



Gulf Coast REC

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May 11th is the day we honor cooks, waitresses, nurses, teachers, maids, chauffeurs, psychologists, doctors and bankers, or to use their generic name -- MOTHERS!



Birthdays

- 6....Elzie McCord
- 8....Matthew Croxton
- 8....Bryan Fulford
- 9....Stewart Whitney
- 10...Greg Doyen
- 11...Mary Hudson
- 12...Zhanao Deng
- 14...Alex Cszinsky (Ret)
- 14...Russell Owens (Ret)
- 17...Migi Overman (Ret)
- 20...Gitta Shurberg
- 21...Rick Kelly
- 25...George Marlowe (Ret)



Congratulations! Christine Cooley, IFAS

Superior Accomplishments Award winner was awarded the *2008 UF Superior Accomplishment Awards* in the category of Clerical/Office Support, University wide!



Christine Cooley won the best out of 27 nominees in her category and the grand winner from IFAS! Only six winners are selected from over 100 nominees. She received a plaque, \$2,000 cash award, and an invitation to the UF President's box at the stadium for her family for a Gator game.

Christine is pictured above with daughter, Allie, and husband, Jamie (who is really looking forward to that Gator game)!

Cora Sanders, supervisor and Jack Rechcigl, Center Director, two of her nominees, were on hand for the awards ceremony.

Congratulations!



Gulf Coast Research and Education Center was outstanding in awards for this past month! At the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station awards ceremony April 18, **Natalia Peres** received the "Richard L. Jones New Faculty Research Award" which is given to non-tenured faculty who have a distinguished record of research. Of course, no awards ceremony would be complete without "Mom's" greatest award, Mariana, who just happened to be there for the pictures.



(It - At the awards ceremony with Renato, Natalia, Mariana and Jack Rechcigl)

(rt - Dean for Research, Mark McClellan, also gets his turn to hold Mariana!)

Of the more than 75 IFAS Researchers awarded at the April 18th ceremony, GCREC was the highlight of the evening with more than its share of awards represented for IFAS Research Innovation Awards -- **Gurpal Singh, Geoff Denny, Amy Shober, Jay Scott, and Jeremy Edwards**. **Craig Chandler** won an award for his patent for the strawberry 'Carmine'. The Dean specifically acknowledged the Center for receiving more recognition than any department in IFAS. *Congratulations!*

(right - Craig Chandler)



(Pictured below, left to right) Gurpal Singh Toor, Amy Shober, Jay Scott, Jeremy Edwards, and Geoff Denny.





Welcome - New Arrival...

Grandpa, Jim Price, has announced the arrival of granddaughter, Cara Price, born April 16, 2008! The family has been waiting a long time for a little girl (don't spoil her too much Grandpa!) Cara made her debut at the Winnie Palmer baby hospital in Orlando which was quite an experience in itself! (Jim Price and son, Sidney, pictured with Cara at right.) Congratulations, Jim!



Welcome New Employees...



Joining David Schuster's Entomology team as OPS scout is **Jim Blackstone**. Jim and wife, Grace, live in Sun City Center.



Donny Hartley has joined Jose Moreno's farm crew this past month as OPS field assistant. Donny and wife, Michele, live in Ruskin.

Just passing along some tips...

Occasionally, I'm sent some bits and pieces of info that, given the space, I'll pass along. These are two you might find useful:

***Put your car keys beside your bed at night...**and if you park in the garage or driveway, you'll be able to set off the panic button for your car should you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in the house. The sound of the alarm will, in most cases, make a criminal not want to stick around. Test this from your home before relying on it. This may also be a useful tool in an emergency, such as a heart attack or fall, if you carry your keys on you.



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