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The Delaware State Fair July 21-29



Tradition continued with the weather warming for what many call “fair weather” – hot and humid! The 4-H staff lost track of the number of cases of water and sodas consumed in preparing for the fair opening. The fair did live up to its theme – Blue Ribbon Days and Hot Country Nights. The 2006 Delaware State Fair provided the opportunity for Delaware 4-H members to showcase their projects – over 6300 of them – lots of blue ribbons. Over 70 judges and 200 volunteers contributed 1400+ hours to check in, judge and display exhibits. The fair continued with 10 judging contests, 4 demonstration days, the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Avian Bowl, Consumer Bowl, Fashion Revue, Tractor Driving and Compact Tractor Driving as state winners were selected in each event. Tuesday, Children’s Day, provided 4-H the opportunity to have six “Taste of 4-H stations exposing non-4-Hers to various 4-H projects. Young people from Claymont to Delmar were recognized for their accomplishments.

Dean Robin Morgan presented four 4-H teens with the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources’ Future Blue Hen Awards. The 2006 recipients were: Robbie Emerson, Middletown; Kayla Kemp, Felton; Bobby Smith, Smyrna; and Tiffany Snyder, Seaford. Recipients were selected based upon involvement in the 4-H department, overall participation in the fair, leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment to agriculture

The Delaware 4-H Foundation presented five students with college scholarships at the 4-H Awards program. The recipients were: Jennifer Crouse, Harrington, freshman, Loyola University; Rachel Hovermale, freshman, University of Delaware; Wendy Killmon, Bridgeville, freshman, University of Delaware; Tara Morris, Newark, freshman, University of Delaware; and Justin Pink, Milford, sophomore, South Dakota State University. These young people were not only very active 4-H members but also rank very high academically, are athletes, class officers and student government leaders.

Highlights of the fair also included the various contests like the Junior Exhibitor Scholarship Pig Kissing Contest, Youth Talent Show and the Delaware Cooperative Extension Tent and Demonstrations area. Visited by a large number people to see the displays and learn about the services of Delaware Cooperative Extension. A special thanks to Bill McGowan and Cory Whaley for their efforts in coordinating this year. Thanks to those of you who volunteered the time and energy in making the Delaware Cooperative Extension displays and demonstrations “Many Things for Many People.”

A special thanks goes to all the Cooperative Extension and 4-H staff, volunteers, judges and 4-H members for making the 2006 Delaware State Fair a memorable one. Mark you calendar for the 2007 fair, July 19-28.





ECOquest Day Camp

New Castle County 4-H and St. Andrew's School are pleased to announce an Agricultural and environmental sustainability Summer camp at St. Andrew's campus in

Middletown, DE, which will focus on working and learning in an education-oriented organic garden, field trips, indoor and outdoor activities learning about plant and soil sciences, ecology, wildlife, biodiversity, habitat, water systems, and various sustainability issues. For more information regarding the Day Camp please visit the ECOquest Website at:

<http://www.standrews-de.org/ecoquest/>

Doris Behnke 4-H and Youth Development Educator at 302-831-8965 or **Amy Sprinkle**, ECOquest Camp Director, 302-831-1286.



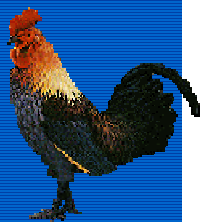
New Hires in UD Cooperative Extension

Ernesto B. Lopez has accepted the position of Extension Specialist I – 4-H Volunteer Coordinator. Ernie comes to us from right here on the campus as Associate Director of Admissions/Coordinator for Multicultural Recruitment, Admissions Officer, and Admissions Counselor. Ernie attended the School of International Training in Quito, Ecuador studying language, economics and the environment. He holds a B.S. degree in Political Science from Gettysburg College and Master of Arts degree in Liberal Studies from the University of Delaware. Ernie will work statewide from the Carvel Center in Georgetown.

Kathleen Splane has accepted the position of Extension Agent III-Family Consumer Sciences located at the Paradee Center, Kent County. Over the past nine years, Kathleen has served as an Extension Associate II working with Dr. Sue Snider. Kathleen holds a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Consumer Sciences degree from the University of Delaware. This past May she completed her Masters Degree in Health Promotion, also from the University of Delaware. In spring of 1994, she completed Master Food Educator Training. Kathleen has received numerous awards from Epsilon Sigma Phi and UD Cooperative Extension.

Dr. Anne E. Camasso has accepted the position of Extension Agent III – Family Consumer Sciences located at the Carvel Center in Georgetown. Dr. Camasso also comes to us from campus having served as Coordinator, Center for community Research and Service (CCRS), College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy (CHEP). She holds a B.S. degree in Home Economics Education, College Misericordia, Dallas, PA and both a M.S. and Ph.D. in Home Economics Education from the College of Education, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. During her career Dr. Camasso has been involved in numerous professional and volunteer organizations.





