The late Everett Gallup, O’Fallon, was the 2009 recipient of the Nelson Trickey Bridge Builder Award. Gallup was recognized in September for his dedication to the youth of the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

The Bridge Builder Award, presented annually by the Missouri 4-H Foundation, honors individuals and organizations that work to integrate positive youth development opportunities into local communities or across the state.

Gallup, a former teacher, and his family established the Dennis E. Gallup 4-H Memorial Scholarship to honor the memory of his son, a 4-H youth development specialist. Gallup knew the importance of education and felt that if the scholarship recipients had “the right stuff,” once enrolled, they would finish school. “The most important part was to get them started,” he said.

Initially, more than 150 individuals and 25 extension and 4-H groups donated to the scholarship fund. “Our first scholarship was only a few hundred dollars,” Gallup said. That single scholarship grew to five to seven $1,000 scholarships every year, primarily through Gallup’s generosity.

Gallup and his wife, Wilna, also believed that parents play a significant role in the success of 4-H members and should be recognized for their efforts. In his wife’s memory, he established the Wilna and Everett Gallup 4-H Scholarship Parents Fund, which covers meal costs for more than 130 parents attending the scholarship banquet where their children are recognized.

Gallup passed away at his home on Dec. 11, 2009. He was 96.
Dear 4-H Friends,

In September, it was our great honor to award the prestigious 2009 Nelson Trickey Bridge Builder Award to Mr. Everett L. Gallup, who passed away on December 11, 2009. For more than three decades, Everett and his wife Wilna were dedicated to supporting the mission of Missouri 4-H through the memory of their son Dennis, who preceded them in death while serving as a Missouri 4-H youth specialist. Everett and Wilna were truly special people who made a difference for hundreds of young people and loved to hear of their successes. Their compassion for helping young people will live on through their legacy.

We are pleased to welcome several new organizations and individuals to the Missouri 4-H Foundation family. Each is committed to supporting young Missourians in developing their citizenship, leadership and life skills through the MU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program. Thanks to all of you for partnering with the Missouri 4-H Foundation to make the best better!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 8, and make plans to join us for the inaugural Clover Classic Golf Tournament at A.L. Gustin Golf Course in Columbia! Whether you are a sponsor, player or both, we want our partners and friends to be a part of this very special event! All proceeds will support Missouri 4-H Youth Development programs. We sincerely hope you will team up with the Missouri 4-H Foundation in supporting positive youth development for Missouri’s young people!

We’re excited to announce that the Missouri 4-H Foundation and Boone County 4-H Extension are teaming up to host the First Annual 4-H Day with the Tigers. Join us on September 11 at Faurot Field when Missouri hosts McNeese State, and show your Missouri 4-H spirit as Missouri 4-H youths, families and volunteers color Faurot Field green! We look forward to a pregame parade and a special presentation of Hero Packs to representatives of the military service.

The Foundation would not be going strong after 60 years without you, our friends and supporters! Whether you make an annual gift, support an endowment, or are planning to leave a legacy through your will, you are the true “Foundation” of our successes. Please know what a difference each of you makes and keep the Missouri 4-H Foundation in your philanthropic plans. Pledge your support today via mail, online at http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/ or call us at 800-642-8041.

Warm regards,

Cheryl Reams
Executive Director
Starline Brass Inc. and Sierra Bullets team up to support Missouri 4-H

Starline Brass Inc. and Sierra Bullets, of Sedalia, are partnering with the Missouri 4-H Foundation to support the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports program. Starline and Sierra will support the team that advances to the 4-H Shooting Sports National Invitational scheduled to be held in Kerrville, Texas, June 28–July 2. The Starline Brass and Sierra Bullets partnership will ensure that the 36 youths and 9 adult volunteer coaches compete with the best of the best 4-H shooters.

“We are both pleased and privileged to work with the 4-H Shooting Sports program,” said Barbara Hayden, CFO, Starline Brass Inc.

