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BRIEFS

Deer on Station Property

Because of increasing problems/damage from deer in research plots, the station has applied for and received DMAP (Deer Management Assistance Program) Permits. These permits are for landowners who are experiencing excessive crop damage. These can only be used during deer hunting season (bow, regular gun, and muzzleloading) and is for antlerless deer only.

The deer control program includes the use of electric fences, baiting the fences, use of repellents, nuisance permits, and hunting during the legal deer hunting season. Archery season is October 15 through November 17 and then again December 11-15. Gun hunting season for deer is November 18 through December 10 this year and muzzleloading is December 11-17. There will be hunters (Station employees only) allowed to hunt on Station property.

The firearms hunters can be identified by an orange vest they will be wearing with NYSAES printed on it. They will also be wearing an orange hat. Project leaders and technicians are encouraged to wear light colored clothing in the field during this time. To check to see if a hunter is on a farm, you can call Security (X215). Hunters are required to sign in. Also, you can report to Security that you will be in your plot and for hunters to stay out (include block code time you will be in plot). You will need to sign up daily. If you do find a hunter in your plot, inform them that you will be working and that they will have to move elsewhere.

For more information on either of these programs as well as voicing concerns or signing up to participate (safety meeting for participants is Oct. 10 and Nov. 14 at FRU; need to attend only one), call Mark L. Scott, 789-3689, Field Research Unit.

M. Scott

Helene Dillard Appointed Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension



Helene Dillard

Fresno, Calif., this past summer. Dillard's appointment begins Oct. 1.

The appointment awaits final confirmation from U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Ann M. Veneman.

Dillard will focus her attention on strengthening and further developing Cornell Cooperative Extension's outreach effort across the state. She also plans to reinforce and build industry and organizational partnerships at the county, state and federal levels.

"We are very fortunate that Helene has agreed to undertake the critical appointment as director of Cornell Cooperative Extension," said Susan A. Henry, the Ronald P. Lynch Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "Her extensive knowledge of New York State issues, including its diverse agricultural industry, and her commitment to extension make her ideal for it. She'll be a very strong leader."

"Helene is exceptionally well-qualified for this position and brings excellent leadership strengths and a clear vision of outreach through her experience in Cornell Cooperative

Helene R. Dillard, Cornell University professor of plant pathology, has been appointed director of Cornell Cooperative Extension and associate dean of Cornell's New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and New York State College of Human Ecology.

A professor of plant pathology at the Agricultural Experiment Station, Dillard served as chair of the Station's plant pathology department from 1997 to 2001. Last year she became the associate director of Cornell Cooperative Extension, while continuing her plant pathology research efforts.

She succeeds D. Merrill Ewert, who took the position of president of Fresno Pacific University,

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Extension," said Patsy M. Brannon, the Rebecca Q. and James C. Morgan Dean of the College of Human Ecology. "More importantly, Helene is a scholar and her research in plant pathology is extensive, but to this position she brings a strong and demonstrated commitment to the integration of outreach and research that the university endorses and values."

Cornell Cooperative Extension is a major part of Cornell's land-grant mission, as it has been a part of the university since 1869. The organization disseminates information to New York state communities. Through the colleges, cooperative extension provides educational opportunities in five major initiatives: agriculture and food systems; children, youth and families; community and economic vitality; environment and natural resources; and nutrition, health and safety. The state 4-H youth development program is another component of Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Dillard joined Cornell in 1984 as an

assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1990. She became a full professor in 1998. Dillard received her bachelor's degree in biology of natural resources from the University of California-Berkeley in 1977. She earned both her master's degree in soil science, in 1979, and her doctorate in plant pathology, in 1984, from the University of California-Davis.

Dillard's research focuses on fungal and bacterial pathogens of vegetable crops, characterizing key factors that promote disease development and areas in which the plant-disease cycle can be interrupted. Her interests include plant disease epidemiology and management of plant pathogens in conventional, transitional and organic cropping systems. In her plant pathology extension work, she has distributed educational information on the etiology, epidemiology and control of fungal and bacterial diseases of vegetables, and she has developed integrated and sustainable disease management strategies.

