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## Friends of Agriculture

Delaware Cooperative Extension was proud to sponsor guest speaker Mike Adams host of AgriTalk radio of St. Louis, MO for our Friends of Agriculture

Breakfast on April 28<sup>th</sup> the final one of the 2005-2006 season. Mike shared with the audience national trends, Ethanol and Soy Biodiesel as a renewable resource and the need to keep the small and family farms in existence. Mike also spoke at an event at the Delaware Ag Museum, met with members of 4-H and FFA and was a guest at a luncheon with Extension Specialist.



## New research center dedicated in Georgetown

Monday, May 1, 2006 was the dedication of The Elbert N. and Ann V. Carvel Research and Education Center in Georgetown. The dedication was featured in UDaily article on May 2, 2006 with a photo album available to view scenes from the festivities.

## Extension Scholars Student Intern Program

The selection committee announced their decision on the Extension Scholar Interns for the summer of 2006. Congratulations to: Alissa Rumsey and Lisa Harkins who will be under the direction of Sue Snider; Ryan Pepper with a group of Ag Professionals in Sussex County; Jaime Meleri under the direction of Doug Crouse. For the first time Cooperative Extension will partner with the Service Learning Program on campus. Due to this partnership, Ashley Vent will be a Cooperative Extension Service Learning Scholar during the coming summer. Her experience will be expanded to connect with her academic program under the direction of Ed Kee.



## "A Day on the Farm - 2006"

**Woodside Farm Creamery, Hockessin, DE**

Mark your calendars for **Saturday June 3, 2006** for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Day on the Farm" From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. "Guiding Paws" dog show, backyard composters for sale, spinners, weavers, hay rides, woodland walks, straw bale maze, livestock, live honey bee colony, food, fun, clothing and more. Contact Carl Davis (302)831-2506 for more information.

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## In The News

May 17, 2006 at the Mid-Atlantic Land Grant Partnership on Collaborative Science, Outreach and Training for Water Quality **Dave Hansen** received the Les Lanyon "Quiet Contributor" Award. An award was also presented to a Multi-State team that developed a new handbook on Nutrient Management. The team included **Dave Hansen, Greg Binford, and Richard Taylor.**

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The **Kent County 4-H** Envirothon team placed second overall and first in oral presentation in the Delaware Envirothon competition on May 4, 2006.



"4-H Favorite Food winners announced" and "Kent County basket auction to benefit Delaware 4-H" articles appear in the March 28<sup>th</sup> edition of The Delmarva Farmer.

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Professor **Jack Gelb**, Chairperson of the Department of Animal and Food Sciences was pictured on the front page of the April 3, 2006 issue of the Mid-Atlantic Country Folks Farm Chronicle regarding his March Friends of Agriculture presentation entitled "Is Delmarva Agriculture Prepared for Avian Influenza?"



**Cory Whaley** Extension agent, is featured in The Delmarva Farmer article "Farmers forced to deal with drought-like March" in the April 4, 2006 issue.



**Bosnian teens hosted by 4-H** May 9, 2006 article in UDaily features the activities the 15 teens have enjoyed during their month long visit in Delaware, hosted by 4-H.

The **Cooper family** was interviewed for an April 18<sup>th</sup> article in the Smyrna-Clayton Suntimes. The family was host to three teens from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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The March 2006 Timely Topics by Delaware Poultry Industry features an article "Using LED Lights Can Reduce Your Electric Costs" by **Garrett Van Wicklen** Poultry Engineer, Extension Specialist.

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Congratulations to **Linda Sullivan**, leader of the Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club named a regional winner in the National Salute to Excellence Award for Volunteer of the Year. One of eight regional winners will be selected to receive the national award.

**Jillian Hall** 4-H volunteer with the Heavenly Hooves 4-H club received the University of Delaware and City of Newark's Volunteer service award on May 1, 2006 for the work she has done with 4-H.

The 2005 Annual Report of the Delaware Nutrient Management Commission issued April 1, 2006 recognizes University of Delaware Nutrient Staff **Greg Binford** and **David Hansen**, with assistance from **Carl Davis, Gordon Johnson, Bud Malone, Shawn Tingle, Cory Whaley, Sydney Young Riggi, Jeanie Johnson**; who provided certification training for the Nutrient Management Program and assistance with research and recommendations.

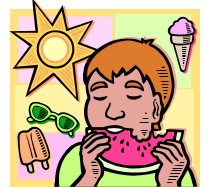


***"Saving Our Harvest: The Story of the Mid-Atlantic Region's Canning and Freezing Industry"***  
**By Ed Kee**

The book celebrates the 170 year History and Tradition of the Canning and Freezing Industry of Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware and Virginia.

## Presentations

Gordon Johnson will present "Agritourism Educational Programs in Delaware" for the 2006 National Extension Tourism Conference in September.



