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National Salute to Excellence Volunteer Award



Linda Sullivan has received notification that she has been selected the National Winner for the Salute to Excellence Volunteer Award. Linda has made tremendous impacts on many youth and we are very fortunate to have her as a 4-H Volunteer in Delaware!

(left) **Linda Sullivan** received the Northeast Region Salute to Excellence Volunteer of the Year Award at 2006 Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum.

Delaware AG Week 2007



Delaware Agriculture Week consolidates farm-based educational meetings while recognizing and celebrating the industry's importance. **Kudos to everyone involved in making AG Week 2007 a success!**

As shared previously, Mike Adams, Host of AgriTalk out of St. Louis, broadcast his hour long radio show live from Ag Week on both the 24th and 25th. His broadcasts cover the Midwest from the Dakotas to New York and all the way South (some 70 affiliates in all). Below is the link to the radio interviews. Also included are the specific times and guests. This will allow you to skip through the commercials, if you are interested in listening. I think you will find that Delaware sounds great over the internet airwaves! As a side note, dozens of e-mails have been received from throughout the country indicating how great it was to hear about all of the agriculture in the first state ... something that surprised them immensely.

Plans are currently underway to bring Mike back in July to broadcast from the DE State Fair.

http://www.agritalk.com/aa_filelist.php

AgriTalk
The Voice of Rural America

January 24th

- 20:25 Ed Kee - Delaware Ag Week
- 29:30 Michael Scuse - Secretary of Agriculture - Overview of DE Ag
- 45:50 Richard Wilkins - Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association
- 48:30 Keith Johnson- Family Farm Operations



January 25th

- 12:05 Jeff Allen - President of Delaware Soybean Board, Bio-diesel
20:00 Bob Garey- Delaware's Nutrient Management
29:25 Travis Hastings - DE Vegetable Industry Watermelon Production
36:30 Tracy Wootten - Sussex County Extension Agent
43:00 Don Clifton - DE Vegetable Processing Industry and Risk Management
48:05 Karen Craft - Equine Industry and Harrington Raceway

"Adams brings AgriTalk to DE Ag Week in Harrington" *The Delmarva Farmer* article January 30 features "The Voice of Rural America" **Mike Adams** who was guest speaker at the Vegetable Growers Association of Delaware and the interviews during Delaware Ag Week.

"Stallman awed with agriculture in Delaware" *The Delmarva Farmer* article January 30 features American Farm Bureau Federation President **Bob Stallman** who spoke at the January 26 breakfast to a record crowd of 150 in Harrington as a part of the Delaware Ag Week.



Mark your calendars for the upcoming dates of the Friends of Agriculture Breakfast series.

March 16, the speaker will be **John Talley**, Delaware Geological Survey Director and State Geologist. John will present "Ground-Water Availability, Trends in Water Demands Associated with Irrigation and Public Water Supply through 2030, and Potential Conflicts That May Arise from Competing Demands for Water." The season finale

Friends OF Agriculture

April 20 will be a "**Celebration of the Next Generation.**" Members of **Delaware** and **Bosnia-Herzegovina 4-H** will present the current trends in 4-H with "hands-on" opportunities with Global Positioning Systems and DNA mapping as well as sharing information regarding their successful exchange program currently underway.

For more information regarding the Friends of Agriculture Breakfast Series you may visit <http://ag.udel.edu/agfriends> or call Alice Moore at 302-831-2504.



Pat Nelson Honored by March of Dimes

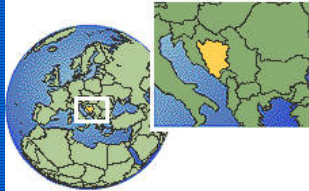
On December 5th, **Pat Nelson** received The Jane Maroney Advocacy for Delaware's Mothers and Babies Award presented to her by the March of Dimes.

Longwood Graduate Symposium

"Technology's Influence on the Interpretive Experience" is to be held March 9 at Longwood Gardens. Online registration for the symposium is available at www.udel.edu/longwoodgrad and click on the Symposium link. Contact longwoodgrad@udel.edu or 302-831-2517 with questions.



2007 Bosnia 4-H Exchange Program



Delaware 4-H will be hosting a second group of fifteen teens from Banja Luka and Livno as in the previous year, and the city of Tuzla will also be represented. These youth will visit Delaware from April 14 to May 12. During this exchange Delaware 4-H families will serve as host families and participate in this outstanding program. In October five Delaware 4-H members will have the opportunity to travel to Bosnia. Youth must be at least sixteen years old to apply for this opportunity applications are available at county offices or <http://ag.udel.edu/etension/4h/events/activites.htm>.

National 4-H Conference



Congratulations to **Stephen Galloway, Brandon Gouge, Michael Crilley, Megan Campbell and Joshua Vincent** who have been selected to attend the 2007 National 4-H Conference.

They will represent Delaware in Washington, D.C. during the week of March 25-30.

Dates set for 2007 4-H Camps

State Camps Junior Scientist Camp June 14-16
1st Week June 18-23
2nd Week June 25-30

Applications will be mailed from the State 4-H office early March.

County Day Camps – Dates are set and additional information is available at www.udel.edu/camps



Raise Money for the Delaware 4-H Foundation

The Delaware 4-H Foundation is now set up with GoodSearch.com. All you need to do is go to GoodSearch.com and enter Delaware 4-H Foundation in the window where it asks for a charity and it will come up. Select it and start searching. Each search provides one cent to the Foundation. The amount the Foundation receives could be substantial if a lot of members and leaders use this search engine on the Internet. There is an easy link on the page to download the GoodSearch icon onto your tool bar to make it easy to use all the time. This is a great way to help the foundation by doing something we all do routinely several times a day. Pass the word and share with you family and friends.