In 1993 Dillard participated in the Cornell International Institute for Food,

Agriculture and Development in helping to determine pest-management needs of small landholders in Zimbabwe. In 1996 she traveled on a scientific exchange in China as part of a group of Cornell scientists examining the biological control of vegetable pests.

Dillard is a member of the American Phytopathological Society, North American Sclerotinia Workers, the Bean Improvement Cooperative, Epsilon Sigma Phi (the professional organization for cooperative extension) and the New York State Association of County Agricultural Agents. She serves on Cornell's Land Grant Mission Review panel on Outreach/Extension: Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Human Ecology and Veterinary Medicine.

"The Land Grant Mission Review is giving us a chance to examine the role of the whole university as the land-grant university for New York State," said Dillard. "And it's giving us an opportunity to look at Cornell Cooperative Extension and how its outreach mission plays an integral role in the overall university mission."

B. Friedlander

Plan a day with your family... 28th Annual Employee/Family Day—October 19, 2002

The CU Community Dinner (chicken barbecue or vegetarian lasagna) will be served in Barton Hall before the Cornell-Colgate football game from 3:30-5:30 pm on Oct. 19, 2002. The game will kick off at 6:30 pm at Schoellkopf Field.

Tickets for the event are on sale now through October 11. (Tickets will not be sold after this date). The \$5 ticket includes dinner and admission to the football game. You may purchase tickets to just the dinner for \$3 (no take-out dinners will be available) or the game for \$3. Some departments purchase a quantity of tickets to distribute to recognize their staff. In Geneva your department could do the same. Tickets are available from Gemma Osborne at B-1 Jordan Hall, x2428.

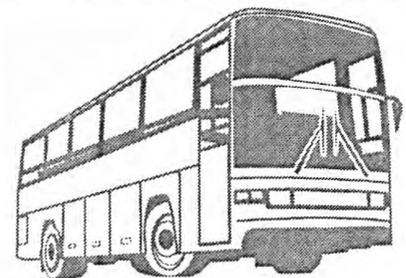
Additional Employee/Family Day activities include: free family swim at Helen Newman, 2:00-4:00 pm. Bowling at Helen Newman, noon - 5:00 pm (\$1/game and \$1/shoe rental), 3 game limit (Reservations required, call 255-4200). Johnson Museum Fall Open House, 1:00-4:00 pm.

Also, consider volunteering to help with the Employee/Family Day dinner. Volunteers assist with setting up, serving, collecting tickets, greeting university faculty, staff, retirees, their families, and other related tasks. Each volunteer receives a complimentary ticket. If you would like to volunteer, contact Janet Beebe at 255-7565, or jmb26@cornell.edu.

Employee/Family Day is the capstone to Staff Celebration Week (Oct. 14-19), which features a variety of employee-sponsored activities including a Staff Fine Arts Exhibit and Reception, Funshops & Fieldtrips, President's Address to Staff, and the 2nd Annual Emergency Grant Fund Auction. Look for more information in upcoming issues of PawPrint, or call 255-6464.

Mark your calendars and buy your tickets now!

Catch a Bus to Employee Day on October 19



Station director, Jim Hunter, is covering the cost of bus transport for Station employees and their families to this event (if there is enough interest to fill the bus). The bus would leave the Jordan Hall parking lot at 2:00 p.m. and return by 11:00 p.m. (depending on the length of the game). The cost for the event is \$5.00 per person (for the dinner and game). **BUT— if you volunteer to work at the event, your entire fee will be covered!**

Please let Pat Mahoney know if you would like to attend and ride on the bus by emailing pmm19 or calling X2394 no later than October 11.

NYS IPM School Pesticide Survey Points to Successes, Gaps

Is spraying pesticides a routine chore in New York's public schools? And what are the pests they might be trying to control? A survey released in June 2002, "Pest Management Practices: A Survey of Public School Districts in New York State," answers these questions and more.

The survey was conducted by the New York State Integrated Pest Management (NYS IPM) Program in 2001. The program researches, tests, and teaches methods of pest control that pose the least risk to human health and the environment.

