

## Supporting Tomorrow's Dairy Leaders!

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## A Golden Celebration! 50 Years Young!

On July 19, 2007, a Golden Celebration was held at the Kellogg Center, East Lansing, Mich., to recognize the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation's 50th Anniversary! The event started with a reception, followed by dinner and then a joint presentation to both MDMSF banquet attendees, and the Dairy Expo 4-H. After the meeting, all were invited to the livestock pavilion, for an Ice Cream Social and a look at this year's dairy livestock.

In celebration of the Foundation's anniversary, a reception/dinner was followed by a program that combined both messages from MDMSF guests, donors, recipients, and honorees, and the Dairy Expo 4-H and youth awards. Special recognition was shared during the evening event in addition to the 4-H and youth awards that Dr. Joe Domecq presented. MDMSF Honoree recognition was presented to George & Shirley Hazle during this special evening. Endowed MDMSF Scholarships were announced in honor of Harold and Lillian Gremel and Donald and Valera Murray.

Dr. Jeff Armstrong, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Dr. Karen Plaut, Chairperson of the Department of Animal Science addressed the group with appreciation on the efforts and performance of the foundation and their board. Cortney and Brandon Lupp, past recipients along with Jessica Geurink, the 2007 Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship recipient shared what the scholarships have meant to them. President Bob McDowell presided over the event, sharing key information on past performance and thanking all that attended.

Also, as part of this great event, \$50 for the 50th was launched as a request to all past recipients to share their success in conjunction with this great event. The response was outstanding with over \$18,000 being received to continue to grow this tremendous foundation. The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, which was founded in 1957, has provided more than \$700,000 in financial assistance over its 50 year history to more than 350 undergraduate students pursuing an education in the dairy field. The Foundation stands as the largest scholarship endowment in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University.



*Dean Armstrong shared comments of appreciation toward the MDMSF during the evening program.*



*Former scholarship recipients entertained and motivated the audience of potential scholarship recipients about the opportunity MDMSF offers for when they are college students.*

The board would like to give special thanks to Dr. Joe Domecq for his creativity and hard work to coordinate the 4-H and youth program with the anniversary celebration. Also, special thanks to Faye Watson, who was instrumental in handling all invitations, RSVP's, and dinner/meeting details. Specific gifts for the event were given by Michigan Agribusiness Association, Michigan Milk Producers Association,

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Alpharma, Dairy Farmers of America, Randy Bevier, Land O'Lakes Purina Feed, Elanco, and Fremont Cooperative.



The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation is committed to continuing the effort and promotion of funding for this critical scholarship that links today's dairy industry with the dairy leaders of tomorrow. The board thanks all of you who have supported this great scholarship, and ask that you continue to keep the future of dairying in mind in your future giving. ●●





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## President's Address

Dear Friends of the Michigan Dairy Memorial & and Scholarship Foundation:

How can it be that the year 2007 has slipped by so quickly? It was certainly a year to remember with our organization celebrating its 50th anniversary. Thank you for your wonderful support at this celebration, and for your continued contributions for deserving students with an interest in the dairy industry. Because of your generosity, our scholarship fund continues to grow, benefiting our industry and student recipients alike.

With this year coming to a close I'd like to express my appreciation to our volunteers and the staff at Michigan State University who make it all happen. Great Job One and All!

Now as we look forward to the year 2008, may we keep alive the optimistic outlook that our organization has always displayed, and do our best to make it another great year for the Michigan Dairy Memorial & Scholarship Foundation.

*Bob McDowell*



## MSU Dairy Store Opens Second Location

The MSU Dairy Plant continues to diversify the ice cream and cheese products made right on campus. The MSU Hockey team provided a new flavor opportunity when they won the National Championship last spring. Frozen Four Slapshot (Green mint ice cream with a fudge ripple and mint filled, mini chocolate hockey pucks) is like mint chocolate chip with an attitude. The students and staff have a lot of fun working with groups to support the campus community. Special products and cooperative activities have seen units like the Michigan Dairy 4-H program, Honors College and local food banks benefiting.

The new Dairy Store in the Union is seeing more business as people get used to the second location. Even

people coming to the Union for affairs like wedding receptions are stopping in for a little MSU ice cream. Back at the Anthony Hall Store, the video presentation on the observation deck continues to delight both young and old visitors to the Dairy Foods Complex. The annual Dairy Science Club Cheese Sale continues to be a great outlet for the popular MSU cheeses. This year we can even brag to our customers about the Grand Champion Cheese award for our aged Cheddar at the 2007 MI State Fair in Detroit. Our team of John Engstrom, Plant Manager, and Rodney Clark, Operations Supervisor, along with an extensive staff of students in both the plant and the stores continue to make their ultimate goal "a big smile on our customers' faces." ☺



# New MDMSF Endowed Scholarships



*Donald and Valera Murray*  
**Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

The celebration of the 50th anniversary of the MDMSF is not complete without a look back to the early history of its founding and the role of Professor Donald Murray. The story was started by Professor Murray, who served MSU in dairy extension and worked across the industry in both production and manufacturing. Some money had been contributed in honor of J. Neal Lamoreaux, and Professor Murray thought there should be some better way to honor Michigan dairy leaders with funds being used for a worthwhile purpose. He also recognized the need to support the education of dairy students with scholarships.

