

# Lebanon

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ment to building extension outreach into the community.

Schadler was presented with a decorated milk can by the extension association, and a Nittany Lion panther statue by Rodgers in recognition of 25 years service to the county.

Others on the staff recognized include Kenneth Winebark, with 10 years service, and who was also recognized for his significant efforts to build, coordinate and support youth extension program in livestock and dairying.

Winebark said that Lebanon Countians should be proud of the fact that two of its youth judging teams — the dairy judging and livestock judging — have won state titles this past year, continuing a several-year tradition of Lebanon County youth performing near or at the top in the state, and that those teams have gone on to represent the state, their community and themselves well at the national level.

Martha Gregory presented 4-H leadership awards and recognized those who have volunteered their time. She said that on a national level, the average 4-H volunteer spends 220 hours for 4-H activities, drives from 300 to 400 miles and spends \$50 of their own money each year for 4-H.

However, she said the true indicator of the value of 4-H can not be derived from a statistical analysis of measurable things, but rather from the personal development, sense of community and ability to achieve that is derived by both adult leaders, volunteers and youth involved in the programs.

In an election of new directors, Ann Arnold, Leon Hoover, Gail Shiner, and Frances Krall were reelected to the board, while Glen Krall was newly elected.

Entertainment was provided by William Metzel, of Lamont, who is a self-described "interant gizmologist." For most of his presentation, Metzel spoke to the mostly adult audience and said that what was needed for youth today is to get them interested in real life by working with their hands, and with tools, through making toys, and discovering what they can do.

He said that the prevalence of video games, toys and computers, and television has lead to an increasing number of youth who do not know how to work with their hands, or know what they can do because no one shows them.

He said that what children need are parents who are more than "concerned", but parents who are willing to provide attention, patience, and guidance, instead of being adults who buy toys, and then send them off to play.

Metzel said that his collection of homemade toys that he displays (not for sale) demonstrate a wide variety of hand skills that can be developed and which can help a child become an innovative, independently thinking adult.

Del Voight, who was recognized for completing his first year with the extension program, presented master gardner awards, which acknowledge successful completion of the program and the number of hours volunteered to helping others learn about gardening.

A 20-page annual report of the county's past year's extension activities was also distributed and those who received them were asked to share them with others unfamiliar with the opportunities through extension.

For more information on extension services, which are paid for through taxes, contact a local office. In Lebanon, call (717) 270-4391.



Alletta Schadler, Lebanon County extension director, holds a Nittany Lion statue she is presented in recognition of her 25 years service.

# Chester

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ping for basic needs; the other, full-time working suburban parents of two children, who are too exhausted to ensure that the house gets clean; and a widowed, retired man who has depended on his wife for literally everything and now must face life without her.

At some point, the teenage girl must learn how to shop for the proper grocery items within a budget. The parents should provide weekly chores for the children, so they can learn and use those skills later on. And the retired senior citizen should have been more involved with decision-making early on rather than allowing his wife to buy the groceries and pay the bills.

Those are all examples of trends in society, which includes teen parents, parents that both work, and an aging population. In Chester county alone, Bowen said, 41,000 people are 65 years and older.

Those who have learned to use the coping skills of the '90s and are thriving can think back to when they were children. "Many things that go on in your life can be traced back to what you did as a child," she said. Learning new skills is one of them that can be carried over successfully into adulthood.

Jay Irwin, retired Lancaster County extension director, spoke about the trip he and wife Betty

made last year to Albania through the auspices of Volunteers In Overseas Cooperative Assistance (VOCA) program. He told those that while Romania is also, like many eastern European countries, struggling away from Communism, there is still a long way to go. But their visit provided the seeds of change and taught him and Betty how little we appreciate the lives we lead in our own great country.

At the banquet, board directors were elected to three-year terms. They are Richard L. Breckbill, Cathy Guest, and Eileen Schafer. Breckbill, owner/operator of Breck-A-De Farm in Oxford with wife Portia and sons Dennis and Edward, operates a dairy with 85 registered Holsteins and farms 1,500 acres. He also operates a fertilizer supply and custom-operator service. Guest, who operates Century Oaks Farm with husband, Stanley, milk a herd of 95 registered Holsteins and farm 300 acres in Pottstown. The Guests have two children, Christy, 9 and Brad, 5. Schafer, Downingtown, actively involved in nutrition education at both the county and state level, has served the extension board for the past three years and has been re-elected to serve another term.

Also, Claudette Tharp was honored with the Dewitt Wallace Youth At Risk Award at the banquet.



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## State Accepts Agribusiness Award Nominations

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff is accepting nominations for the Department of Agriculture's 1995 Agribusiness Achievement Awards. The awards are presented to Pennsylvania companies that have made a special contribution to the development and expansion of Pennsylvania agribusiness.

First place awards will be given in two separate categories: large agribusinesses, defined as those with gross annual sales over \$5 million; and small agribusinesses.

"The Agribusiness Achievement Award is an important opportunity to recognize the people who contributed so much to Pennsylvania's leading industry," Wolff said.

Last year's award recipients were Knauss Snack Food Company, manufacturer of a line of shelf-stable meat snacks sold under the Bull and-Hanna Brands; Moyer Packing Company, producers of boxed beef, ground beef, variety meats, hides, tallow

and poultry meals; and the Brown Adobe, distributor of all-natural homemade New Mexican style salsas, sauces, spices and condiments.

"These award-winning firms are the kind of companies that have helped establish the reputation for high quality that consumers expect from Pennsylvania products," Wolff said.

Awards are to be presented at the annual Farm Show dinner on Jan. 7 at the Harrisburg Hilton in Harrisburg.

The deadline for receipt of completed award applications is Nov. 30. Contact the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Market Development at (717) 787-4210 for more information or to request an application.

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Chester County Extension banquet speakers and award winners. From left, Claudette Tharp, honored with the Dewitt Wallace Youth At Risk Award; Alan Johnson, retired board member; Cathy Bowen, family living specialist, speaker; Betty and Jay Irwin, banquet speakers; Eileen Schafer, retired board member, re-elected; Charles Wollaston, retired board member; and Trudy Dougherty, extension director.