ralph and Charlotte Schlenker
Nancy and Steve Schmalenberger
Roger and Marilyn Schnittjer
Dale and Lois Schulte
Sylvia Schulte
Denise and Terry Schwab
David Seilstad
Ron Sersland
Barbara and Keith Sexton
Brian Sexton
Kyle Sexton
Bertha Shaw (cont'd on page 6) ▶



Memorials

BUD BARLASS, EAGLE GROVE

Leroy and Susan Erickson

JULIENNE BLOMGREN, BOONE

Weldon and Pamela Abarr
Susan Anderson
Marcia L. Atherton
Diana and S.D. Chip Baltimore II
John and Joyce Bannantine
Fritz and Jenny Bassett
Vick and Ann Bassett
Timothy and Deanne Bazis
Connie Benton
Melva L. and William R. Berkland
Melody L. Bethards
Heidi Blair
June Blomgren
Bob and Bette Boydston
B. J. Bravard
Jerry and Linda Bravard
Matthew and Susan Bravard
David and Annette Brown
Martin and Verda Burke

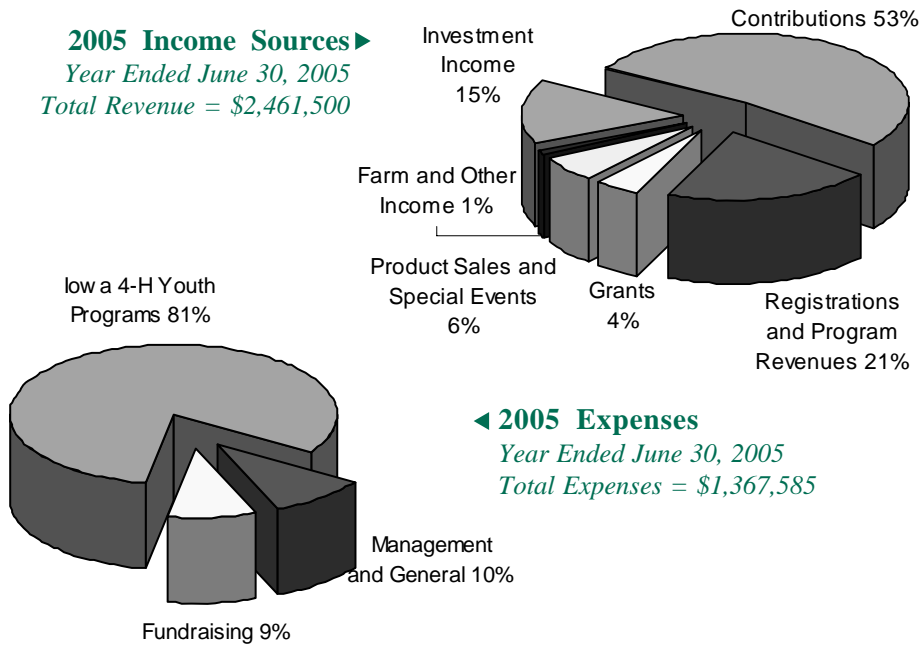
Earl and Judy Check
Darrell and Beth Christianson
Jerry and Mary Clark
Colfax Happy Hustlers 4-H Club
C & L Conley
H. Lynn and Karen Criswell
Lucille Danks
Greg and Amy Davis
Marvin and Shirley Davis
Daryl and Darlene Doerder
Mike and Diane Dotzler
Eastlund Farms, Inc.
Thomas C. Eastlund
Gladys Ebert
Maxine Eichler
Brian and Susan Eldridge
Alice L. Erb
Dennis and Nancy Etringer
Charles and Susan Farrell
Julienne and Richard Ferry
Jack and Lavonne Frandsen
Ronald and Helen Gates
Randall and Marlene Geiger
Harold F. Gildea
Sarah Greiner
Judd and Michelle Grover
D. C. and Ann Gustafson