Professor Murray called Len Francke, Secretary of the Michigan Allied Dairy Association, and they invited individuals from the dairy industry to a meeting in the Spartan Room of the Hotel Olds in Lansing. As a result of Professor Murray's leadership, the MDMSF came into being. Professor Murray shepherded the Foundation through its early years and served as Secretary until he retired in 1972. The dairy industry subsequently recognized Professor Murray's service to the Foundation by making him an Honoree of the Foundation.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Foundation's establishment, the Foundation gratefully accepts a very generous contribution to the Foundation by Mrs. Valera Murray in memory of her husband Donald. The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the establishment of a Donald and Valera Murray Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship, to be awarded in 2008. 🍌



*Harold and Lillian Gremel*  
**Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the creation of the Harold and Lillian Gremel Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship. The first Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship designed for veterinary students, the \$3,500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a veterinary student in the Production Medicine Scholars program at Michigan State University. Dr. Mary Oswald and Dr. Larry Gremel are establishing this scholarship in honor of Harold and in memory of Lillian.

Lillian and her husband Harold, married 52 years, farmed over 1,000 acres and milked over 70 registered cows. Together, they were past recipients of the West Huron MMPA Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award, MMPA Outstanding Young Dairy Couple Award, and MSU Dairy Farmer of the Year. In addition, they established Quite-A-Bunch, a Huron County Farm Bureau community action group. Harold also served on the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation's Board of Directors.

We thank the family for their creation of this new scholarship in recognition of Harold and Lillian's many years of dedicated service to the dairy industry. 🍌





## Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarships Awarded

*The Michigan* Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (MDMSF) was established over 50 years ago as a way to honor individuals in the dairy industry and provide financial assistance to students with a dairy-related scholastic focus. The Foundation's endowment was established through contributions made in honor of individuals who have served the dairy industry. Income from the endowment creates scholarships that support deserving Michigan State University students who want to pursue careers in the dairy industry. The two largest scholarships available through the MDMSF are awarded each year in honor of Glenn and Anne Lake, and Russel Erickson.

Thank you so much for selecting me as one of the recipients of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarships. It is very helpful in paying for school, and not having to stress as much over financial burdens yet. I hope that I can be a great representative for the Michigan Dairy Industry now and also in the future days to come. I truly enjoyed having an opportunity to speak with the three members of the selection committee. Thank you for your time and thanks again for awarding me this prestigious award. - *Lynnae Slavik*

I am honored to have been selected as a recipient of a Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I am currently serving as an intern on an intensive grazing dairy farm. I am looking forward to applying the skills I am learning on this internship along with the knowledge I have gained at MSU to a career in the dairy industry. Thank you for taking the time to interview me and for your financial support of my education.

- *Colleen L Jackson*

I would like to take a moment to personally thank the scholarship committee for this scholarship opportunity. College can be a financial burden for students. With scholarships such as yours it takes away much of the worry. Growing up on my family's dairy farm has taught me the importance of the dairy industry. I look forward to a career in the dairy industry with new challenges. I know that the communications aspect of the industry is very important and look forward to joining it. Once again, thank you for this scholarship opportunity. It is greatly appreciated.

- *Nicole Schaendorf*

### Jessica Geurink Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship

Jessica Geurink, a senior at Michigan State University, has benefited from several MDMSF scholarships during her time at MSU. This year, she was awarded the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship, which pays for her full tuition and fees for the year. Jessica's interest in a dairy-related career, her academics and her extracurricular activities qualified her for the scholarship.



"Receiving the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship was a big honor," Jessica says. "It relieved me of my financial burdens for the year and allowed me to more fully focus on my studies. I have been able to pay for most of my MSU tuition through scholarships during my four years here, and the Dairy Memorial scholarships have been the biggest part of that. I am really thankful for all the support I have received from the MDMSF."

Jessica's roots in agriculture began on her parents' MMPA member dairy farm. The Geurink family has since sold the milk cows and now raises heifers. Her love for the farm and desire to promote agriculture fit in well with Jessica's chosen areas of study at MSU: a dual major in Agribusiness Management and Agriculture and Natural Resources Communications.

"Agriculture is my passion," Jessica says. "I grew up on a farm and took to it right away - I love it. It is the only natural choice for me."

In the future, Jessica aims to find employment with a dairy-related business where she can be involved in promotional work and would eventually like to write for a large dairy magazine.

At MSU, Jessica is the president of the Dairy Club and as a former member of the dairy judging team, she now serves as an assistant coach for all of the dairy judging teams. She says her leadership experience with the dairy club and dairy judging teams has been good for her, and she has particularly enjoyed working with MSU's Dr. Joe Domecq, advisor of the dairy judging teams and Extension Dairy Youth Specialist.

