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March 16 - John Talley, Delaware Geological Survey Director and State Geologist, gave a presentation entitled "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 **April 20 - "Celebration of the Next Generation."** Members of **Delaware and Bosnia-Herzegovina 4-H**

Friends OF Agriculture

presented a program regarding the current trends in 4-H that included "hands-on" opportunities with Global Positioning Systems and DNA mapping as well as sharing information regarding their successful international exchange program.

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.



Disabilities Studies and Cooperative Extension dedicate new facilities

More than 100 guests turned out on Monday, March 19, for the open house and dedication of the new home of the Center for Disabilities Studies and University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, located at 461 Wyoming Road, Newark.

UDAILY – Article

<http://www.udel.edu/PR/UDaily/2007/mar/opening032007.html>



2007 Bosnia 4-H Exchange Program



Delaware 4-H hosted a second group of fifteen teens from Banja Luka and Livno as in the previous year, and the city of Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina. These youth visited Delaware from April 14 to May 12. During their visit they stayed with Delaware 4-H host families. 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/extension/4h/events/activites.htm>.



New Appointments in Cooperative Extension

Please welcome these outstanding individuals to UD Cooperative Extension/College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Kristin Cook assumed the position of 4-H Youth Development Agent 2 in Kent County on March 26. Kristin comes to Extension with 10 years of experience as an Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor at Smyrna Middle School. Kristin holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Agriculture Education from the University of Delaware. In 2004 and 2006 she completed educational technology certificates from Delaware Technical and Community College. Kristin's formal education covers a wide range of areas: general education, horticulture, animal science, food and resource economics, forestry, biological science and technology. She has received numerous awards and honors including: John Bassett Moore Teacher of the Year, Smyrna School District; AgriScience Teacher of the Year, DE Association of Agriculture Educators (in both 1999 and 2003); Distinguished Service Award to Agriculture, Kent County Farm Bureau. Her experience/leadership on various committees and task forces have been many. She currently serves as the Kent County Representative for AgriScience teachers for the University of Delaware. She is also a Kent County 4-H volunteer leader.

William J. Cissel joined us as an Extension Associate II, the Department Of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology. Bill holds a B.S. in Agronomy and Environmental Sciences from Delaware Valley College, PA. He comes to Extension with a wide array of experiences as an agronomist, swine entrepreneur, field scout and farm hand. He was a member of the LEAD Maryland program, currently serves on numerous boards in Cecil County and was an Eagle Scout in his youth. Bill is a Certified Crop Advisor and holds a Maryland Nutrient Management License.

Danielle M. Baker assumed the position of Extension Agent 1 to serve as Site Coordinator for the 4-H Afterschool program at Bayard Intermediate School. Danielle studied Family and Human Services and minored in Spanish here at the UD. During her time at the University, she served on the Inter-Varsity Executive Committee, was awarded the "Latina Student of Distinction" each year and spent a semester abroad honing her Spanish Language skills in Costa Rica. She graduated with Distinction in 2003.

Heather Gooden has been appointed as Director, Caesar Rodney 4-H Afterschool Program. Heather is a graduate of Delaware State University with a BS in special education. She has provided leadership for the Clark's Corner New Communities project over the past 5 years. Heather has received a number of state, regional and national recognitions and was a member of the team that received the national JC Penney 4-H Afterschool award. She has made numerous presentations at state, regional and national 4-H meetings.

Delaware Teens attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.

Nine Delaware teens attended the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 24 through March 29.

The teens are members of 4-H clubs throughout the state. At National 4-H Conference they worked on citizenship projects, toured museums and monuments and spent time on Capitol Hill meeting members of the Delaware Congressional delegation. Along with meeting with Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and Congressman Michael N. Castle, the teens had the opportunity to meet and hear a speech from United States Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns.



Teens who attended were: Megan Campbell, Laurel-Sussex Tech High School; Joshua Vincent, Laurel-Delmar High School; Stephen Galloway, Felton-Lake Forest High School; Brandon Gouge, Newark-Newark High School; Michael Crilley, Odessa-Delcastle Technical High School; Ashley Boyer, Rehoboth Beach-Cape Henlopen High School; Montoz Hall, Millsboro-Sussex Central High School; Dajoun Sewell, Harrington-Lake Forest High School; Marlaina DeShields, Harrington, Lake Forest High School. Photo courtesy of Ernie López.



