

NEW HANOVER COUNTY CENTER

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION & ARBORETUM NEWS

Second Quarter 2020

HAVE A QUESTION? ASK AN EXPERT!

While our Plant Clinic is closed for the safety of our clients, you can still get your questions answered! Our field faculty and specialists have expertise in agriculture, food, forestry, community and environmental issues, youth development, family and consumer sciences, and gardening. Questions are answered via email.

[ASK YOUR QUESTION HERE](#)

"Snap-Ed" & Steps to Health



There are many questions about Covid-19.

Be informed... check out the links below!
What to know about...

- [...grocery shopping.](#)
- [...getting take-out food.](#)
- [...homemade sanitizers and how to make it.](#)
- [...washing your hands.](#)

4-H Happenings



4-H Summer Fun Camps are on the Way!!!

We hope we will have returned to normal by the summer when we plan to offer 6 local summer fun camps.

Register below for as many as you want.

Registrations and payments are through Eventbrite, but be sure to finalize your registration by enrolling in 4-H through **4-H Online!!**

[Click here to learn about our summer fun camps!!](#)

The week-long, overnight camp at Betsy-Jeff Penn has been cancelled.



[Register for Summer Camps Here](#)

4-H has many free, fun things to do with your kids! Check them out!!

[Click here for links!](#)

Meet Our Folks!

Take a moment to meet the people that make us great!

Each quarter we will feature someone from the Cooperative Extension Advisory Council, a staff member and a wonderful volunteer!



Shirley Melito
Cooperative Extension
Advisory Council

[FOR FULL BIO](#)



Marge Porrazzo
Morning Staff Receptionist

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Chuck Dierling
Volunteer
Grounds Group Lead

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Horticulture & Master Gardeners

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Extension Master Gardener



FROM THE DIRECTOR

All in good fun, but seriously, "Thank a Farmer!"

This Spring of 2020 pandemic is certainly a reminder to think about the things we typically take for granted. Shaking a hand, giving a hug, fully stocked shelves of toilet paper; what a jolting disruption our new temporary normal is. To lighten the mood...

[FOR DIRECTOR'S ARTICLE](#)



Attracting Beneficial Insects

When most people think about insects they immediately think that they are pests. What a lot of people do not know is that not all insects are pests. In fact, many of them can be used to pollinate our flowers, and reduce the population of insects that are harmful to plants.

[FOR FULL ARTICLE](#)

Therapeutic Horticulture - Ability Garden



An Ability Garden Update!

Like the rest of the community, the Ability Garden is feeling the effects of COVID-19. However, even in the midst of the current uncertainty we have some wonderful things to share.

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Family & Consumer Science

Eating Well at Home Fast, Easy, Tasty Bowls

Deb Chappell our Family & Consumer Sciences Program Coordinator offers a couple



fast, easy and tasty recipe ideas that will get you through this tough time and beyond.

[For full article & recipes](#)



"Friends" of the Arboretum

New Friends' President Sends Greetings



Hello All! It has been a most interesting start to our spring season, hasn't it? Our community, our state, our country and the world has been turned upside down and inside out...

[For full article](#)

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