"Being on the dairy judging team, being involved in the whole judging program and having Joe as a mentor has been very influential to me," Jessica says. "I have also gained a lot of leadership experience with my involvement in the dairy club and value all the friendships I have made there." 🍓



## Pieter Serne Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship

Michigan State University Senior Pieter Serne is this year's recipient of the Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship was awarded to Pieter based on his interest in a dairy related career, extracurricular activities and academics.

Pieter is the son of Pat and June Serne of Lowell. The Serne family hauls milk for MMPA.

"I rode the milk route when I was little and I was always more interested in the cows than pumping milk," Pieter says. "I would always run off to find the cows."

During high school Pieter worked on local dairy farms. He currently works at Newland Dairy in Belding, managing cows there on the weekends and during school breaks. During the week, he works at the MSU dairy farm.

"It has always been my passion to work with cows," Pieter says. "When I find the chance I take it."

After completing the Dairy Tech program, Pieter decided to continue his MSU education and is working toward a dual major in Food Industry management and Agricultural Business Management. He is interested in completing an internship in a dairy



related field to learn what happens to milk after it leaves the farm, but eventually wants to work as a manager on a dairy farm or buy his own farm someday.

While at MSU, Pieter has been involved in the MSU Dairy Club as treasurer, FarmHouse Fraternity as president, MSU National Ag Marketing Association as treasurer, Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Knights of Columbus.

"I would like to thank the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship for supporting Michigan State students like myself who are always in need of ways to fund their education," Pieter says. "I greatly appreciate being selected as a recipient of the Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I plan to use my education to give back to agriculture and be a major player in its future." ❝

## Freshman Scholarships

A freshman scholarship is awarded to **Eric Carson**. Eric is from a dairy farm in Hesperia and is the son of Tom and Shirley Carson. He would like to work in managing milking and improving milk quality on a dairy after graduation. Eric plans on returning home to the family farm and possibly entering a partnership with his dad.

**Travis Hake** was raised on a swine and cash crop farm but now has become involved in raising dairy steers and heifers. He has also been actively involved in FFA and 4-H. The freshman scholarship he has received will allow him to prepare himself for starting his own dairy farm back home. Travis is from Edon, OH, and is the son of Terry and Trina Hake.

A freshman scholarship is awarded to **Matthew Keilen**. Matthew is from a farm in Westphalia and is the son of Robert and Diane Keilen. He chose to pursue a degree at MSU so he can prepare himself to return home and help manage their family dairy business.

**Karmen Jackson**, daughter of Gale and Lisa Jackson in Caro, is a recipient of a freshman scholarship. She has represented 4-H as an international exchange ambassador to Australia. Karmen is an animal science major with the production medicine option and hopes to study abroad. Karmen's dream is to become a large animal veterinarian and start her own practice.

**Adam Lewis**, son of Bruce and Jennifer Lewis, is a recipient of a freshman scholarship. He applied to the Ag Tech program to learn more about the dairy component of their family farm and improve his management skills. His future plans include eventually running his family's farm in Jonesville.

Spending time job shadowing agricultural professionals sparked **Elizabeth Motz**'s interest in the dairy industry. The freshman scholarship she received will help her pursue a degree in animal science and explore her interests in dairy nutrition. Elizabeth is from St. Johns and her parents are Timothy and Cheryl Motz.

### Scholarship Fund Continues to Grow

**When you make** a donation to the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Fund (MDMSF) endowment, you positively impact today and tomorrow's students!

Your gift to an endowed fund at Michigan State University is a gift that lives and grows forever as the principal (your donation) is invested in perpetuity. Each year, only a portion of the investment income from MDMSF is spent for scholarships and fellowships. The distribution rate (currently 5.75%) is determined annually by the MSU Board of Trustees. The principal (your gift) remains untouched and, in fact, continues to grow as a portion of the annual earnings is reinvested each year.

Thanks to the generosity of many supporters, \$741,821 has been contributed to the MDMSF endowment and \$85,237 in FY 07-08 is available for dairy science programs and student scholarships.

Your gift to the MDMSF endowed fund provides a long-term, dependable source of funding, ensuring that generations of students pursuing careers in the dairy science industry will be able to count on scholarship help from the MDMSF. ❝





# Scholarship Recipients

**Kent Thelen** is a recipient of a four-year scholarship as a senior at MSU. He is currently a member of Alpha Gamma Rho and is pursuing a degree in agribusiness management. He and his wife, Britney, are planning to return home to manage his family's dairy farm and would like to expand their herd to improve efficiencies. Kent is the son of Clifford and Gloria Thelen in Fowler.

**Kayla Stomack**, daughter of Wayne and Kay Stomack in Minden City, is a recipient of a four-year scholarship. Since she was about six years old, Kayla has wanted to be a veterinarian. Currently, she is a junior studying animal science with a production medicine pathway and is involved in Block and Bridle. Kayla would like to complete her education and return to Huron County to start her own veterinary practice.

**Rebecca Prause-Stachnik** is a senior recipient of the four-year scholarship. She grew up on a farm in Cedar, and worked hard at MSU where she currently studies dietetics. Rebecca is actively involved in the Food and Nutrition Association and the American Dietetic Association. Her past experiences have sparked her interest in a future career in nutrition education and dairy promotion. Rebecca's parents are Lucina and Clarence Stachnik Jr.