Living Well Winners

The January Living Well Through the Year Campaign- Living Well Financial Fitness Winners were **Bonnie Ross & Jordan Ashby** tied for New Castle County; **Susan King** for Townsend Hall; **Rhonda Martell** for Kent County; **Kevin Smith** for Sussex County. This program was sponsored by Family and Consumer Science Extension Agents **Maria Pippidis, Anne Camasso and Kathleen Splane.**

2007 Delaware Legislative Day

Delaware 4-H Third Annual Legislative Day was held April 25 at Legislative Hall in Dover, DE. This event was designed to promote 4-H and to provide an educational opportunity to learn about Delaware's government, to display 4-H Projects and show appreciation to our Senators and Representatives for their support and service.



AG Day 2007

4/28 Ag Day "Rooted in the Past—Branching into the Future"

This year's Ag Day was another tremendous success with Food, exhibits, 4-H information booth, plant sales, entertainment, farm tours, livestock displays, pony rides, children's activities.

<http://ag.udel.edu/events/agday.htm>

LOCAL MASTER GARDENERS WIN AT PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

New Castle County Master Gardeners received ribbons for the Saturday, March 3, judging at the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show. All participants designed and built their own creation, using plants that were purchased or grown by the participant.

Susan Amadio, Nancy Bell, Carmela Simons and Pat Strahorn entered the show for the first time in the novice class of the "Miniature Garden/Landscape Design" Class and each received an "Honorable Mention" ribbon.

Karin Arentzen (pictured right) entered in the same "Miniature Garden/Landscape Design" Class for past blue ribbon winners and she received another blue ribbon and an award from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for "Best Horticultural Entry - 2 or More Varieties," which means she scored the highest of all Horticultural classes with entries containing more than two varieties in one container.



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



ECO Quest

St. Andrew's School and the 4-H of New Castle County announce ECO Quest Summer Camps 2007.

Please visit the ECO Quest Web site for more information at <http://www.standrews-de.org/ecoquest/> or call Camp Director Amy Sprinkle at 302/831-1286 or email Amy at sprinkle@udel.edu

In The News

March 2 Bridgeville – “Kids take positive PLEDGE (People Learning to Eliminate Drugs by Gaining Education)” article in the Sussex County News. PLEDGE was founded by **Kayla Martell** and the first PLEDGE chapter was formed at **Woodbridge 4-H/YMCA AfterSchool Program.**



UD in the News March 2 – **Ed Kee** was quoted in March 1 *Cherry Hill NJ Courier-Post* story about Violet Packing Co., the only tomato processor still operating in the region.

March 5 – *Mid-Atlantic Country Folks Farm Chronicle* articles: “4-H Leader Receives National Volunteer Award” **Linda Sullivan** of Harrington named the Salute to Excellence Volunteer of the Year by the National 4-H Youth Council.

“**Rebecca Myers and Matthew Keefe** Win Outstanding 4-H Award.” They are winners of the Kent County Outstanding 4-H Award.



The News Journal article on the “Delaware Beekeepers Association annual meeting” quotes **Dewey Caron**, UD entomologist on CCD Colony Collapse Disorder.

March 8 *Newark Post* article “Time to Take Action” by **Cindy Genau** on the request by teens for alcohol education at their prom on the dangers of the abuse of alcohol and drinking and driving.

March 12 – *Mid-Atlantic Country folks Farm Chronicle* “State Geologist to Speak At Friends of Ag Breakfast,” John Talley, director of the Delaware Geological Survey and state geologist, will be the featured speaker at the **Friends of Ag Breakfast** sponsored by the **University of Delaware Cooperative Extension.**



The *Mid-Atlantic Poultry Farmer* March 13 features article “Solar panels ready for poultry houses” by **Gary Van Wicklen** Extension Poultry Engineer.

The article written by **Michele Walfred** in commemoration of National Ag Week March 18-24 “**Meet County Extension Agent Cory Whaley**” ran in the *Morning Star, Seaford and Laurel Star, Cape Gazette.*

UDAILY March 20 – “Disability Studies and **Cooperative Extension** dedicate new facilities.”