Lisa L. Gustafson
Stephen and Valerie Gwiasda
T. L. Hammes
Lynda K. Hartman
Darrin C. Hauf
Vicki and Tim Heiller
Kenneth A. Heimes
Steve and Sally Hennager
Wayne and Katny Henryson
Daniel and Jean Houston
David and Martha Huinker
Lowell and Deborah Hurley
Mrs. June Isaacson
Paul and Nancy Jacobsen
June and Everett Johnson
Leroy and Priscilla Johnson
Robert and Janet Johnson
Gareld and Jane Jones, Jr.
Jim and Pat Jordan
John and Marilyn Jordan
Edward and Mary Beth Judge
John Keigley
Jon and Peg King
Greg and Heidi Kokemiller
Fred and Shirley Kokemiller
Nancy Ann Kurrle
Charles Larson

Michelle and Steven Larson
Augustus and Betty Lartius
Douglas and Wendy Livy, Jr.
Mike Lynch
Madrid Merry Makers 4-H Club
Fred Madsen
Carolyn and Ralph Manning
Marcy Merry Makers 4-H Club
Glenna R. McGinnis
Robert and Shirley Metzger
Jon and Shirley Miller
Jurine Borton Moore
Mr. Mark G. Nelson
A. Paul and Ellen Ness
Randy and Joyce Patterson
Stephen and Colleen Payne
Lisa L. Peterson
Pohl Farms Inc
Lloyd and Betty Ray
Sylvina Ray
David and Laura Relling
Dean and Loraine Safly
Russell and Dawn Schmidt
Julie E. Schoenrock
Robert and Lorna Scott
Craig S. Severson



2005 Income Sources
 Year Ended June 30, 2005
 Total Revenue = \$2,461,500



2005 Expenses
 Year Ended June 30, 2005
 Total Expenses = \$1,367,585

Here are just a few of the 2005 grant and financial assistance programs that were made possible by donor contributions:

Agriculture and Land Stewardship

Program Level	Total Awarded
State	\$ 1,500
Area	\$ 1,400
Multi-County	\$ 3,329
County	\$ 16,196
	\$ 22,425

Dairy Education

Program Level	Total Awarded
Multi-County	\$ 2,000
County	\$ 500
	\$ 2,500

Pioneer Community Investment

Program Level	Total Awarded
4-H Club	\$ 5,016
	\$ 5,016

Youth Group Financial Assistance

Program Level	Total Awarded
Area	\$ 1,500
Multi-County	\$ 2,000
County	\$ 440
	\$ 3,940

Youth Financial Assistance (by Area)

4-H Conference	
Northwest	\$ 575
Northeast	\$ 1,485
Central	\$ 160
Southwest	\$ 314
Southeast	\$ 425
	\$ 2,959

4-H Camp	
Northwest	\$ 575
Northeast	\$ 1,650
Central	\$ 2,341
Southwest	\$ 645
Southeast	\$ 2,238
	\$ 7,449

College Scholarships Awarded
 102 scholarships totaling \$105,854

IOWA 4-H FOUNDATION
 STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
 Summarized Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2005
 (With Summarized Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2004)

	Total	
	2005	2004
REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT		
Contributions, grants, sales, farm income and miscellaneous revenues	\$ 2,093,713	\$ 1,403,961
In kind contributions	1,939	8,785
Investment income	334,063	223,931
Unrealized gains on investments	31,785	203,705
	2,461,500	1,840,382
EXPENSES		
Program services	1,113,621	1,132,605
Management and general	131,806	122,193
Fund raising	122,158	93,910
	1,367,585	1,348,708
Change in net assets	1,093,915	491,674
Net assets -- beginning of year	5,108,470	4,616,796
Net assets -- end of year	\$ 6,202,385	\$ 5,108,470

Note: These condensed financial statements are not complete and have been derived from financial statements that were audited by Henkel & Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants. The complete financial statements including the auditors' report are available on our Web site at www.iowa4hfoundation.org or by contacting the Iowa 4-H Foundation at the Extension 4-H Youth Building, ISU, Ames IA 50011-3630, (515) 294-1537.