Senior scholarship recipient **Mary TenBrink** has used her experiences at MSU to fuel her passion for the dairy industry. She has been an active member of the Agronomy Club, served as president of Dairy Club and excelled as member of the Collegiate Dairy Judging Team. Upon completion of her degree in animal science with a specialization in agribusiness management, Mary plans to return to her family's dairy farm. Her parents are Randolph and Marie TenBrink who reside in Coopersville.

A desire to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine led **Laura Zeldenrust** to MSU. She is currently a junior studying animal science specializing with a production medicine option. Laura has been involved in the Pre-Veterinary Medical Club and participated in Midwest Dairy Challenge. She hopes to apply practical dairy

knowledge along with medical experience to provide quality consultation to dairy herds in the future. Laura is from Fremont and is the daughter of Rob and Marva Zeldenrust.

**Paul Windemuller**, son of Rick and Nancy Windemuller in Zeeland, is a junior recipient of a four-year scholarship. He has served as treasurer of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and has been an active member of MSU Dairy Club. Paul is pursuing a degree in agribusiness management and would like to own his own dairy farm someday. He also would like to share his passion and become an active member of the industry through leadership roles in organizations such as the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Scholarship recipient **Mark Wiley** plans to finish his degree in agribusiness management and specialization in environmental studies. His past experiences managing his own dairy operation for a number of years have led him to pursue a second career in the dairy industry. His goal is to obtain a position with the Michigan Farm Bureau or the Michigan Department of Agriculture working with producers on issues affecting the industry.

**Monica VanKlompberg** is a senior scholarship recipient studying animal science. She is the daughter of Melvin and Michelle VanKlompberg and is from Zeeland. At MSU, Monica has been involved in Block and Bridle, Student Senate and has served as a CANR Ambassador. Monica's interests in research have led her to decide to pursue a graduate degree. She plans to work toward a career as a university professor involved in research and teaching in the area of mammary gland physiology.

**Autumn Sieffert**, an animal science junior, is also a recipient of this year's scholarship. Although she is intrigued by dairy genetics, her specialization in agribusiness has developed her interests in the financial side of agriculture. She would like to work at an agricultural financial branch serving as a loan officer, accountant or financier. Autumn has been involved in Block and Bridle and Collegiate Farm Bureau. Her parents are Allen and Janet Sieffert from Grawn.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude towards all of you who represent the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation for choosing me as a 2007-08 scholarship recipient. It is a great honor to know that some of the industry's greatest leaders believe in me and consider me to be an important prospect for the future of Michigan agriculture. As the college tuition rate increases each year, students are having a harder time not only staying in college but also financing the important degree many years after college is finished. Your funding has made my life so much easier for this upcoming year that words cannot explain how much I appreciate your scholarship. You have my word that I will continue to remain a dedicated and focused student in the agricultural field. Again, I thank you all for your contributions and will always think very highly of your organization.

- **Matthew P Costigan**

I would like to sincerely thank you for awarding me a Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. It is with your support that I can continue to further my education. In the future, I hope to obtain a degree in veterinary medicine with a specialization in dairy. I hope that you will continue to support students like myself so that we may soon become valuable assets to the dairy industry.

- **Laura Zeldenrust**

Thank you for awarding me the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. It is an honor and I greatly appreciate your generosity.

- **Elizabeth Adams**





**Jack and Betty Barnes  
International Michigan  
Dairy Memorial Endowed  
Scholarship (\$1,000)**

The Barnes scholarship is provided through an endowment from Jack and Betty Barnes and is given annually to a student interested in a dairy industry career who is participating in an international experience to enhance his or her education. This year's recipient was Monica VanKlompberg, who is pictured here with Jack and Betty Barnes.

Growing up on his family's dairy farm, **Joe Pasch** developed his passion for the industry. Joe received a scholarship as an animal science sophomore with an agribusiness management specialization. He is currently a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and MSU Dairy Club. Upon graduation he would like to work with a dairy away from home, and eventually return to help manage his family's farm. Joe is from Beal City and his parents are Bob and Mary Pasch.

Michigan's first Dairy Ambassador, **Colleen Jackson**, is a senior animal science student and scholarship recipient. She has been actively involved as a CANR Ambassador, officer of the MSU Dairy Club and competed in dairy judging. Her goal is to operate her own intensive-grazing dairy operation or hobby farm while managing her career in the dairy industry. Colleen's parents are Gale and Lisa Jackson and her family resides in Caro.

**Lindsey First** received a scholarship as a junior to pursue her animal science degree. Growing up on a fourth-generation dairy in Ionia, she has been actively involved in managing her family's operation. She has also been actively involved in MSU Dairy Club and participated in the Midwest Dairy Challenge. Lindsey is interested in genetics and her ideal job would be a consultant for a semen company. Lindsey's parents are Dan and Margie First.