<http://www.udel.edu/PR/UDaily/2007/mar/opening032007.html>

The Delmarva Farmer March 20 article "Del. Is 'water rich,' but needs monitoring...future population, farmland demands could put strain on state aquifers" quotes John Talley at the **UD Cooperative Extension Friends of Ag Breakfast**.



The Potomac Division of the American Phytopathological Society met March 21st to 23rd in Blackburg, Virginia. **Bob Mulrooney** was presented with the distinguished service award. Tom Evans received this award in 2006, so Delaware continues to be well represented. Pictured is Bob with Kate Everts who had been serving as President of the Potomac Division this past year.

March 26 – "4-H'ers Celebrate National 4-H Week" **Kent County 4-H** featured in *Mid-Atlantic Country Folks Farm Chronicle*.

March 27 *The Next Generation* supplement of the *Delmarva Farmer* features the following articles:

"Sullivan receives national 4-H volunteer award" **Linda Sullivan** leader of the Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club and treasurer of the Kent County 4-H Leaders Association.

"Kent Co. (Del.) holds 4-H officer training program" on the recent Kent County 4-H officer training workshop. Conducting the training program were **Doug Crouse, Carole Fleming, Karen Crouse, Linda Sullivan, and Sara Busker**.

"Favorite Foods annual contest winners named" photo and article of Kent County Favorite Foods Division Winners.

UDAILY March 29 – "4-H leader receives national volunteer award" article by **Margo McDonough** recognizes **Linda Sullivan** receiving the Salute to Excellence Volunteer of the Year award from U.S. Representative **Mike Castle**.

The Delaware Nutrient Management Commission Annual Report was released April 1. The report also features several specialists from the University of Delaware who provide certification training for the Nutrient Management Program and provide technical recommendations on nutrient management practices. They are: **Greg Binford, David Hansen, Sydney Young Riggi, and Shawn Tingle**.

'Focus on Delmarva' in the *Mid-Atlantic Country Folks Farm Chronicle*, April 2 with four articles "4-H Favorite Foods Winners Announced" and "**Kent County 4-H** Held Public Speaking Contest" and "**UD Extension Staff** Learn About Local Guatemalan Community" Special Showing of *Estamos Aqui* (We Are Here) Is Held article written by **Michele Walfred**. "Farming for Native Bees" article names the NESARE project team which includes **Dewey Caron** to provide farmers with information about native bee populations.



Gary Van Wicklen wrote article "Adding insulation can conserve energy" in the April 10 *The Mid-Atlantic Poultry Farmer*.



UDAILY April 10 announces "Talk on Gardening for Good Health" set May 2 will be presented by **Carrie Murphy, UD Cooperative Extension**, and Linda Smith of UD'S Employee Wellness Center.

"Fuel-versus-food debate raises big questions, big issues" article written by **Ed Kee** 'The Vegetable Grower' April 10 column in *The Delmarva Farmer*.



"Bosnian visitors learn how U.S. strives for tolerance" A stereotype dashed: Americans can be polite. *News Journal* article highlights a day with Delaware 4-H members, Bosnians and their visit to Howard High School of Technology.

UDAILY April 20, "John Talley, director of Delaware Geological Survey and state geologist, '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,' at **Friends of Agriculture Breakfast**, March 16, at Modern Maturity Center in Dover, Del."

"**Del. LEAD hosts joint seminar**" article in the April 24, *The Delmarva Farmer* quotes **Ed Kee**, director of LEAD DE.

"**Kent 4-H judging winners announced**", "**Delaware 4-H Horse Bowl team winners chosen**", and "**Kent County, DE 4-H holds public speaking contest**" articles appear in 'The Next Generation' supplement to *The Delmarva Farmer* April 24.

Delaware State News April 25 "Club members meet lawmakers" article features DE 4-H Legislative Day and quotes **Joy Sparks**, state 4-H program leader.

The News Journal 'Home & Garden' April 26 "Three women have starring roles on Delaware's horticultural stage Leading ladies in green" article features **Sue Barton, Valann Budischak and Faith Kuehn**.

Brian Kunkel wrote for the 'Delaware Gardener' column in the *News Journal*, April 26, "Take steps to minimize risk associated with ticks during outdoor activities."



Hetty Francke has been named DNREC Volunteer of the Year. In addition to her work with UD Cooperative Extension and 4-H, Hetty does a great deal of other volunteer work in the area of composting. Congratulations Hetty!