The new Starline Brass Inc. and Sierra Bullets partnership will make possible the Missouri 4-H Cowboy Action Shooting program. Plans are underway for volunteer training and development in preparation for this new program. Cowboy Action Shooting is a competitive shooting sport, which originated in California in the 1980s, and is now practiced worldwide. The sport requires competitors to use firearms typical of the mid- to late-19th century and to wear the historically accurate dress of the Old West. Competition involves a number of separate shooting scenarios known as “stages,” with shooters competing one at a time, against the clock. Missouri will be just the second state to introduce Cowboy Action Shooting into the 4-H Shooting Sports program. The 4-H version of Cowboy Action Shooting has been piloted in Montana for three years.

“Sierra is thrilled to participate in the new Missouri 4-H shooting sports program. We can think of no one better suited than 4-H to introduce the youths of Missouri to shooting sports.”
— Matt Reams, vice president, sales and marketing, Sierra Bullets

Gerry Snapp, Missouri 4-H state shooting sports coordinator, is grateful for the new partnership.

“Starline Brass Inc. and Sierra Bullets are renowned in the ammunition industry for unparalleled products. Since 1976, Starline Brass Inc. has built a solid reputation producing a new, unprimed handgun brass for many of the world’s top ammunition makers, as well as local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and the public.

For over 60 years Sierra Bullets has been dedicated to the manufacture of the most accurate bullets available. This commitment to performance has established a “Tradition of Precision” for which Sierra is known throughout the world.

Missouri Employers Mutual helps future college students

For Missouri 4-H Youth Futures participants without personal computers, applying for college and financial aid is a real challenge.

“Students need to be able to save applications and financial aid information,” said Alison Copeland, Youth Futures project director. “If they can’t save information on a computer, the next best thing is saving it on a flash drive for future use. When Missouri Employers Mutual learned of the students’ need, they stepped up with support.” Since 2006, MEM has provided every 4-H Youth Futures participant with a computer flash drive.

Headquartered in Columbia, MEM is Missouri’s number one provider of workers compensation insurance and is committed to statewide charitable giving, community involvement and service.

Shirley Johnson, MEM public affairs program manager, explained, “Of our 209 employees, 159 volunteer in their communities, logging 2,293 volunteer hours in support of 60 activities. We pride ourselves on ‘Taking Care of Folks.’” As a partner of the Youth Futures program and the Missouri 4-H Foundation, MEM has helped make college accessible to nontraditional students. More than 70 percent of Youth Futures participants have enrolled in college — a rate 30 percent higher than their peers.
PARTNER PROFILES

Affordable Equity Partners and 4 Habitat build family futures

Through a partnership with Affordable Equity Partners, of Columbia, MU Extension’s 4 Habitat: Building a Better Future program will soon extend throughout the state. Working with a Habitat for Humanity or other low-income homeowner family, 4 Habitat: Building a Better Future engages youth and volunteers in a service experience that enhances youth skills in the areas of collaborative project planning and implementation, home maintenance, interior design, energy efficiency, landscaping and nutrition.

As a pilot program in 2008-09, 4 Habitat teamed 4-H youths, volunteers and staff with Columbia Habitat for Humanity homeowners and MU Extension Architectural Studies to work together to design and implement a home environment plan. In August, 4 Habitat will be available to all Missouri counties, with an online information resource guide. County 4-H programs will be eligible for $750 grants sponsored by the generous support of Affordable Equity Partners.

“We are pleased to partner with 4 Habitat to support the creation of educational and service opportunities for local youth. In conjunction with University of Missouri Extension, we are confident that Habitat for Humanity will continue to positively impact the lives of its participants while also encouraging interest in the housing industry. Affordable Equity Partners believes everyone involved in 4 Habitat and Habitat for Humanity, including the volunteers, local service providers, and youth participants, will embrace that this is a win-win situation for all.”

— Director of Acquisitions Brian Kimes

Youth focus group data demonstrate that the program fosters a sense of giving and accomplishment, the development of new skills and the transfer of knowledge to real world experience. Families who participate in the program learn practical skills that help them sustain their homes.

A National 4-H Program of Distinction, 4 Habitat has made a lifelong impact on the lives of mid-Missouri families. With Affordable Equity Partners support, 4 Habitat will benefit youths and families across the state.

Affordable Equity Partners is a financial resources company that helps developers and investors utilize state and federal low income housing and historic rehabilitation tax credit programs to create enduring value in neighborhoods and communities, while at the same time reducing tax liability.