**Ashley Messing**, from Bad Axe, is currently a junior scholarship recipient studying animal science with a specialization in agribusiness management. She has already begun growing her own herd of dairy cows and has competed at the national level in dairy contests. Ashley is also a member of MSU Dairy Club and Block and Bridle. She would like to work in the dairy industry upon graduation and hopes to eventually go back to her family farm to continue to develop her own registered herd. Ashley's parents are Gregory and Shelly Messing.

Although sophomore student **Matthew Costigan** did not grow up on a farm, he still developed a strong interest in the dairy industry. At MSU he's expanded his interests by working with dairy cattle, joining the Farm House Fraternity, and pursuing a career in large animal veterinary medicine. Matthew is from Lansing and his parents are Patrick and Cecelia Costigan.

**Jessica Fry**'s involvement in 4-H and experience in showing and judging dairy cattle have helped develop her passion for the industry. Jessica is currently a junior studying animal science and has served as secretary of the MSU Dairy Club and dairy judging. She would like to work in the dairy industry when she finishes her degree. Jessica is from Blanchard and her parents are Gail and Cathy Fry.

## Ag Tech Recipients

**Jake Brindley** from Rose City received an Ag Tech scholarship. He is an active member of MSU Dairy Club and Farm House Fraternity. Jake has decided to finish his program and pursue a four-year degree in animal science. Eventually, he would like to pursue a career as a large animal veterinarian. Jake is the son of Anthony and Theresa Brindley.

**Rebecca Hale**, daughter of Kevin and Joann Hale, is a recipient of an Ag Tech scholarship. She is currently studying dairy management and has been actively involved in Sanilac County 4-H and MSU Dairy Club. Rebecca is interested in working on a dairy farm or for a genetics company upon finishing her degree.

**William Huisjen**, from Fremont, is a recipient of an Ag Tech scholarship. He started helping out on the farm at a very young age and has been active in 4-H and showing Jersey cattle. William chose MSU to prepare himself for a career in the dairy industry and would like to become a dairy herd manager. His parents are Carl and Mary Huisjen.

**Jenna Kramer** plans to use her Ag Tech scholarship to gain skills that will help her contribute to her family's dairy farm upon graduation. Her past experiences showing registered Holsteins and Jerseys have sparked her interest in becoming a future 4-H leader and she would like to be involved in breed associations and dairy shows. Jenna is the daughter of Terry and Connie Kramer and is from Harbor Beach.

**William Shuler** is the son of William and Carolyn Shuler from Baroda. His strong interest in show animals and dairy genetics led him to the dairy management program at MSU. The Ag Tech scholarship will help prepare him to return to his family's farm and market their dairy genetics in the U.S. and internationally.





## Update from the Dairy Products Evaluation Team

By John Partridge

The 2007 Dairy Products Evaluation Teams has completed a successful season and has great potential for next year. We have reached a point in our participation levels that has resulted in increased opportunity for success. Increased interest by our students has allowed us to have enough participation to take a rookie team to the Regional Contest in Glenview, IL and a team made up Regional participants from the previous year to the National contest. This means that this year's National team had at least 2-3 years of training for the National held in Las Vegas in conjunction with the PACK EXPO, October 15. A shortcoming at this time is the participation of Graduate students. They compete in a separate division and we are able to have two participate. We only managed to get one to participate in the Regional this year, so will be looking for increased participation next year.

This year's team (my 27th) rejuvenated both my personal interest in the contest and my feeling that this is an important activity for the dedicated students that are willing to participate in this extracurricular activity. The teams are putting in 6-7 hours of practice per week for 6-8 weeks in the fall. The important part is the participation

and not the winning. The team members walk away from the experience with a note on their resume that tells potential employers that they are willing to work a little harder to broaden their educational experience.

**2007 National Contest - October 15**  
(Team: Sara Magers, Scott Moosekian and Thomas Sykora)

- 1) As a team: (out of 20)
  - a) 4th place in All Products
  - b) 2nd in Cottage Cheese (plaque awarded)
  - c) 3rd in Cheddar Cheese (plaque awarded)
- 2) Individual accomplishments (out of 60)
  - a) Sara Magers - 10th in All Products (5th in Cottage and 7th in Milk)
  - b) Scott Moosekian - 9th in All Products (3rd in Milk (Pewter Platter awarded))
  - c) Thomas Sykora - 28th in All Products (All team members finished in the top half of the contestants)
- 3) Order of Finish: Middle Tennessee St., Clemson, South Dakota St., MSU, Mississippi St., Cal Poly, Missouri, Manitoba, Tennessee, Nanjing U. (Trained by Manitoba), Wisconsin, Louisiana St. Virginia Tech, Alberta, Modesto Jr. College, Florida, SUNY - Cobleskill, Southern Illinois, North Carolina A&T, Virginia St. **U**

I would like to thank you and the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation for the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year. I am honored, excited and grateful to receive such a prestigious scholarship! I am funding most of my college expenses through scholarships and personal savings, so this award is clearly a tremendous help. By relieving some of my financial burden, this scholarship will also allow me to more fully focus on my studies.