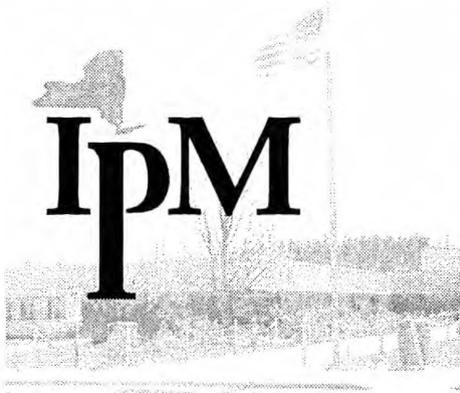
Working with the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department, Lynn Braband, an educator for the NYS IPM Program, sent surveys to all 703 public school districts in the state.

"We wanted to get a general picture of pest management in New York's schools and gather baseline data for the future," says Braband. "We'll use this information to measure our impact, track improvements, and fine-tune our training and research work."

Eighty percent of the districts responded, representing 55 counties. Most commonly, superintendents of buildings and grounds completed the survey. When asked whether the school district performs regularly scheduled pesticide applications inside buildings, 69 percent of respondents said no, while 81 percent of schools don't

perform regularly scheduled sprays on their lawns. Most applications are made after hours or on weekends or holidays.

"It's heartening to see that two-thirds of school districts avoid routine pesticide applications in our schools," says Jennifer Grant, Coordinator, NYS Community IPM Program.



To help combat indoor pests, 80 percent of school districts inspect for them. And 90 percent keep school buildings and grounds clean and tidy as the first line of defense.

On the other hand, in two thirds of districts, employees receive 10 or fewer hours of training in pest management each year. And fewer than 30 percent train and encourage teachers, students, and staff to participate in school pest management programs.

Pest management committees and written policies provide a strong backbone for least-toxic pest control. Yet only about one quarter of responding districts have a pest management advisory committee. About half of urban and suburban schools have a written pest management policy—and of rural schools, only 40 percent have a written policy.

As for the pests themselves—ants, bees, mice, weeds, and flies are the top five. Is there an upstate/downstate split? Yes. Upstate schools are more likely to be pestered by flies and lice. Grubs, cockroaches, termites—and especially geese—are among dominant pests in downstate schools. Districts spend a yearly average of \$4,300 to deal with pests. Statewide, the tally is well over \$3 million.

"We found that there's a wide range of pest issues in different areas of the state," says Laura Sahr, Emergency Planning Liaison at Office of Facilities Planning, NYS Education Department. "That means there's no one-size-fits-all solution to pest problems in our schools."

Sahr sits on the newly formed Statewide School IPM Committee, which will help schools develop and promote IPM. "The education community—parents, teachers, administrators, and students—have an increasing awareness of the importance of IPM," she says. "We plan to keep it that way."

M. Woodsen

SAVE these DATES

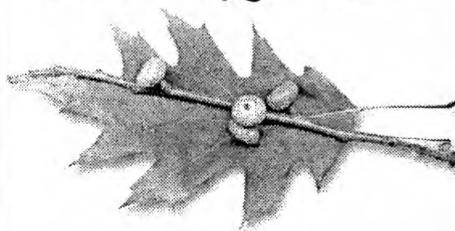


Holiday
Craft &
Book Sale

Saturday, November 9, 2002
in Jordan Hall.

If any Station employees would like to be on the mailing list for a vendor's table, please contact Gemma Osborne at 787-2248 or gro2 or mail to Communications Services, Jordan Hall.

Station Club
BANQUET



Friday
November 1, 2002
Club 86

THE
3RD ANNUAL

Artists
Among Us

FINE ART EXHIBIT

& BENEFAIR
DECEMBER 5, 2002

If you wish to enter some of your artwork for the exhibit, please contact Amy Andersen at ada10 or x 2314.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

OCTOBER 4 - 11, 2002

MEETINGS

CALS Chairs' Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, October 8
 TIME: 3:00 p.m.
 PLACE: 264 Roberts Hall, Ithaca

