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## New Appointment



Jan Seitz announced Doug Crouse, 4-H Youth Development Agent, accepted her offer to also serve as the next County Director for Kent County. Doug comes to his position with great experience not only in Extension but also in the corporate world. Doug also brings a terrific work ethic, attitude, the ability to make things happen...not to mention the ease with which he works with others. Doug will begin his duties upon the date of Roxane Whittaker's retirement (on before July 1, 2006). He will work closely with Roxane between now and then to ensure a smooth transition.



When we talk about stellar...the name Roxane Whittaker comes to mind. Roxane is one of those individuals who when she enters your life you are forever changed by her quiet but powerful leadership style, grace and poise regardless of situation. To say she will be missed would be an understatement.

Please take the opportunity to congratulate both Doug and Roxane when you see them. Warmest regards, Jan.

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Please mark your calendar for April 28<sup>th</sup> as the Friends of Agriculture Guest Speaker will be Mike Adams AgriTalk radio host. Daily Mike facilitates a conversation about issues and ideas important to American agriculture and rural America. Mike is a highly recommended public speaker you will not want to miss!

**AgriTalk**  
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## Ag Day 2006 - April 29

See last page for details and full color brochure.

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### Delaware 4-H Offers \$2,500 in Scholarship Funds



The Delaware 4-H Foundation is making available \$2,500 to support one or more college scholarships.

For more information or to receive a scholarship application, log on to <http://ag.udel.edu/4h/> or call 302-831-2501.

**The application deadline is May 1.**

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### Extension Scholars Student Intern Program

**Selections will be announced by May 1, 2006.**

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### In The News



**Sara Busker, Cedric Jacob and Jessica Sullivan** and the **Lake Forest Student Council** will receive the Governor's Volunteerism Award at a banquet to be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Sara Busker** has also been named the 2006 Dairy Princess.

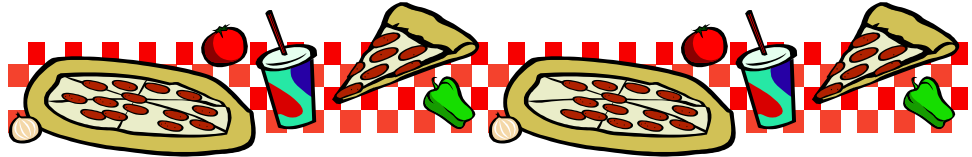


**4-H Military Fun Day** Delaware 4-H conducted a free educational and interactive "mini camp" for youth whose parents were taking part in the Delaware Army and Air National Guard drill weekend on March 4, 2006. The event was held at the Diamond State VFW and was led by Jordan Ashby, Katie Daly, Liz Heuer, and Pat Crilley.



Hats off to everyone that made the March 28<sup>th</sup> Afterschool Staff training a huge success. From Carol Scott and Amy Chaplin's work on the committee to all the presenters - Carol, Amy, Jordan Ashby, Andrew Soper, Susan DeFord, and Caroline Romeo. The day was well organized and the training was terrific. Thanks to Joyce Witte and Linda Thompson for all their work with food, signs and logistics. There will be two more trainings at UD facilities in the next few weeks.

Joy Sparks had an opportunity to visit with one of the Department of Education's staff doing Afterschool site reviews - she was very complimentary of what she saw at 4-H Afterschool sites. And wants to get her children in 4-H! Keep up the great work. - Joy



University of Delaware Spring 2006 Health and Wellness article on "How to Prevent Food-Borne Illness" featured **Maria Pippidis** University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Science Educator with advise on protecting yourself from food poisoning.



**Don Tilmon** was the guest speaker at Mercantile Eastern Shore Bank's annual Ag Luncheon February 23 as reported in The Delmarva Farmer on February 28, 2006 article.

### "Improving Nutrient Management Through Education Delaware's Successful Program"



March 6, 2006 Mid-Atlantic Country Folks Farm Chronicle article with **Dr. David Hansen and Dr. Greg Binford**, Nutrient management specialists from the University of Delaware developed classes to educate and certify individuals whose actions would impact water quality.

### "Carcass Composting May Help Curb Spread of Bird Flu"

March 6, 2006 article in Mid-Atlantic Country Folks Farm Chronicle reports on the work of **Bud Malone** University of Delaware and Nathaniel Tablante University of Maryland.



### "EHV-1 and the horseman"

Article written by **David Marshall**, V.M.D. Extension Equine Veterinarian, University of Delaware for the Horsin' Around column "Within the Industry" on recent equine herpes outbreaks in the region. March 21, 2006 issue.

