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Breakfast March 24, 2006

“Avian Influenza-is Delmarva Agriculture Prepared?”

Speaker Dr. Jack Gelb will summarize the surveillance and testing programs for Avian Influenza in poultry and wild birds in the state and region.

Breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. at the Modern Maturity Center 1121 Forrest Avenue Dover, DE. The cost for registration is \$15.00. Checks are payable to the University of Delaware. Please contact Alice Moore at 302-831-2504 or ammoore@udel.edu to register or for additional information.

Diversity Training set for March 27

The Delaware Change Agent States Team for Diversity announces full day training on Diversity for March 27, at the John M. Clayton Center in Newark. The training will be conducted by Dr. Kate Kirkham. For over three decades, Dr. Kirkham has researched, taught, and consulted about the dynamics of difference in the organization. She is a Professor of Organization Behavior and Leadership at the Marriott School of Business at Brigham Young University. Please hold this date, more details to follow.



Delmarva Safety Seminar & Expo



The 29th Annual Delmarva Safety Seminar and Exposition was held March 7 and 8 at the Clarion in Ocean City, MD. For information on the conference details visit the DSA

website at www.delmarvasafety.org or contact Ron Jester, Extension Safety Specialist at (302) 856-7303 or email rcjester@udel.edu.





Extension Scholars; Student Intern Program

University of Delaware Cooperative Extension announces an *Extension Scholars; Student Intern Program* for current undergraduate (summer following sophomore year and beyond) and graduate students at UD. This program (to be conducted from May 29-August 11) is designed to follow the service learning model whereby interns will have an opportunity to become fully engaged in organizational service experiences that: are integrated into the academic curriculum; meet the needs of a community; provide structured time for reflection; and help foster civic responsibility. As was the case in 2005, a capstone experience will be part of this year's program. Up to five scholars will receive a stipend of \$3000 and, if needed, an allowance of \$500 for job-related travel and/or housing. Location of internships will be Extension offices on the UD campus and in New Castle, Kent and Sussex Counties.

Application deadline is April 7. Selections will be announced by May 1. Application and Information are available on the [Cooperative Extension](#) Home Page.



Grants

Cindy Genau received notification from the Office of Highway Safety for the allocation of \$88,985 in grant funds available to fully implement highway safety programming for FY 2006.

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Presentations

Bud Malone received an invitation from the Brazilian branch of the World Poultry Science to give a presentation in Brazil May 5, 2006 on euthanasia and disposal options for avian influenza flocks.



4-H Afterschool trains after-school staff and develops quality after-school programs where young people learn **leadership, citizenship** and **life skills**.

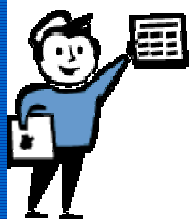
4-H Youth Development staff will be presenting the following workshop at the annual Children Youth and Families at Risk Conference in Atlanta May 16-19, 2006:

Teens and Adults Starting 4-H in After School Clubs

Doug Crouse, Katie Daly, and Heather Gooden, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension.

This workshop will review and share the potential for youth-adult partnerships to create and provide 4-H After School Club programs where teen 4-H members develop classes based on their 4-H experiences and knowledge to work with younger individuals in an after school environment.

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

Child Passenger Safety Week

During the week of February 13, Cindy Genau And Mike Love Promoted and Participated in Child Safety Seat Checks held at various check points in Delaware. April 12th and 19th Mike will be holding Renewal Class for CPS Tech Certification in Milford and Dover. For more information on fitting stations located statewide, contact Cindy or Mike.



Women in Ag Conference Success

- In all there were 146 in attendance for the conference held February 9th and 10th (from the region DE, MD,NJ)
 - About 62% - were involved in production agriculture
 - About 16% - represented agricultural agencies (i.e. FSA, Farm Credit)
- During the day and half conference, 21 workshops were offered. Popular topics included: Organic production, Greenhouse & High Tunnel production, Wine Making Trends, Legal Risk Management, Financial Management and Marketing.
- Of the returned workshop evaluations, 75% indicated that that participants intend to use the information received at the workshop session.
- Speakers included University and agency experts as well as local producers.



Horizons an online news resource for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources; featured in this first issue of 2006, were articles on Doug Crouse and Ed Kee.

Bank President Becomes 4-H Educator in Midlife Kee Named Ratledge Award Recipient for 2005

Also included in this edition of Horizons are the Native Delaware Articles previously carried in The Sunday News Journal "Life" section. To submit ideas for articles please contact Susan Baldwin at 831-1355 smb@udel.edu or Margo McDonough at 831-1358 margomcd@udel.edu.

In The News

- **Sue Snider** interviewed by WILM Radio Pre-Super Bowl on food safety for game parties.



- **Dewey Caron** taped an interview with WHY-TV for the evening news and also a documentary on the topic of "Degree days as related to insect, hibernating animal and plant growth activity for one of the warmest Januarys on record."
- Kent County 4-H Public Speaking contest results appear in the February 6 Mid-Atlantic Country Folks Farm Chronicle in the Focus on Delmarva section.
- Kent County 4-H Leaders Association Elects Officers article appears in the February 6 Mid-Atlantic Country Folks Farm Chronicle in the Focus on Delmarva section.
- **Dr. Ian McCann** is quoted in a Delmarva Farmer article January 24 "U of D specialist developing plan for irrigating watermelons".
- "Delmarvalous Melons brand looks to raise funds" **Ed Kee** January 24 article in The Delmarva Farmer.
- "Soybean rust still looms as dark cloud on horizon" **Bob Mulrooney** interview in the February 14 Delmarva Farmer Corn & Soybean Special Report.