I am majoring in Agribusiness Management at Michigan State University with an additional major in Agricultural Communications, and I will be a senior during the 2007-2008 academic year. I am very passionate about agriculture and am especially interested in the dairy industry. This scholarship takes me one step closer to a career in agriculture, and it is greatly appreciated!

Once again, thank you for awarding me with the Glenn and Anne Lake Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship and for investing in my future! - *Jessica Geurink*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for selecting me as one of the recipients of the 2007-2008 Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarships. It is due to scholarships from foundations and private donors such as yourselves that my MSU education is a possibility. I am honored to accept this scholarship and know that it will help me as I pursue my career goal of being a University Professor involved in Mammary Gland Biology.

- *Monica VanKlompberg*



## What are you doing now?

**Kristin (Zagata) Bonham** (1996, BS ANR Agriculture Communications, MSU) Currently serves as an Area Sales Manager for Michigan and Ohio, Monsanto Company supporting the seed and chemistry business.

**Walter Iciek** (2002, BS, Agriscience and Natural Resources Education, MSU) Recently returned to work with his father and expand their family dairy.

**Diedre (Kieren) Iciek** (2005 BS, Resource Development, MSU) Serves as 4-H Fair Coordinator for Gratiot County.

**Brandon Lupp** (2003, BS ANR Communications, MSU) Continuing his education by pursuing a law degree and MBA in Finance at MSU.

**Rebel Smith** (2005 BS, Agriscience and Natural Resources Education, MSU) Currently, Rebel is teaching agriscience at Fremont High School and member of football coaching staff.

**Sarah (Zagata) Vasani** (2002, a B.A. in International Relations and a B.S. in Agriculture and Natural Resources Communications, MSU. Vanderbilt University Law School in 2006) Associate in King & Spalding's international arbitration group at the Washington D.C. office.

**Andy Zagata** (1998, BS Animal Science, MSU) Dairy producer... farming with his wife, Bobbie and parents Mike and Lorene Zagata milking 450 cows in the Thumb of Michigan.

# Updates from the Department of Animal Science

\* *Harold Crossen* received the 2007 MSU Dairy Farmer of the Year Award on February 9 during the Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference. The distinction is awarded to one farmer each year. The significant leadership roles Harold has taken in the dairy industry led to his selection as this year's recipient. MSU Department of Animal Science Chairperson Karen Plaut made the presentation.

\* *The MSU Dairy Teaching and Research Center* was recognized for its excellent milk quality in the annual National Dairy Quality Awards competition. Competing against 119 other farms, the MSU DTRC received a gold award along with 10 other farms, while 5 received platinum awards. Ten other winners in the platinum, gold and silver categories were also Michigan farms. Phil Sears, professor of large animal clinical sciences in the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, submitted the nomination.

\* *Dr. David Hawkins* retired from the department in 2007 after 38 years of serving the livestock industry. He was honored at an informal retirement celebration on June 9 at the MSU Purebred Beef Cattle Teaching and Research Center. Hawkins served as coordinator of undergraduate programs for the department since 1984. He taught more than 6,800 students and advised 1,700 undergraduate students and 14 graduate students during his career. He has been recognized with the Fellow Award, the Animal Industry Service Award and the Distinguished Teaching Award

from the American Society of Animal Science. MSU has honored him with the Distinguished Teaching Award, the Distinguished Faculty Service Award, and the Howard and Lili Ann Camden Endowed Teacher/Scholar Award.

\* *Several new faculty* members joined the department in 2007. Darrin Karcher received his doctoral degree in developmental physiology from Purdue University, and joined the department Aug. 1 as the outreach poultry specialist. Ashley Bushman started in September as the beef management coordinator for the 2-year Agricultural Technology program. She holds a master's degree from Iowa State University in breeding and genetics. Jason Knott started as an assistant professor in reproductive biology in August. He received his doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts and completed postdoctoral research at the University of Pennsylvania and a biotechnology company.

\* *An Open House at the MSU Dairy Teaching and Research Center* was held in conjunction with MSU's Homecoming to highlight in part a new research lab dedicated to measuring air quality. Wendy Powers, MSU's director of environmental stewardship in animal agriculture, oversees the facility. It will house numerous projects investigating the effects of animal agriculture on air quality. ♡

I would like to thank you on behalf of Michigan State University and myself for your support. Your constant aid to Michigan State helps many students accomplish goals for themselves and build the future of agriculture. I personally will use this scholarship to pay for my tuition which in turn will help me to attain my Bachelor's degrees in Agriculture Business Management and Food Industry Management.

Upon graduation from MSU, I will use my degrees to find a job as an assistant herdsman on a dairy farm, after which I plan to become a herdsman and later an owner. I will use my degrees to run a competitive and successful business in today's booming and ever-changing Dairy industry. Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the 2007-2008 Russell Erickson Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

- *Pieter A. Serne*

I would like to extend a very appreciative thank-you to all the staff and contributors to this scholarship for picking me as a recipient. Being awarded this scholarship has contributed greatly to my education and will help to enhance my future within the dairy industry. Once again, I am very grateful for this scholarship.