The Missouri 4-H Foundation gratefully acknowledges MFA Foundation for providing support for this issue of the 4-H Spirit.
For decades, the Missouri Soybean Association and Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council have been key agricultural partners with the Missouri 4-H Foundation. “In addition to overall support in so many arenas, the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council has supported two civic programs, 4-H Legislative Academy and Missouri Citizens in Action, that offer 4-H members opportunities to experience Missouri government firsthand,” said Cheryl Reams, Missouri 4-H Foundation executive director.

Missouri 4-H Foundation trustees established the Legislative Academy, where delegates meet with agricultural industry leaders, the governor and other government officials, and job-shadow their state representatives. During the academy, Missouri 4-H Foundation trustee Dale Ludwig briefs delegates on agricultural policies. It’s a natural for Ludwig, who is CEO and executive director of the Missouri Soybean Association/Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council.

“We support the Legislative Academy because getting involved in government in Jefferson City and Washington, D.C. is important,” Ludwig said. “You have to know what the process is and who the people and players are before you can change the world.”

“The whole reason we’re doing this is to give young people the opportunity to learn life skills that will make them successful. This will help to make them better students, better workers and better citizens.”

A former 4-H’er himself, Ludwig, of Linn, has a native appreciation of the 4-H program. “4-H was a wonderful experience for me,” said Ludwig, who was an 11-year member of the Pocahontas 4-H Club in Cape Girardeau County. “That’s why I want other young people to have a chance to be a part of the 4-H program. It has a storied past and is a great tradition.”

Missouri Soybean Association and Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council partner with Missouri 4-H

The Morrell Foundation is partnering with the Missouri 4-H Foundation to support the 2011 Missouri 4-H State Horse Judging Contest. The annual contest provides a platform for learning project and leadership skills. During the event, the top senior division team is selected to advance to the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest in Louisville, Ky.

Ben Gallup, associate state specialist/agriculture programs, says the support of the Morrell Foundation will help to streamline the day-long event by providing on-site meals for participants. “We are so appreciative that the Morrell Foundation Board Member Walt Morrell says, “We are proud to support Missouri 4-H because of the strong leadership skills it teaches to young people. These skills contribute to the greater good by broadening the perspective of young people who very likely will have a role in helping to preserve Missouri’s natural resources and way of life.”

Since 2003, the Morrell Foundation, founded by Salt Lake City entrepreneur Phil Morrell, has been helping families and individuals around the world who have been devastated by natural disaster, war and poverty.

More than 150 4-H’ers participate in the annual 4-H State Horse Judging Contest in Columbia. Foundation has agreed to partner with us to support the horse judging contestants, who have worked so hard throughout the year to achieve this level of accomplishment,” says Gallup.

Morrell Foundation supports 4-H State Horse Judging Contest
Missouri 4-H Foundation celebrates 60 Years of Helping Youth to Grow

Missouri 4-H Foundation trustees hosted friends and 4-H scholars at the 60th Anniversary Celebration on September 25, 2009 in Columbia. Highlights included:

- 68 Missouri 4-H Foundation college scholarships were awarded, for a total of $68,050 to further youth education.
- Everett Gallup of O’Fallon received the Nelson Trickey Bridge Builder Award for his support of Missouri 4-H scholars and their parents.
- Guests enjoyed a special video presenting the foundation’s history in archival photos and music.

Tiger Express Wash is offering Missouri 4-H an exciting new way to help the foundation reach its fundraising goals. When you display the “Red Card” to the Tiger Express Wash attendant and purchase the Black & Gold Wash, Tiger Express Wash of Columbia will donate 20 percent of the purchase to the Missouri 4-H Foundation. What an easy way to get a great wash and help 4-H! Look for your red card in the mail, or e-mail the foundation at 4hfoundation@missouri.edu to request a Red Card.

Tiger Express Wash co-owner Rollie Bartels has a very good reason for sponsoring this fundraiser — he was a 4-H’er. As a Rockbridge 4-H Club member in Boone County, Bartels focused on horsemanship. “I showed at the Boone County Fair and didn’t win a thing, but had the time of my life.” He didn’t stop there — Bartels became American Paint Horse Association 2002 world champion in halter class and 2003 world champion in amateur western pleasure class.