### Kent County 4-H Basket Auction "Remarkable Event"

The Kent County 4-H Basket Auction has raised **\$21,387.50** as of April 2 to support Delaware 4-H. That's nearly \$3,000.00 over last year, with increases in all 4 areas including the live auction, silent auction, donations and dinner profit. Awesome!!!



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## NATIVE DELAWARE

**Native Delaware** is a weekly column in the Sunday News Journal that highlights University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Professionals' expertise on the plants, animals and weather of the First State.

For more information regarding these articles please contact Susan Baldwin at 831-1355 [smb@udel.edu](mailto:smb@udel.edu) or Margo McDonough at 831-1358 [margomcd@udel.edu](mailto:margomcd@udel.edu).

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## Presentations



### “Teens and Adults Starting 4-H in After

**School Clubs”** has been accepted for presentation at the 2006 NAE4-HA “Quest for Spirit” conference in Milwaukee, WI, October 22-27, 2006. Congratulations to Doug Crouse, Heather Gooden and Katie Daly on another opportunity to promote Delaware 4-H!

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## Looking Ahead “A Day on the Farm - 2006”

### Woodside Farm, Hockessin, DE

Mark your calendars for **Saturday June 3, 2006**

From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Carl Davis (302)831-2506 for more information and to submit your commitment for support.



### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual NCC 4-H/Smyrna High School FFA Summer Livestock Classic Saturday June 10, 2006



Hooper's Equipment Co. Route 301 Middletown, DE  
Weigh Ins 7-8:30 a.m. Show at 9:00 a.m. **Entries must be postmarked by Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Show contacts are Keith Shane (653-3148), Doris Behnke (831-8965), Brian or Linda Somers (834-5462), Bill Powers (378-0826), Wally Gott (376-0122).

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## Director's Journal



April 3, Easter Plant Board Reception-Rehoboth Beach, DE  
April 4, Ag Team Meeting  
April 6, Morris Library Lecture  
April 8, DE State Grange Annual Scholarship Dinner  
April 10, Kent County Advisory Council  
April 13, Plan of Work Meeting UD with Delaware State University  
April 21, Publication Luncheon and Book Signing “Saving Our Harvest: The Story of the Mid-Atlantic Region’s Canning & Freezing Industry” author Ed Kee.  
April 22, Delaware 4-H Teen Conference Cape Henlopen State Park  
April 25, DPI Dinner- Salisbury, MD  
April 26, NEED Conference Call  
April 28, Friends of Agriculture Breakfast  
April 28, Annual Appraisals Due  
April 29, Ag Day Judge  
April 30, Ted Palmer’s Retirement Reception

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## 4-H Brings Bosnian Teens to Delaware



Fifteen teens from Bosnia are in Delaware since April 9 for a four-week stay hosted by Delaware 4-H. (Pictured left with Governor Minner). The Bosnia Youth Leadership Program is designed to help participants understand the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy while developing their own leadership skills. This is the first year that a Delaware organization has been selected to host the program, which since 1999 has been sponsored annually by the U.S. State Department.

The teens and their three adult chaperones come from the cities of Banjaluka, Zenica and Livno. The group is ethnically diverse and includes Serbians, Croatians and Bosniaks. While in Delaware, the group will be staying with 4-H families in Kent and Sussex counties, followed by a stay with New Castle County 4-Hers. The teens will have the opportunity to attend a Delaware high school for the day and to visit with 4-H Afterschool clubs.

State 4-H educator Mark Manno has designed a whirlwind tour for the teens that blends sightseeing and recreation with serious purpose. A trip to Washington, D.C., will include a visit with Sen. Biden to discuss the political and social problems that beset Bosnia, which is continuing to recover from its 1990s civil war. There will be outings to the beach and to a Blue Rocks game, but also intensive workshops on conflict resolution, democracy and the best allocation of community resources.

Most importantly, says Manno, will be plenty of exposure to the ideals and activities of 4-H. "Developing youth leadership skills is core to the 4-H mission," says Manno. "The Bosnian youth will be trained using a highly successful program called T.R.Y. (Teens Reaching Youth). This training will give them the skills they need back to Bosnia to develop and implement a project of their own."

"These kids are committed to making a change in their communities – it was an important part of the criteria in selecting who would participate," says Manno. "But, the type of project is entirely up to them, based on their assessment of local needs."

Manno will be making two trips to Bosnia as part of the program. The first, in mid- March, will give the students an orientation to American culture. It will include a tele- conference on March 18 between the Bosnia teens and the Delaware 4-Hers. Manno will make a second trip to Bosnia in early fall to help the teens evaluate the effectiveness of their community projects.


For more information about the Bosnia Youth Leadership Program, call Manno at 302-831-2997.

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# "Ag Day 2006"

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