Lisa Harkins has accepted the position of Extension Associate II – Family Consumer Sciences and will work with Dr. Sue Snider. Lisa is currently one of our Extension Scholars. She holds a bachelor's degree in Fashion Merchandizing from the University of Delaware. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Dietetics also here at the University of Delaware. Lisa has worked for MBNA where she organized volunteer events. Her work experience also includes JP Morgan Chase and Co. and Christiana Center located in Wilmington. She is currently Hall Director, Health and Wellness Community (Harrington D-E).

In The News

Gary Van Wicklen, Extension Poultry Engineer wrote an article appearing June 13 in The Mid-Atlantic Poultry Farmer entitled "University of Delaware offers free house evaluation service" for poultry growers.

Sue Snider, Cooperative Extension specialist for food and nutrition was featured in UDaily article June 29th entitled "Food safety drill for those who grill."



UD in the News, June 30, 2006 in its roundup of recent news items lists **Ed Kee**, quoted in a June 27 News Journal story about the effects of heavy rain and flooding in Sussex County.

"Canning helped Delaware grow, Author traces rise and decline of one of state's key historical industries" article in the News Journal Sunday, July 2nd features **Ed Kee**, Cooperative Extension vegetable crop specialist, and his book "Saving Our Harvest, The Story of the Mid-Atlantic Canning and Freezing Industry."

Don Sparks, S. Hallock du Pont Chair of Plant and Soil Sciences was helping to administer the World Congress of Soil Science held July 9-15 in Philadelphia, Don is featured in the UDaily article "Sparks helps helm world soil science congress" July 7, 2006.



Ed Kee wrote an article "Time to retry Fordhooks on Delmarva?" for the Delmarva Farmer column The Vegetable Grower in the July 25, 2006 issue.

Terry McCracken 4-H leader and **Maybeth Hutchins** member of Just Country Kids 4-H were quoted in The News Journal article "Easy-to-raise pet seeks your small yard" July 25.

"Sibling musicians survive stage fright at fair" With **Daisy's** singing accompanied by sister **Isabel** and brother **Ike**, the **Wharton's** steal the talent show. News Journal article July 27, 2006.





The Excellence in Education special supplement to the Kennett Paper, Chadds Ford Post, Oxford Tribune, Avon Grove Sun, Coatesville Ledger, Downingtown Ledger, Parkesburg Post, Solanco Sun and Columbia Ledger on July 27, 2006 "Cooperative extension announces new hires" naming **Kathleen Splane, Ernesto B. Lopez and Anne E. Camasso.**



Hockessin Community News July 27, 2006 article "Japanese Beetles invade county, they're mobile, hungry" quotes **Dewey Caron** and **Brian Kunkel** as representatives of University of Delaware Cooperative Extension.

Dot Abbott was quoted in a July 23 News Journal story about how the sights and sounds of nature can be found close to home. UD in the News, July 28, 2006.

UD in the News Aug. 4-

Ed Kee was quoted in an August 4 Cape Gazette story on the effects of the recent summer heat wave, particularly its impact on the state's corn and soybean crops.



Donald Sparks was quoted in a widely circulated Aug. 1 United Press International story about the impact of human activities on the Earth's critical zone.

"DE Extension announces new hirings" on front page of The Delmarva Farmer gives bios of **Kathleen Splane, Ernesto B. Lopez and Anne E. Camasso.**



Gary Van Wicklen wrote the article "Maintain fans, pads to handle high temperatures" in The Mid-Atlantic Poultry Farmer August 8.

"4-H changes for high-tech kids" article in News Journal Aug. 10 highlights biotechnology camp **Charlotte Strazdos, Joy Sparks, Mark Manno, Frank Donley, Jacob Gaz.**

UD in the News Aug. 11 –

Brian Kunkel was quoted in an Aug. 10 News Journal story about cicada killers, which are large wasps. **Thomas**

Ivento was quoted in an Aug. 9 News Journal story about the rising price of land and its affect on agriculture in the state. **Sue Barton** was quoted in an Aug. 6 News Journal story about cool walks to hunt for ferns.



The National 4-H Council announces the recent hire of **Michael Carr** new Senior Vice President of Marketing Communications. His expertise will be a valuable asset as the National 4-H Council works to strengthen the 4-H brand, and the 4-H youth development movement across America.



UDAILY August 21, 2006 "Entomology students enlist beetles in battle against invasive weeds" **Judith Hough-Goldstein** and undergraduates Kelsey Paras and Jason Graham are featured in the article about their summer research projects.

The article "Science teachers get environment update at UD" summarizes the one day workshop "Plants and Biology, Soils and Our Environment" presentations by **Susan Barton**, Harsh Bais, Kyungsoo Yoo, and Sherry Kitto and workshop coordinator Maria Pautler.



MESSENGER includes articles "Delaware 4-H plays host to Bosnian teens", "Avian Biosciences Center will focus resources", "Building dedicated to research, education" both featuring the Elbert N. and Ann V. Carvel Research and Education Center in Georgetown.



Child development specialist Pat Nelson was the source for a story on parents helping children succeed

and gain self-esteem in the new school year. It appeared in the Aug. 22 issue of *The Delmarva Farmer*. In the same issue, a story about avoiding the stress of the morning rush when getting kids off to school appeared with Maria Pippidis, educator for family and consumer sciences in New Castle County, as the source of information.