From left, Westville 4-H members **Jacob Blacksten**, 12, of Wyoming; sister **Brittany Blacksten**, 15, of Wyoming; cousin **Jordan Gallagher**, 12, of Camden; and Junior ROTC member **Lauren Ewing**, 16, of Dover; twirl their 4-H rally towels during Wednesday's third annual Delaware 4-H Legislative Day. *Delaware State News/Daniel Korup*

The Sunday News Journal 'Sundaylife' April 29 features article "Delaware 4-H clubs' bilingual ambassador **Ernesto Lopez** opens doors to diverse futures...Irresistible personality provides keys."

The winners for the FCS March challenge-Fruit and Veggies-More Matters. New Castle County **Katie Daly**; Kent County **Jennifer Seabrook-Scott Rhonda Martell**; Sussex County **Michelle Walfred**. There are more challenges to come in the next few months!



On the Cutting Edge



University of Delaware Money Management Program

co-sponsored by **Cooperative Extension** and the Office of Human Resources is being offered to employees as a "lunch and learn" series held from noon to 1:30 on Fridays, March 23, April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, and June 1.



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>

eXtension April Professional Development Opportunities available by going to the Breeze meeting room for a 30 minute session on a variety of topics <http://breeze.extension.iastate.edu/learn> for more information contact **Laurie Wolinski**.



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

Delaware 4-H has received two 21st Century Schools grants and will be operating 4-H Afterschool programs at both Caesar Rodney Middle School and Shue Middle School in the Christina School District.

Lisa Harkins received a \$500 travel award to attend the Society of Nutrition Education meeting in Chicago, July 28 through August 1.

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

2007 Delaware State Fair

Please visit the Delaware State Fair website at www.delawarestatefair.com

The state 4-H office will be mailing a 4-H Fair Newsletter that will be mailed in April to assist with directions for participation in the fair.

All entries must be pre-entered by June 15.



Director's Journal

March 1 – Interview for Extension Safety Position

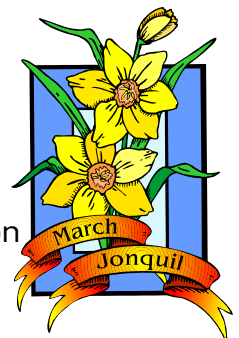
March 2 – Seminar for Extension Safety Position

March 3 – Ag Social, DE Ag Museum, Dover

March 5 – Mid-Atlantic Apiculture Research and Extension Consortium, Clayton Hall

March 5 – LIFE Mentor Luncheon

March 7 – NCC Master Gardener Award Ceremony, opening remarks



March 7,8,9 – National 4-H Council Trustees Meetings, Washington DC

March 12 – DFAC meeting in Dover

March 13 – Meeting with Dr. Marchio, Dr. Proffitt and Dr. McAllister of Appoquinimink School District, Deans/Chairs Group Meeting, Meeting with Susan Barton, Brian Kunkel, Carrie Murphy for Garden Check

March 14 – Interview for Extension Safety Position

March 14 – Task Force Meeting for Center on Aging

March 16 – Friends of Ag Breakfast, FCS Program Staff Meeting

March 19 – Dedication Ceremony and Open House for New Castle County Cooperative Extension and Center for Disability Studies 461 Wyoming Road.

March 20 – Meeting with Dr. Ritter

March 21 – Padua Academy Board Meeting

March 22 – CSREES NPL Teleconference, National 4-H Teleconference

March 23 – Leadership Trust, Meeting with Rachel Wulff

March 27 – Jan addressed Conference Delegates in Washington, DC; ECOP 4-H Task Force Conference Call

March 28 – 4-H Caucus – US House of Representatives (Jan both chaired and emceed this event.)

March 29 - State FFA Convention luncheon

April 17 – Center on Aging inaugural lecture for Veronica Rempusheski, Jean Buxbaum Chair of Nursing.

April 20 – “Celebration of the Next Generation” Friends of Ag Breakfast

April 20 – Extension Scholars Reception

April 23 – Meeting with Southern States Cooperative Delegation

April 25 – 4-H Legislative Day

April 26 – Center on Aging Task Force Meeting

April 28 – Ag Day

April 30 – Reception for Jeff Raffel, Director, School of Urban Affairs