Tributes continued from p. 3

Doni Sheldon
Lowell and Mary Smith
Keri Storjohann
Nancy Swanson
Mary TeWinkel

Marjory and Glen Thompson
Raymond and Judith Timan
Beverly Toom
Alan and Myrna Tubbs
Christine and Frank Turpin
Donald P. Untiedt

Lloyd and Nettie Van Zante
Dale and Jeanne Vogt
Reggie Voyles
Jeanne and Gary Warning
Martha J. Welch
James and Karen Weld

Shirlee and Richard Werner
W. Bruce and Julie West
Allison and Bryan Whaley
Don and Sherryl Williams
Sterling and Victoria Young
William and Jean Zmolek

Memorials continued from p. 3

Gordon and Dolores Severson
David R. Sheehan
Patrick and Krista Sheehan
William and Marjorie Shreve
Michael D. Shupp
Stephen and Julie Siegel
Robert and Miriam Stevenson
Steven and Linda Stoll
Kimberly and Matthew Swanson
Thomas and Shannon Textor
Jeffrey and Linda Thorson
Carol and Dave Tierney
Jeff and Carla Toms
Jean Lem Rev Trust
Michael and Kim Van Sickle
Van Wall Equipment
Camille Wagaman
Paula Walter
Dean and Ellen Weaver
Matt and Jana Weiss
Alan and Rowene White
Rich and Colleen Wrage

ETHEL BROCKMAN, CLARINDA
Ron and Ann Sanson

FRANCES COWEN, BONDURANT
Hertz Farm Management, Inc.

VERLA CROVIAIER, EAGLE GROVE
Bruce and Robin Meyer

WILLIAM G. DIAL
Mabel Dial Estate

KARLTON EBERLING
Randy Althouse

EMELINE T. ECKROSH
Karen K. Anderson

STAN EGLAND, AMES
Ralph and Carolyn Manning

FRANCES EVANS, EAGLE GROVE
Molly Hanson
Florine and Ron Swanson

MAX V. EXNER, AMES
Clifford Johnson
Mary and Marvin Smart

JUSTIN FAUR, MILES
Miles Mavricks 4-H Club

JOE FIER, MAQUOKETA
Jackson County Extension

ALICE FOLEY
Larry V. Anderson

DON GAUGER, AMES
C.J. and Dorothy Gauger
Jurine Borton Moore
Ruth and Larry Nepll
Jim and Nancy Pellett
Mary and Marvin Smart

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BOB GRAY
Kenyon and Corinna Bix

MELINDA GRIMES, WEST UNION
Nancy and Jim Grimes

BRYCE GRIMM
Gary and Elaine Grimm

ETHEL GROTJOHN, SCHALLER
Neil and Jeanne Wedeking

HARLAN GUTZ, STORM LAKE
Rhonda and Robert Christensen
Carol and Brent Ehlers

DON HAAGE
Larry V. Anderson

HARRY HALEY
Lois Hunt

HARLAN HARPER
Jurine Borton Moore

RUTH HARTSTACK, CLARINDA
Lynn and Dennis Meier

JOHN (JACK) HENRY
Diane and Dennis Nelson
Janice and Marvin Walter

CARL HERTZ, AMES
Leah Bricker
Mary and Bob de Baca
Carolyn and Ralph Manning
Florine and Ron Swanson

ELDON HERZBERG, CLARINDA
Ron and Ann Sanson

DAVID HIBBS
Joann and Edward Neven

DOROTHY HICKENBOTTOM
Dorothy and James McElderry

EDWIN F. HINRICKS, SAC CITY
Sue and Harold Peyton
B. C. Thompson
Mrs. Sandra J. Voyles