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Jennifer Crouse and **Jeffery Sullivan** were named Delaware's top two youth volunteers for 2006 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. Each will receive \$1,000, an engraved medallion and an all-expense paid trip in early May to Washington, DC. Honors were also bestowed upon **Cedric Jacob** and Anjali Gupta as Distinguished Finalists and each will receive a bronze medallion.

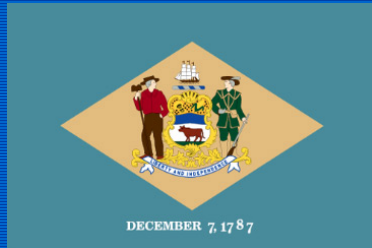


Director's Journal

- March 1, Ag Week Planning Meeting
- March 2, LIFE Program Mentors Luncheon
- March 3, Leadership Trust Meeting
- March 3, Science Fair Judging
- March 4, Kids Drill 4-H Fun Day Dover
- March 4, Delaware Women's Conference
- March 9, lunch with Buxbaum candidate in Gerontology
- March 10, Longwood Symposium
- March 11, Agriculture Alumni Social
- March 13, Meeting with editor of The Delmarva Farmer
- March 20, Legislative Lunch, Paul Clark NCC Council President
- March 24, Friends of Agriculture Breakfast
- March 27, Diversity Workshop with Kate Kirkham
- March 29, 4-H Caucus on the Hill, Washington, DC
- March 31, 4-H Basket Auction Felton Fire Hall



4-H Brings Bosnian Teens to Delaware



Fifteen teens from Bosnia will be coming to Delaware on April 9 for a four-week stay hosted by Delaware 4-H. 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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Looking Ahead

Extension Scholars Student Intern Program

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Please mark your calendar for April 28th 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!

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Ag Day 2006 - April 29

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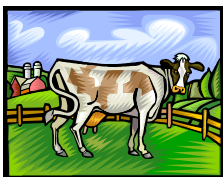
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Delaware 4-H Offers \$2,500 in Scholarship Funds

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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"A Day on the Farm - 2006"



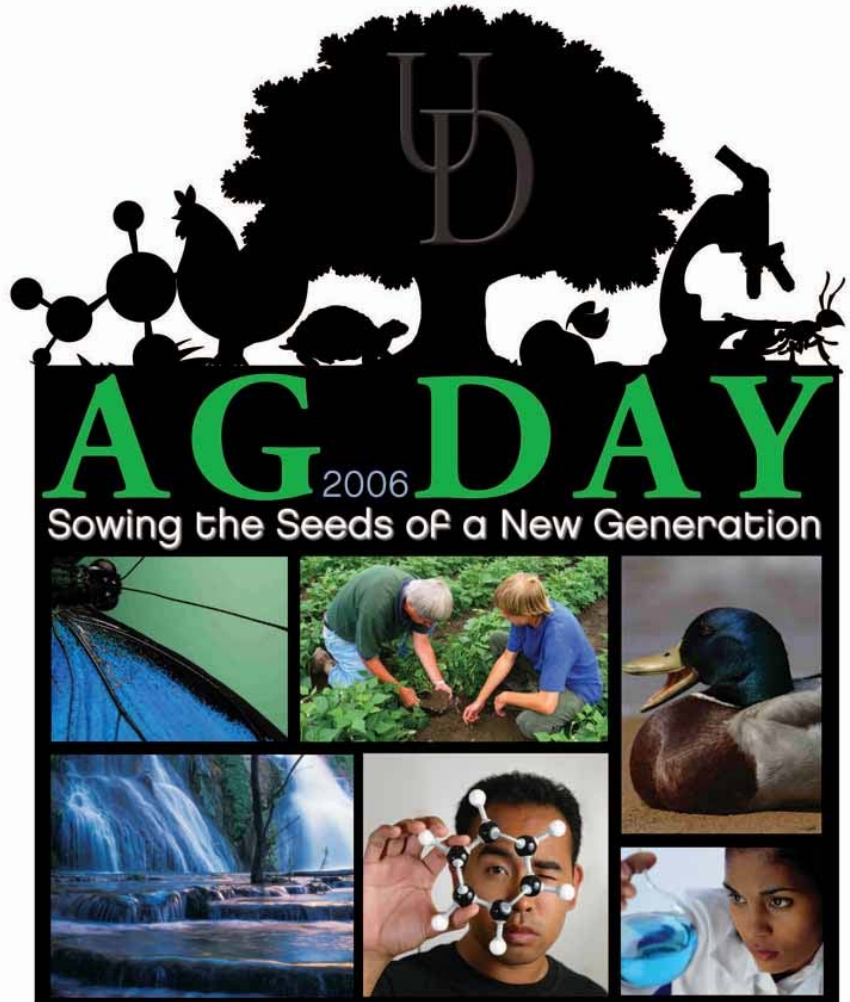
Woodside Farm, Hockessin, DE

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.

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"Ag Day 2006"

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