## Looking Ahead



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



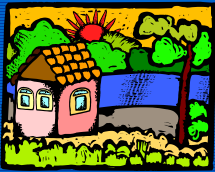
Hooper's Equipment Co. Route 301 Middletown, DE  
Weigh Ins 7-8:30 a.m. Show at 9:00 a.m. **Entries must be postmarked by Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.** Show contacts are Keith Shane (653-3148), Doris Behnke (831-8965), Brian or Linda Somers (834-5462), Bill Powers (378-0826), Wally Gott (376-0122).



## Delaware 4-H Legislative Day

May 31, 2006  
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Dover





## 4-H Summer Camps

Applications are being accepted on a space available basis. There are county day camps and the 4-H state camp. For information: <http://ag.udel.edu/extension/4h/index.php>

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The Delaware State Fair July 21-29



On line entry system is now available  
[www.delawarestatefair.com](http://www.delawarestatefair.com)



## On the Cutting Edge

### Extension Poultry

**Bud Malone's** work on the depopulation of infected birds, the tree plantings for Ammonia emissions and his leadership in all areas of Poultry Extension continues to be recognized regionally, nationally, and internationally.

### Extension Dairy

Following the panel discussion of Dairy producers at the fall Friends of Agriculture Breakfast members of the Ag team met with Dairy producers statewide who indicated the best way extension could help would be to visit their farms. **Carl Davis, Don Tilmon, Limin Kung, Jim Glancey, David Marshall, Bob Dyer and Cory Whaley** have been doing just that over the last six months. Good old fashioned extension work that has been both effective and appreciated.

### Extension Commercial/Home Horticulture

**Sue Barton, Jo Mercer, Tracy Wootten, and Maggie Moor Orth** deserve kudos for work in Commercial and Home Horticulture programs. Their work with Master Gardeners has been especially stellar...important influential group who are doing much to help youth and adults be good stewards of land and environment. 4500 youth enrolled in Jr. Gardener program in New Castle County.

### Entrepreneurship

In addition to being a Ph.D. student in Plant and Soil Sciences, **Gordon Johnson** has a whole host of efforts underway; including a grant to develop a guide to help farm families evaluate and start new enterprises with higher profit potential. He has also been offering a series of educational workshops to standing room only crowds on a number of related issues.



## Family and Consumer Sciences

In Food Safety and Child Development the Delaware Department of Agriculture has asked **Sue Snider** to provide food safety training for potential on-farm food entrepreneurs. These 8 hour workshops will address regulations regarding "on farm home processing of non-potentially hazardous foods."



**Sue Snider, Sherry Kitto, Lesa Griffiths, Kathy Troutman and Pat Barber** have developed a CD on "How to Make a Transgenic Plant Module." It consists of a nine minute animation and experts talking about transgenics.



**NCC 4-H**, Delaware Fish and Wildlife, Brandywine Parks and Recreation, and **Dot Abbott** of Cooperative Extension have started a partnership to provide an outdoor camping experience for families this October at the primitive camping area of the Brandywine State Park; "Family Outdoor Weekend" will educate families as a unit on environmental education topics and experience the outdoors together.

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## Grants



Due to the work of **Mark Manno** Delaware 4-H just received the only tobacco prevention grant in the state from Department of Children, Youth and Family. The grant is for \$330,000 for three years. The work will take place in partnership with Cooperative Extension, AfterSchool sites and Wilmington Community Centers.

**Pat Nelson** is updating and expanding the "Just in Time Parenting" newsletter via funding from USDA Innovation and extension grants.

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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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## New Sign in Middletown



The new sign and posts have been installed on Marl Pit Road. Many thanks to everyone involved. The research, demo and educational activities conducted at this location has kept Ag producers on the leading edge and connected with the University, College, and Cooperative Extension!

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## Director's Journal



- April 21 – Dedication and Open House of Jastak-Burgess Hall;  
Minority Overnight Program for Admitted Students Dinner
- May 1 - The Elbert N. and Ann V. Carvel Research and Education  
Center Dedication Ceremony, Georgetown
- May 2 – National 4-H Congress Board Meeting in Chicago, IL
- May 5 – University of Delaware Honors Day Ceremony
- May 5 – Allen Scholars Luncheon
- May 6 – Latino Students of Distinction Reception
- May 7 – Commissioning of the R/V Hugh R. Sharp, Lewes
- May 8 – Collegiate FFA Chapter Annual Awards Banquet
- May 9 – Tour of NCC Wyoming Road site
- May 10 – A&A Deans Meeting
- May 10 - Named Professor Dinner
- May 11 – Delaware Sea Grant Advisory Council Meeting, Dover
- May 11 – Service Luncheon Blue and Gold Club
- May 12 – Leadership Trust Meeting, Dover
- May 12 – Delaware Diamond Reception and Concert
- May 13 – African American Students of Distinction Reception
- May 16 & 17 – Water Quality Conference, Frederick, MD
- May 18 – Faculty Meeting; Campus Service Awards Dinner
- May 19 – Retirement Reception for Chris Clark
- May 21 – Provost Picnic
- May 22 – FCS Interviews
- May 26 – Longwood Graduate Fellows; Student Recognition Dinner  
Longwood Gardens
- May 27 – Commencement and Convocation
- May 31 – 4-H Legislative Day in Dover