Looking Ahead

September 14, 2006 Ornamentals Research Expo The University of Delaware and Delaware Cooperative Extension invite you to the Expo including displays, tours, picnic dinner and see Cool New Plants in the UD Botanic Gardens. Cost of \$15.00 covers picnic dinner. For registration and schedule visit the **Cooperative Extension** home page. For more information contact Susan Barton Plant & Soil Sciences 302-831-2531.

September 15, 2006 7:15 a.m. at the Modern Maturity Center, Dover will be the first Friends of Agriculture Breakfast of the 2006-2007 series.

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Dave Woodward Retired Assistant Director of Extension University of Delaware and **Mitch Woodward** Area Specialized

Extension Agent Environmental Education North Carolina State University will present "Past, Present and Future: Water Quality Practices" water quality trends and practices in agriculture.

Mark your calendars for the series schedule:

October 20, 2006; November 17, 2006; January 26, 2007 AG Week the breakfast will be at the Harrington Fire Hall; March 16, 2007, April 20, 2007. **Registration** for each breakfast is \$15.00.

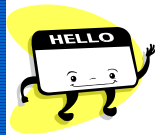
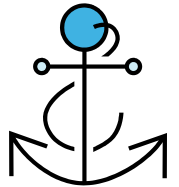


**National Family Day, Monday
September 25, 2006.**

Governor Minner has sent a proclamation to University/Schools Alliance to promote this important event. For information visit www.udel.edu/usa

**Coast Day "Celebrating Delaware's Coastal Heritage"
October 1, 2006**

Hugh R. Sharp Campus Lewes, DE. For more information on the event visit: www.ocean.udel.edu/coastday/



Delaware Cooperative Extension Annual Conference will be Thursday, **October 19, 2006** at the Modern Maturity Center, Dover. Please mark your calendar to attend. More information to follow.



On the Cutting Edge

"Kent County Rural Newcomers" is aimed at providing information, assistance and education to those new to rural areas. This is a cooperative program with the Kent County Cooperative Extension, Kent Conservation District, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Grants have been received in the amount of \$40,000.00 to target these small and non-traditional farms.

Susan Garey announced 60 campers attended **"Cow Camp"** the largest number ever to attend the fun and educational weekend held on July 1st and 2nd at the State Fairgrounds in Harrington.



August 21, 2006 at the Institute of Medicine, The National Academies Washington, D.C. Four groups of young people will be presenting the results of their summer Community Mapping Food Marketing projects to IOM and funders of the project. Two of the groups are 4-H; Sussex County, DE and Pinellas County, FL. The other two sites are Bowling Green, KY and Bronx, NY. Sussex County will present a power point and video about their experiences surveying parents and youth about their food selection decisions. Two 4-H'ers, **Jill Jackson**, project director, made the presentation. **Joy Sparks** 4-H Program Leader was in attendance.

Bringing Biotechnology to YOU

A new instructional CD entitled, "Issues in Agricultural



Biotechnology: How to Make a Transgenic Plant" is available at no charge. This CD, developed by several UD faculty through a Higher Education Challenge Grant from the USDA, is useful for those interested in more fully understanding generalities of biotechnology as well as how transgenic plants are produced. It includes a nine-minute animation that demonstrates the process of

developing a transgenic plant and the viewpoints of five scientists with biotechnology expertise in food safety, plant science, animal science, and ethics. To order a CD, please email Elaine Eiker at ee@udel.edu. The module can also be accessed at <http://ag.udel.edu/agbiotech/>.

Grants

Eastside Charter School has been awarded \$9600 from the JC Penney Foundation through the National 4-H Council to create 10 additional Afterschool slots. Congratulations to Carol and Caroline.



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 or Margo McDonough at 831-1358 margomcd@udel.edu.

Director's Journal

July 6 – Meeting with McNair Students; Ron Jester's Retirement reception Townsend Hall

July 7 – Meeting with Don Floyd, Jennifer Sirangelo from National 4-H and Joy Sparks

July 9-11 – 2006 Northeast Joint Summer Meeting in Geneva, NY

July 11 – World Congress of Soil Scientist reception in Philadelphia

July 13 – Meeting with Julia Wheeler, Director of Development DuPont Crop Protection and Ed Kee

July 18 – Meeting with Limin Kung, Susan Garey and Ed Kee

July 19 – Ratledge Awards Committee

July 20 – First Night at the State Fair

July 21 – Create-21 Conference Call

July 23 – 4-H Foundation Brunch, Delaware State Fair

July 26 – Bankers Luncheon, Delaware State Fair

July 27 – Governor's Conference planning meeting with Tom Ilvento; Governor's Reception at the State Fair

July 28 – FFA Breakfast, Delaware State Fair





July 29 – 4-H Celebration, Delaware State Fair

Aug 21-22 – ECOP Task Force, National 4-H Center

Aug 24-25 – LIFE Mentor Training