In The News

"Delaware 4-H offers \$2,500 in scholarships" *UDaily* article February 6, is sponsored by the Delaware 4-H Foundation and quotes **Joy Sparks**, state 4-H program coordinator. Deadline to apply is May 1.



Reading *The Delmarva Farmer* January 30- In Agriculture You Never Had a Better Partner! Features a full page photo of **Jan Seitz** "The Delmarva Farmer newspaper keeps me on the cutting edge of agriculture. The editorial content is extraordinary and it's a great way to find out what else is happening on the Delmarva Peninsula. I thoroughly enjoy reading this newspaper cover to cover."

"Watermelon growers meet to plan pest control" article in the January 30 *UDaily* quotes **Susan King** and the purpose of the workshop to bring growers into contact with **County Extension Agents** in making pest management plans for crops.

The Delmarva Farmer January 30 article "Workshops, speakers featured at **Women in Ag Conference**" held in Dover January 19.

"Tips for a safe Super Bowl part" *UDaily* article, January 26, has advice provided by **Sue Snider** for keeping party foods safe.

January 22 *UDaily* article "Sussex Master Gardeners offer workshops" lists the workshops being provided by Delaware Cooperative Extension of University of Delaware and Delaware State University at the Carvel Research and Education Center in Georgetown.

"Friends of Ag Breakfast set Jan. 26 in Harrington" *UDaily* article, January 19 features the Delaware Ag Week celebration and featured speaker **Bob Stallman**, President, American Farm Bureau Federation.

UD in the News January 12, **Robin Morgan** dean of CANR and David Weir, director of DBI, were quoted in a January 10, Salisbury (MD) Daily Times story about the use of solar power in poultry houses.



"Seitz named to national 4-H board of trustees" The article in *The Delmarva Farmer*, January 9, announces **Jan Seitz** to serve three year term on the National 4-H Youth Council Board of Trustees.

Corner Clover News published by the National 4-H Council features article "Alopecia: Kayla's Story" **Kayla Martell** Delaware 4-H member. The article is also featured on the Nemours Foundation TeensHealth answers & advice news letter online www.kidshealth.org.

"First Solar-Powered Poultry House Set for 2007" article in the December 18 *UDaily* a project the University of Delaware College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is a contributing partner in quotes Dean **Robin Morgan** on the research project.

UDaily, December 18, article "Seitz Named to National 4-H Board of Trustees" features **Jan Seitz** and the successful youth development program of **Delaware 4-H** and the National 4-H Youth Council.

UDaily article December 8 "UD launches Coastal Community Enhancement Initiative; RFP available to UD researchers" describes the research effort underway in Sussex County by three UD colleges and their affiliated programs including our own **Bill McGowan** CANR Cooperative Extension Service who is on the steering committee along with James Falk, committee chair and director of the DE Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service in Marine and Earth Studies, and Bernard Dworsky from CHEP.

Newark Post, December 7, features article by **Maria Pippidis** "Eating Healthy Over the Holidays." The article is available online www.nearkpostonline.com/articles/2006/12/07/features/features.03.txt

"UD's Seitz elected to National 4-H Board" article in the *News Journal* December 4, announces **Jan Seitz** to serve three year term on the National 4-H Youth Council Board of Trustees.

The November 7th issue of *The Cape Gazette*, pages 22-23, has an article about **Mark Van Gessel** and his partnership with Cornell and Penn State Universities and their use of radio-controlled planes to detect the rate of horseweed seed in the atmosphere.

On the Cutting Edge



NCC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Training will run Tuesday and Thursday mornings from March 6 through May 24. "This training program is designed to make good educators out of good gardeners," said Extension Educator **Carrie Murphy**. "Trainees pledge to devote volunteer time to help Cooperative Extension provide research-based information to the gardening public. Without this volunteer program, we could not reach nearly as many people as we do now." Details on the Master Gardener Program are available on the website at <http://ag.udel.edu/extension/ncc/MasterGardeners.php>

Sue Snider is serving as Chair of the Food and Nutrition Extension Educators Division of the Society for Nutrition Education.

New NCC 4-H Club forming – Young Authors Club members will come and share their work and learn from each other. Youth-driven, Youth-led Club meetings will rotate each month at different libraries in New Castle County. Contact Katie Daly (kdaly@udel.edu) or call 831-8965 if you have questions.

Grants

If you have applied for and received a Cooperative Extension program grant – send us the news to share with your colleagues!

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 land of the First State.

For more information regarding these articles please contact Margo McDonough at 831-1358, margomcd@udel.edu.

Director's Journal

January 16 – Deans and Chairs meeting

January 16-18 NEED meeting in Washington, DC

(Jan serves as chair of this group.)

January 19 – Administrative Briefing

January 20 – Delaware Agricultural Industry Dinner, Dover

January 23 – VGAD Banquet, Harrington

January 24 – Ag Week live AgriTalk broadcast with Mike Adams

Special invitation dinner with Mike Adams and John Herath of AgriTalk

January 25 – Ag Week live AgriTalk broadcast with Mike Adams

Special invitation dinner with Bob Stallman, President AFBF

January 26 – Friends of Agriculture Breakfast with Bob Stallman, President of American Farm Bureau Federation

January 29 – Kent County Levy Court Dinner, Paradee Center Dover

January 30 – Retirement Reception for Carl Davis, Townsend Hall

January 31 – Farewell luncheon for Doris Behnke, NCC Extension Office