Red cards are on the way, so join Rollie Bartels in making a difference for Missouri youth.

Use the red card for an express wash

Above left: Sarah Bush received the Cecil and Bina Davis Scholarship from former foundation chairman Bud Hertzog.

Above right: Vicki Jaynes and Everett Gallup congratulate scholar and Missouri 4-H Foundation Trustee Jarod Koenig, who received the Dennis E. Gallup 4-H Scholarship.

Lower left: Nelson Trickey, left, with Everett Gallup and Vicki Jaynes.

Lower right: Trustees Frank Graham and Nelson Trickey shared memories with former trustee Fred Hinshaw.
The Missouri 4-H Foundation honored one business and one couple with the 2010 Naomi Crouch 4-H Volunteer Leadership Award. MFA Incorporated and John and Phyllis Bracey of Canton were recognized for their commitment to the University of Missouri Extension 4-H youth development program.

Since 1914, Midcontinent Farmers Association, better known as MFA, has been a rural landmark — grain elevators, painted with the MFA logo, tower above many communities; and more than 45,000 MFA cooperative members and the public take their trade to MFA stores. A tradition of cooperative enterprise endows this Naomi Crouch Award winner.

For more than 25 years, MFA has been a loyal Missouri 4-H Foundation partner, supporting programs that make a positive impact on the lives of Missouri 4-H’ers, such as State 4-H Congress, dairy judging contests and Key Awards. More recently, in a commitment that recognizes Missouri 4-H efforts to expand the scope of educational opportunities for today’s youth, MFA is supporting science education through their 4-H robotics partnership with the Missouri 4-H Foundation. Additionally, MFA funds the publication of the 4-H Spirit.

When John and Phyllis Bracey moved to Canton, Mo., in 1967, they volunteered as leaders of Ten-Mile 4-H Club. For nearly half a century, the Braceys have been the cornerstone of the Lewis County 4-H program. In 1982, John and Phyllis attended the very first State 4-H Leaders Forum, and they were named one of the first Missouri 4-H Century Families.

Lewis County 4-H Youth Specialist Don Nicholson wrote that the Braceys have been committed to making sure that 4-H is the very best that it can be. “Although they have officially retired as 4-H leaders, several generations of 4-H’ers look to the Braceys as ‘Mr. and Mrs. 4-H’ in Lewis County.”

“It is our great pleasure to honor these 4-H supporters with the Naomi Crouch award for their dedication to University of Missouri Extension 4-H,” said Cheryl Reams, executive director of the Missouri 4-H Foundation. “Volunteers like these have made 4-H the quality experience for young Missourians that it is today. We are indebted to them for their service.”

Accepting the award for MFA, Senior Vice President for Corporate and Members Services Janice Schuerman noted that 4-H is truly a family. When she moved to Missouri as a youth, Schuerman joined 4-H, and now credits the organization for offering her opportunities to learn, excel and make life-long friends.

John and Phyllis Bracey receive the Naomi Crouch Award from Bill Crouch.

Former 4-H’er honors parents with generous gift

“The enclosed check is given in honor of my parents, Mary and Virgil Vandiver from Shelby County. Mother started the first 4-H Club in Shelby County in the 1930s, and she and my father were leaders and supporters for many, many years. I was a 4-H member for 12 years and won trips to 4-H Congress in Chicago, 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C. and was an IFYE to Israel in 1953. My two brothers were also 4-H members for years.

4-H made a big difference in our lives for which we are grateful!”

Thank you!
Dr. Hal and Carolyn Vandiver Jenkins
Tempe, Ariz.
September 11, 2010

Faurot Field, University of Missouri

Pre-game parade!

For details, see our website:
http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/

Tofle is new Foundation chair

Ruth Tofle is the new chairwoman of the Missouri 4-H Foundation board of trustees. She is professor and department chair of architectural studies at the University of Missouri.

Tofle said she encourages 4-H supporters across the state to take a moment to reflect on the power of the program and what more can they do to help 4-H youth.

“I look forward to raising the visibility and support for the Missouri 4-H Foundation that invests so much in Missouri youth.”