NYSAES Chairs' and Unit Leaders' Meeting

DATE: Thursday, October 10
 TIME: 1:30 p.m.
 PLACE: PGRU Conference Room

NYSAES Chairs' Meeting

DATE: Thursday, October 10
 TIME: Immediately following C/UL meeting

SEMINARS

Plant Path

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2002
 Time: 3:30 PM, Coffee at 3 PM
 Place: Room A133, Barton Lab
 Subject: Resistance to Fungicides: Any Light in the Tunnel?
 Speaker: Dr. Wolfram Köller, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Geneva

FST

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2002
 Time: 10:30 AM
 Place: Food Science Conference Room
 Subject: Non-thermal processing alternatives for apple cider
 Speaker: Nese Basaran, Dept. of Food Science & Technology, Geneva

FITNESS

Aerobics

Date: Mon. & Fri.
 Time: 12:10 - 1 PM
 Place: Sawdust Cafe

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Date: Mon. & Wed.
 Time: 12:10 - 1 PM
 Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium

REMINDER

Free Flu Shots

for active faculty and staff;
 \$12 for retirees, students,
 and family members.

Sawdust Cafe.

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.—October 24

Cornell ID is required for the free shot. If you do not have a Cornell ID card contact Charie Hibbard in Human Resources, Jordan Hall: cah3.

If you can't make the October 24 clinic, flu shots will be available at the Geneva Benefair scheduled for December 5.

Geneva Community Projects is proud to present the

Finger Lakes

GRAPE STOMP

A Fun Wine Festival!

Saturday October 12, 2002
 Lakeshore Park, Geneva, NY
 11:00 am - 8:00 pm.
 \$10 admission for wine tasters
 \$5 admission for designated drivers
 12 and under are free



Enjoy the Finger Lakes wine tasting experience. Sample Award Winning Chardonnay's, Rieslings, Sweet and Red Wines. Receive a free Finger Lakes Grape Stomp wine glass.

Featuring gourmet foods and cheeses from area restaurants. Experience the fun of a grape stomp contest and maybe laugh with Lucy.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1993 Ford Taurus Wagon. Auto, 6 cyl, AC, power steering, windows, locks, folding 3rd rear seat. Mileage: 137,125. Good running condition. would make a great second family car. Asking \$2,500 or BO. Call Judy Birkett at 585-526-5840 after 6 pm.

FOR RENT: New furnished home on east side of Seneca Lake. Available 10/15/02 - 5/31/03. Contact Penny at 315-585-2259 or pyl1@nysaes.cornell.edu

FALL CLEANUP SALE: JOHN DEERE model 33 manure spreader: 7' wide from outside-tire to tire, needs minor wood repair, w/ owners manual; \$450. TROYBILT "Junior" 17" rear tine rototiller: 5hp, like new condition; \$650. DIESEL FUEL TANK: Agway 39" high x 3' across round tank, needs crank handle and hose repair: \$200. LAWN ROLLER: 37" wide, excellent condition; \$150. BILLYGOAT "Quantum 35" gas powered four wheeled walk behind pavement vacuum sucker w/ bag: good condition; \$75. DOUTHERM Forced air furnace: 30,000 BTU input rating, natural gas or propane w/ honeywell control. Good for hunting camp or cottage; \$20. COURIER

10 gallon electric hotwater tank: 1650 watt/120 volt, good for hunting cabin or cottage; \$20. MAGIC CHEF "Vue Magic" gas stove: 20' wide x 22' deep, brown w/ clock/outlet, good for hunting camp, cottage or apartment; \$20. More to come. Call 315-946-6617 or e-mail dwe15 @nysaes.cornell.edu

WANTED: To borrow or buy in the next week or two to make grape juice. A used Mehu-Maju juice processor. llm3@cornell.edu or X2417

FOR SALE: Nordic Track Walk Fit, not motorized, upper and lower body workout with adjustable resistance for both. \$300. Call 315-548-3101.

FOR SALE: professional drafting table, Hamilton VR20, 3'x5', power lift, excellent condition. \$300. Call Dave x2496.

WANTED TO RENT: House or apartment, 2/3 bedrooms. Contact dbg25 or x2368.

FOR SALE: '95 Coleman Cedar Tent Camper. Sleeps 5, Stove, Sink, Awning & Tent. \$3200 or B/O. Call Holly 315-539-5216 or e-mail: hak@cornell.edu