- *Autumn Sieffert*

Without your assistance in my education and the Michigan judging program, many of my accomplishments wouldn't have been possible. By easing the burden of school, I will have the opportunity to invest in my family farm sooner after I graduate.

- *Ashley Messing*

## Thank You Notes from the Judging Program

Thank you for your financial support of the Michigan Dairy Judging Program. Through your generosity, we are able to travel to many practices and contests across the country. It has been a tremendous learning experience. - *Ashley Messing, Becky Hale, Kenda Quist, Mary TenBrink, Heather Fry, Baylee Drown, Jessica Geurink, Jessica Fry, Tim Gamble, Adam Preston, Matthew Sneller, Billy Shuler, Abigail Carpenter, Kt Arndt and Amanda Sollman.*

I would like to say thank you for your support that made MSU judging trips possible for all of us to go. It was an absolutely wonderful opportunity and experience. I hope that you will continue your support in the future so that these trips will still be possible. Thanks again for all your support. It was greatly appreciated. - *Sarah Mann*

I want to thank you for your support of the Michigan Dairy Judging Program. Your support is greatly appreciated. The program allows those that want to pursue the Dairy Industry a chance to work on their skills. I learned a lot, had fun, and made several new friends. I want to thank you for your support. - *Sara Mowry*

I would like to thank you for all of your continuous help with the Michigan State University Dairy judging program. Without your help it wouldn't be possible to go on any of our trips. This is my first year judging with MSU and it was a great learning opportunity. We went to many places and saw a lot of sites with the help of you and your contributions.

- *Jacob Shephard*



## 2007 MDMSF Honoree

*Stan Bareman*  
Dairy Products Processor  
and Distributor



I would like to thank everyone at the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation for choosing me as a recipient of a scholarship for the 2007-2008 school years. This scholarship will make it possible for me to better my education of the dairy industry and earn a degree from Michigan State University. It will also help me in the future to reach my career goals as a dairy farmer. - *Joe Pasch*

This scholarship is very much appreciated as it will help to cover the cost of furthering my education. It will also be considered as a good investment in my future endeavors of working in the agriculture industry with the degree that will be obtained here at Michigan State University.

It is my sincere desire to obtain a job with the Michigan Farm Bureau or the Michigan Department of Agriculture upon completion of this degree. It is my interest to get a job that will help the dairy industry to move forward in this day of ever changing policy. It is my belief that with the degree and my years of actual experience, I will be an asset to either of these entities.

At this time I would like to express my appreciation to the Committee for this wonderful award. It is a privilege and an honor to accept this award. It is also an honor to represent the Agriculture Industry and Michigan State University. Thank You. - *Mark Wiley*

Thank you for selecting me as one of the Dairy Memorial Scholarship recipients. I am honored to be recognized and appreciative of your support.

- *Lindsey First*

*Stan Bareman* was involved in his family's dairy business from the time of his earliest memories. He and his older brother Ron and their younger sister Sandy would all play significant roles in the business in their adult lives. Stan, however, was to become the principal owner of the family business as the third generation came of age.

Egbert Bareman, Stan's grandfather, founded the family dairy business. He migrated from the Netherlands and brought his dairy skills to Holland, Michigan in 1898. Egbert and his family had a dairy farm with a processing operation in Holland Township. They produced their milk, cream and butter and delivered these products to the village residents. Stan's father Mart and his brothers took over the business in their turn. The business was passed down as three separate entities to the second generation - the farming operation, the processing operation, and the home delivery business. Mart managed the home delivery segment of the business. At this time (1930 & 40's) the processing plant had been relocated in Holland Township, and operated there until the 1950's when it could no longer keep pace with technological changes and was closed. Mart Bareman continued his delivery routes as a distributor for other local dairies.

When Stan (the third generation) returned from the army in 1959, they had two home delivery vans delivering 150 or so cases of milk per day. In the service Stan had been stationed in the western part of Oklahoma and Texas and it was here that he saw milk being sold in gas stations, because dairies and grocery stores were often a great distance away from consumers. Stan brought this idea home and applied it to their business reaching out all of three miles to their first gas station customer in Zeeland. Stan had to convince the owner that milk sales would fit into his business, provide the refrigeration, place the order, and deliver the product. In doing so in 1960 Stan was a true pioneer of the niche market that

would become convenience store sale of milk. This first station worked well and soon others followed becoming Bareman's primary mode of sales.

Also in 1959 Stan met his wife to be (Alyce Star) and they were married in 1960. Stan and Alyce were blessed with health and through much hard work as a team their business prospered, as did their family. They were blessed with four children; Mike, Steve, Sheri and Chad (the fourth generation) who have all contributed toward the success of the dairy and are active in the operation today.

Through Stan's foresight and hard work, Bareman's Dairy has had tremendous growth to its current thriving state. In 1976, Stan's business had grown to the point that they needed their own processing plant. Consequently their new plant was established at its current location.

