

Lebanon County Holds Annual Extension Banquet

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MYERSTOWN (Lebanon Co.) — Lebanon County Extension held its annual banquet Monday evening at the Myerstown Church of the Brethren to a record turnout, according to director Alletta Schadler.

About 300 people attended the evening banquet and business meeting, including state Sen. David Brightbill, and Rep. Peter Zug. No county commissioners were present.

Dr. Paul Wangness, the capital region director, gave a welcome and address, praising the Lebanon County Extension program, which he said is recognized as a leader in community involvement and outreach.

"We assume that people know

what we do in Lebanon County Extension, and we assume they know about what we do at Penn State," he said, adding that it can be easy to take for granted the extension program, which is being used as a prototype for other former Communist Bloc countries to aid in the transition to a market economy.

"Tell people what Extension has done for you and what it can do for them," he said.

Schadler said that Lebanon County Extension recognizes the support the program receives from the citizens it serves and their political representatives.

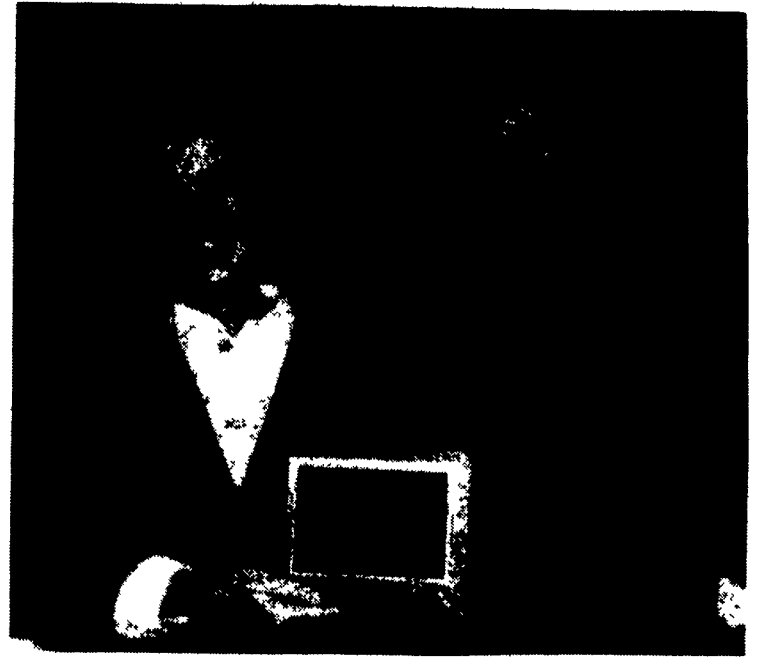
"We're really fortunate we have the resources available to us through Penn State University through our tax dollars, and from the county commissioners through our tax dollars," Schadler said.

The budget for Lebanon Extension program last year was \$119,688, except for the rental on the 2-year-old ag center building. Rent for the year was \$78,500.

Except for Delbert Voight, who was hired last week to serve as the county's agronomic specialist and is expected to be working with USDA Soil Conservation Service as nutrient management planning gets underway, the county's extension staff consists of three fulltime people who serve within the county; five whose main office is in Lebanon, but who serve a multi-county region; three secretaries and two summer assistants.

There are also five consultants who receive payment with funds appropriated by the Lebanon County Commissioners and funds generated by user fees.

The county also receives help



From the left, Deborah Hartman accepts a plaque proclaiming her 1993 Pennsylvania Extension Outstanding Master Gardner from Lebanon County Extension Director Alletta Schadler.

SRBC To Meet

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Susquehanna River Basin Commission is scheduled to meet 9 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 23, at the Woodlands Inn and Resort, in Wilkes-Barre.

Items on the agenda for board action include possible revocation of the SRBC consumptive use approval for Ski Snowpeak Inc., in Juniata County; review the audit report for its own financial records; approve the SRBC's application for a grant for \$158,000 from the EPA 106 program; and the adoption of a 1994 meeting schedule.

Discussion items include receiving an update on its consumptive use plan; a report on the

outcome of discussions with the Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. with respect to the Montour Generating Station's compliance with the SRBC consumptive use regulation; a report on Penelec's continued involvement with the proposed Curwensville Water Storage Project; an award presentation to Allan Buddle, of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; a report on a Lackawanna Corridor Greenway study; and miscellaneous staff reports.

Specifically, Ashland Area Municipal Authority is seeking to withdraw a total of 650,000 gallons per day from three wells in Butler Township, Schuylkill

County for public water supply.

The Borough of Quarryville is seeking permission to withdraw a total of 250,000 gallons of water per day from two wells.

Snow Shoe Borough Authority is seeking permission to withdraw a total of 360,000 gallons of water per day from one well for public water supplies.

The Borough of Mifflinburg is seeking to withdraw 870,000 gallons of water per day from one well, for public water in West Buffalo Township.

Hollidaysburg Borough is seeking to purchase 1.45 million gallons of water per day (based on a 30-day average) from the Altoona City Authority.

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through 141 volunteers. A number of volunteers received awards for years service, from 5 years to more than 35 years.

In total, there were 18,380 recorded instances or events in which a representative of Lebanon County Extension provide support to an individual within the county during fiscal year 1993.

The key speaker was Dr. Robert Bauer, a master gardener and volunteer who gave an hour-long talk on the development of gardens, from ancient Mesopotamia through Rome, Germany, also as interpreted in England and here, and he gave a slide show of the variety of gardens he visited while on a

recent trip to England.

A number of Master Gardeners were recognized and presented with awards, including Deborah Hartman who was named the 1993 Pennsylvania Master Gardner.

In order to qualify as a Master Gardner, an applicant must receive at least 13 hours of instruction and give at least 50 hours of community service helping to answer gardening questions and assisting other countians with their horticultural needs.

A section of five board members was also held with Sara Jane Krall, Alvena Kneasel, Dorothy Moyer, Enos Heisey, and Amos Balsbaugh being reelected.

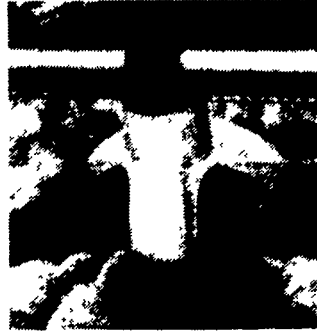
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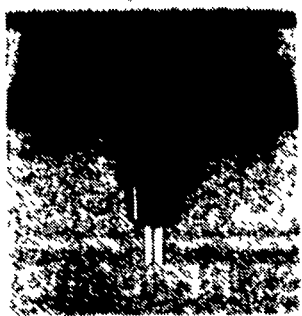
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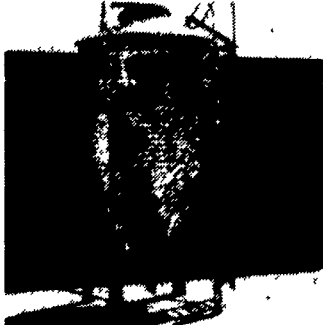
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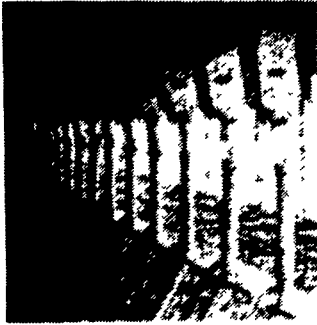
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