GRACE C. HOIEN
Diane and Dennis Nelsen

SHARON IEHL, CENTRAL CITY
Amie and William Rockafellow

MARVIN INGELS
James and Susan Ingels

BETHENE JONES
Alice-Jane Walter

FRANK JONES, CLARINDA
Paul and Margery Jones

JIM JURGENSEN, NORWAY
Nancy Karen Jurgensen Estate

HAROLD KEPPERS, EAGLE GROVE
Florine and Ron Swanson

ROY KEPPY, DAVENPORT
Audrey and Alan Amsden

Louis and Patricia Beck
Melva L. and William R. Berkland
Rich and Nancy Degner
Dick Frick
Earl and Lucia Friederichs
Brent Halling
Palmer and Sheryl Holden
Myrtle Keppy
David and Amy Petersen
W. Bruce and Julie West
Carl and Norma Zurborg

KATHRYN KURTH, IL
Florine and Ron Swanson

DAVID LEIN, ARLINGTON
Dan and Mary Burkhart
Norma Kerr
Jim and Donna Lein

ED MARTIN, UNION
JON MARTIN, UNION
Joann and Edward Neven

JOYCE MASON, ODEBOLT
William C. Mason

PATRICIA H. McFADDEN, RANDALIA
Dan and Mary Burkhart

MARTY McHONE
Larry McHone

RICHARD McWILLIAMS, AMES
Mary J. McWilliams

EUGENE MEYER, FT. ATKINSON, WI
Jo Porter

DARLETTA MOHLIS, HAZELTON
Neil and Julie Lansing

RUTH NENNEMAN
Rosalie Folkes
Fremont County Extension
Fremont County Fair Assoc.
Harmon B. Miller
Arnold and Rhonda Shirley
Larry and Lois Whitehead

MILDRED AND STUB NERVIG, EAGLE GROVE
Robert and Kathy Nervig

DEAN NIELSEN, CAMANCHE
Diane and Curtis Claeys
Joyce Fletcher

LOLLY Q. OSBORNE, AMES
Karen K. Anderson

CORY OSWALT, COLO
Carolyn and Ralph Manning

EARL OTTO, ALTA
Rhonda and Robert Christensen

KATHRYN PADGETT, LETTS
Judith and Carl Carlson

HESTON PAGEL
Rick Pagel

JEAN H. PAGEL
Albert Pagel

GLADYS PETRAK, ALBURNETT
Alburnett United Methodist Women
Evelyn Baldwin
Sylvia Schulte

LEAF A. POHL, MUSCATINE
Lois Hunt

HAROLD QUEECK
Richard W. Raasch

ARLENE ROHLK
Florine and Ron Swanson

JEFF SCHMITZ, FT. ATKINSON
John and Peggy Sparrgrove

DOTHA SCHWAB
DeAnna and C.R. Caughlan

MARIBETH AND JERRY SCHWARCK, WHITTEN
Peter and Jerilyn Booth

CLINT J. SIEBRECHT, ODEBOLT
Scott and Karen Anderson
Cathy and Mark Cook
Lee and Mindee Cranston
Darold and Jo Ann Jacobson
Philip and Diane Jacobson
Roger Jensen
Lonny Jepsen
Sue and Harold Peyton
Pauline and Bruce Raasch
Sac County Extension Office
Larry and Diane Schulte
Sandra J. Voyles
Lance and Jackie Wedeking

BLAKE SIEVERS, DIXON
Joyce Fletcher
Marsha and Mark Witte

ILA MORSE SMITH
James and Evelyn Smith

CONNIE AND SARAH STEWART, WEST UNION
Frank and Peggy Hangartner
John and Peggy Sparrgrove

ALICE TRAUSCH, CLARION
Florine and Ron Swanson

PEARL TWAIT
Diane and Dennis Nelsen

HOMER VILMONT
C.J. and Dorothy Gauger

DARREL F. WARNER, SIOUX CITY
Innovators 4-H Club

Florine Swanson spent almost 30 years as a trustee and director building an incredible foundation that truly makes a difference in the lives of many young people. There is a statewide network of past and current board members who have invested their time and resources to grow the program. I know I have much work to do to keep this momentum going.