Stan's two route dairy in the 1960's has become the largest independently owned dairy in Michigan and now ranks 81st among the largest dairy concerns in the nation. Today Bareman's Dairy employs over 300 people, distributes its products throughout both peninsulas of Michigan, northern Ohio, Indiana, and the Chicago area. In these regions Bareman's serve not only convenience stores, but supermarkets, and food service establishments as well, achieving annual sales in excess of one hundred million dollars. It should be remembered that this success was taking place during a national dairy climate in which the large, vertically integrated, and brand name dairies were seeing growth at the expense of the smaller dairies who were struggling just to stay alive.

Now that their daily presence is not always required at the dairy, Stan and Alyce enjoy traveling throughout the country, and relaxing with their family. ☺



## 2007 MDMSF Honorees

### George and Shirley Hazle

Dairy Producer and Communicator



**George J. Hazle** was born in Clinton County. He along with his brothers and sisters were very active in 4-H showing registered Holsteins.

George attended Fowler High School where he played football, basketball and was a class officer, graduating in 1946. He attended MSU's Short Course in 1947-1948. George married Shirley Parker November 25, 1950. They have two daughters- Dana Sue and Kathy.

During their early years George worked as a herdsman on several dairy farms located in Central and Southern Michigan. In 1957 they returned to Clinton County where they both became DHIA technicians.

George attended Curtiss Candy AI technician training in 1959, beginning his career as an AI technician from which he retired in 1993. He worked most of those years for MABC (Northstar), receiving the Quarter Century Award from National Association of Animal Breeders and MABC technician of the year in 1979.

George and Shirley started Golden Knob Holsteins in 1963. Through their efforts at Golden-Knob Holsteins, George and Shirley have bred and shown many show winners, including All-American nominations. In 1977, they had 4th place 4-year old cow and best udder in Madison.

George has been a member of the national and Michigan Holstein Associations for 57 years. They have attended most of the National Holstein Conventions over the last 35 years, serving as a Michigan delegate a number of times. The Michigan Holstein Association hosted the National Convention in 1973 and 1997. George and Shirley chaired the Junior Holstein Convention Committee and Publicity & Promotion Committee, respectively.

George was also named the Michigan Holstein Master Breeder in 1996. He is the former Chairperson of the Michigan Junior Holstein Committee and served as Michigan Holstein District VI director and President of the Clinton County Holstein Club.

George is a strong supporter of 4-H programs having served as a 4-H leader for 56 years. George received the Clinton County Friend of 4-H award in 1982, served as a member of the Clinton County Fair Board, State 4-H Dairy Committee and Clinton County 4-H Council.

George has also served in various roles with MMPA including the MMPA Advisory Committee, District VI Chairperson and Mid-Michigan Local President. He received a 35 Year MMPA Member Award in 2007. Other memberships and recognition include: Michigan Farm Bureau Member, Clinton County Farm Bureau Service Award, Victor Township Board of Review and Victor Township Historical Association. 🍌

**Shirley H. Hazle** was born on the farm on which she and George live and farm today. She grew up on the farm hoeing mint during the summers with her parents and two younger brothers. She attended St. Johns High School, serving as a member of the National Honor Society, band, class officer, and as St. Johns High School delegate to Girl's State in 1949.

Shirley graduated from St. Johns in 1950 planning to attend Central Michigan University on a scholarship, but instead married George on November 25, 1950. They had met at a Clinton County 4-H camp. She had been a 4-H member active with many projects including sheep.

Shirley and George raised two daughters: Dana Sue and Kathy. Both were very involved with their daughters' school and 4-H activities over the years, as well as their grandchildren Kevin, Dana and Lindsay's school, sports and 4-H activities. Shirley has been a 4-H leader for 51 years.

Shirley and George became DHI technicians in 1957. Shirley continued working with dairy farms in Clinton County until 1986. She and George started the Golden Knob Holstein prefix and dairy farm in 1963 with the start of their daughter's 4-H project. Over the years, Shirley also assisted George with his AI technician business.

Shirley has served on the UDIM Dairy Diplomats Committee for the past 26 years, since its inception. She has served as the Dairy Diplomat Seminar Chairman and was an Associate Member of the UDIM Board of Directors in the late 1980's.

She has been active with the Farm Women Symposium Planning Committee for the past 11 years, serving as Chairperson from 2005-2007. Shirley has been an MMPA Dairy Communicator for 17 years and currently serves on the Great Lakes Dairy Conference Planning Committee.

Through her involvement as a member of the Michigan Holstein Association, Shirley served as Chairperson of the 1973 Junior Holstein Convention at the 1973 National Holstein Convention in Detroit, served as Chairperson of the Publicity and Promotion Committee for the 1997 National Holstein convention in Grand Rapids and chairperson of the Michigan Junior Holstein Committee in early 1970's.

Shirley has been actively involved in 4-H programs, serving as a 4-H leader for 51 years, and a member of the Clinton County 4-H Council and the State 4-H Food and Nutrition Committee.

Shirley was also active on the Victor Township Planning Board and Victor Township Historical Association. She received the Clinton County Farm Bureau Service Award along with George. 🍌



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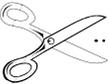
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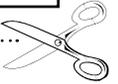
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