

## Rural Development Conferences To Be Held

HARRISBURG, Dauphin Co. — Gov. Robert P. Casey on Wednesday announced four statewide conferences are to be held this summer to bring together rural leaders, community officials, citizens and state government to coordinate strategies and build support for a comprehensive rural development policy.

"The goal of these meetings is to establish partnerships between state government and rural community leaders," said Dr. Helen Wise, deputy chief-of-staff to Gov. Casey. "To improve the quality of life in rural Pennsylvania, we need to coordinate our efforts and design a unified strategy for the future."

The conferences, to be funded by a grant from the Appalachian

Regional Commission, will focus on four key issues: rural growth and development, health care, education, and economic development. They will also address recommendations made by Gov. Casey's Rural Policy Development Team, a public-private partnership established to provide a formal link between rural community leaders and state government.

Each session will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and include a keynote speaker, a message from Gov. Casey, a question-and-answer period, and small group discussions. All sessions are free and open to the public.

Rural growth and development will be the focus of the first conference on Friday, July 12 in Monroe County. State Secretary

of Community Affairs, Karen Miller, will be the keynote speaker. For more information, contact Ned Dempsey, regional director, Department of Community Affairs, at (717) 963-4571.

Strengthening rural health care in the 1990s will be the subject of a second conference in Warren County on Friday, July 19. Alvin B. Grant, director of the Office of Rural Health, Illinois Department of Health, will give the keynote address. For more information, contact Warren County Commissioner Pat Evans, a member of the Rural Policy Team, (814) 723-7550.

A third conference, focusing on rural education, will be held at Mansfield University on Friday, August 2. State Secretary of Education Donald Carroll will be the keynote speaker. For more information, contact Prof. J. Dennis Murray, research coordinator for the Rural Service Institute at Mansfield University and a member of the Rural Policy Team, at (717) 662-4974.

Revitalizing Pennsylvania's rural economy will be the focus of the final conference on Friday, August 9 in Fayette County. Leading the session will be Dr. Stephen M. Smith, associate professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Penn State University, and Dr. Bernard Hoffnar, president, PA Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils. For more

information, contact Fred Lebder, chairman of the Fayette County Commissioners and a member of the Economic Development Partnership Board, at (412) 430-1201.

To further encourage partnerships with state government, members of Gov. Casey's Cabinet next month will participate in a rural affairs conference sponsored by the Susquehanna Economic

Development Association - Council of Governments (SEDA-COG). From June 23-25, SEDACOG will sponsor "Shaping the Future in Central Pennsylvania," a three-day conference at Bucknell University designed to develop a regional perspective on critical issues such as economic development, environment, education and societal change.

## C.J. Wonsidler Bros. Becomes Top Dealer

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