To that end, we completed the first step in developing a new strategic plan that will allow us to grow the 4-H Foundation into the future.

Our new president, Barb Lykins, led the Foundation Board in an all-

day retreat on October 25 to focus on our efforts to tell the 4-H story and market the program; to examine how we can best invest your support to reach the most youth in a powerful and productive way; and to be more effective at raising support for 4-H, bringing the time, talent and treasure of you, our friends, together where it can truly *Make the Best Better*. This is important work that will pay dividends for years to come.

I look forward to working with all of you as we come together to help more young people live their dreams through 4-H!

their daughters were National 4-H Congress delegates.

The Mente's see their support of Iowa 4-H as "a way to give back to an organization that has benefited our lives so much."

The **Mary Jo and Glen Mente State Project Awards Endowment** will ensure that Iowa 4-H'ers continue to be recognized for outstanding achievements made in their project area.

This year 51 Iowa 4-H youth received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond for their state project award.

Great 4-H Gift Ideas for all Occassions!

See more products online at www.iowa4hfoundation.org



Songs of the 4-H Clover
Featuring the Chamber Singers of Iowa State conducted by the late Max Exner.
 Here are eight songs to bring back some favorite 4-H memories. Originally recorded on LP Record in 1963 to "encourage singing in club meetings and other 4-H events," *Songs of the 4-H Clover* captures the heart and history of 4-H with songs like *Dreaming, A Plowing Song,* and *4-H Chorale*. The CD includes song lyrics and historical notes.

\$12

NEW! Camper Bear

The eighth bear in the Iowa 4-H bear collection, Camper celebrates 55 years of camping at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. The 2005 bear features a floppy hat and backpack with velcro pouch. Each one is handmade and sequentially numbered on the ear tag. Only 1,500 were made.



\$12



4-H Store Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Quantity	Item		Amount
_____	<i>Songs of the 4-H Clover CD</i>	\$12	\$ _____
_____	<i>Camper - 2005 Collector Bear.</i>	\$12	\$ _____
	TOTAL		\$ _____

Prices include shipping. Please allow 7-10 days for delivery. Make payment to:
 Iowa 4-H Foundation, Extension 4-H Youth Building, ISU, Ames IA 50011-3630

4-H Newsbits

Give the Gift of Adventure!

Make 2006 a year to remember for a young person in your family or community by giving them a summer adventure. The Iowa 4-H Center offers rappelling, horseback riding, canoeing, kayaking, snorkeling, and wilderness camping.

These and many other exciting opportunities happen through 4-H summer camp programs, and gift certificates for the 2006 season are now available. For more information, contact the Center at 515-795-3338 or visit them online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/.

Donating Grain has Benefits

Most self-employed farmers are better off donating grain than money to charitable organizations.

By reducing self employment tax and increasing income tax savings, gifts of grain can save farmers as much as 49 percent of the donation amount. For example, a donation of \$1,000 could save an extra \$490 by giving grain instead of cash. Grain must be put in the charity's name to be sold by the charity. Call us at 515-294-1537 if you've gifted grain to the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Iowa 4-H Member Honored



Charissa Frideres, daughter of Dwight and Judy Frideres of Madrid, received the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy award from the Central Iowa Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) during recent ceremonies in Des Moines.

Frideres, a nine-year 4-H member of the Madrid Duets in Boone County, received the award for her work with the Iowa SIDS Foundation.

In the past two years, Frideres has presented to a variety of audiences including doctors and nurses, grief educators, childcare providers and Hispanic mothers. Frideres also has written pieces published in the Iowa SIDS Foundation newsletter and the nationally published Alliance of Grandparents Against SIDS Tragedy newsletter. She began educating others on SIDS through 4-H after the loss of her nephew, Nathaniel, to the syndrome.

A piece of original artwork was created and presented to Frideres in honor of her philanthropic work. A 2005 graduate of Madrid High School, Frideres currently attends Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, and plans to attend law school.

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