City Man Sees Life On Lebanon Dairy Farm

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Employment and Training Corporation visited the Bombergers as part of the job exchange program sponsored by the Lebanon County Farm/City Committee. "You do feel like you're are representing agriculture today," Bomberger said. "You want to leave a good impression and not a bad one."

And apparently a good impression was made. "I've never been on a farm before," Kopecky said. "I've never had any hands-on experience. But I'm now certainly going to be more aware of what happens in a dairy production as large as this one. You can't get that from reading books or watching

"One thing for certain, you appreciate more what the farmers do. Their day begins long before most of us think of getting out of bed. I enjoy dairy products and I drink a lot of milk. I think I will now appreciate the products even more.

"The price you pay for a half-gallon of milk isn't in any way equivalent to the work that goes into producing it."

Kopecky is chairman of the effort to develop an

agricultural security area in Lebanon County, and his committee is ready to present plans to the Lebanon County commissioners.

I'm not against development," Kopecky said. "But I think it's important that we private citizens who are not farmers should be aware that this is something to preserve. Lancaster County got jammed with industry and rampant growth. We should just do the development in the proper areas with good planning."

The Bombergers farm 700 acres with 300 in corn, 150 in soybeans, and 150 in alfalfa. They have 200 cows in DHIA test and about the same number of young stock. The brothers have a family partnership.

"You're dealing with an 11-generation farm family here," Kopecky said. "As David says, 'it all starts with the family.' I think the family farm is fantastic, and that's also what I have come to appreciate today," Kopecky said.

Next week David will be in Rick's offices and will attend the Lion's Club Luncheon at the Quality Inn.

Wind And Snow Load Affect Poultry Enclosures

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(Continued from Page A22) from 4-H this year. Mowery said in his project book that his years in 4-H had taught him many valuable lessons about livestock, management, responsibility and growing up. As president of the club, he said he has learned to deal with groups, lead children and teach a lesson.

Mowery and Boyd will each receive an all-expense paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago in December. Mowery's area of expertise is bread baking, while Boyd's is raising Seeing Eye puppies for the blind.

Keener, leader of the club for nine years, is retiring this year, as is her co-leader, Donna Boyd.

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