

# Lebanon Extension Recognizes Volunteers

**SCHAEFFERSTOWN** (Lebanon Co.) — The 78th annual meeting of the Lebanon County Penn State Cooperative Extension was held Wednesday evening at the Schaefferstown Fire Hall, with Enos Heisey presiding.

The purpose of the annual banquet is to review the past year's programs, make recognitions of outstanding work by paid employees and volunteers, elect directors to the board, and to share fellowship.

Reports were given by Michelle Rodgers, assistant to the Southeast Region director, who presented Martha Gregory with a 10-year service award, and Winifred McGee with a five-year service award.

Aletta Schadler, county extension director, gave a report on the activities and hours logged by the

extension staff and volunteers, while Galen Kopp, county livestock and dairy agent presented a video-tape about urban sprawl and the challenges.

Martha Gregory, who serves as county 4-H coordinator, recognized 4-H volunteers for years of service.

Recognized for five years service were Dale Bushong of Annville, with the North Mountain 4-H Club, and Kathy Martin, of Lebanon, for work with the NoSoAnn Dairy Club.

Ten year recognitions was given to Robert McMillen, of Lebanon, for work with the NoSoAnn Dairy Club.

Recognized for 15 years of service were Betsy Arnold, Cornwall, with the Happy Variety 4-H Club, and Lorraine Royer, of Lebanon, with the North Mountain 4-H

Club.

During the evening, special recognition was given to Harold Bollinger, of Kleinfeltersville, for his more than 30 years service as a member of the county extension board of directors. A retired farmer, Bollinger has been active in his community for many years and continues to be involved.

In election results, Lloyd Early, of Lebanon, Lydia Flores, Lebanon, Duane Nolt, Richland, Terri Hill Shuey, and Richard Smith, were elected to serve a two-year term on the board.

Five were elected and five additional directors are to be appointed by the board.

Extension bylaws were revised

two years ago to include term limits for directors. They are now limited to serving three terms of two years, or six years.

Leaving the board are Enos Heisey, Amos Balsbaugh, Linda Boyer, Harold Bollinger, Aivena Kneasel, Sara Jane Krall, Gerald Long, Dorothy Moyer, Robert Smith, and Carol Ungemach.

## Marketing Genetics

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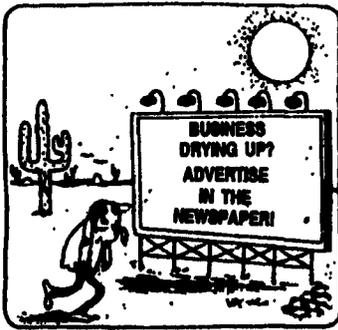
The entire flushing operation is a timed event from the time they are recovered from the donor cow or heifer.

In order to maintain good embryo viability, it is imperative that those embryos intended to be frozen need to be discovered,

graded, washed, isolated, pipetted into straws, and frozen with liquid nitrogen within four hours.

The quicker the better for viability.

If the eggs are to be transferred to recipients in the herd, then time isn't as critical a factor.



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The effect of flushing on the cow isn't hard. She is cleaned and the area around the vulva is shaved and disinfected. She is given a spinal block to keep her comfortable while the procedure is being done.

A healthy cow or heifer can be flushed as frequently as every six weeks. If it's the right kind of cow, there could be some profit in flushing that frequently.

The Horsts' 49-head registered Holstein herd has a BAA of 108.4, and is considered a high type herd.

While most dairy farmers divide their herd according to production groups for feeding, which is a good practice, the Horsts also divide the herd into groups for breeding purposes.

But according to Kirby, he and Cheryl really have three breeding programs — one for Red and White Holsteins, another stressing deep pedigree, and one that stressed index for selling bulls and embryos.

The milk sales help the overall farm cash flow, and the herd averages more 21,000 pounds of milk.

Kirby's parents bought the farm in 1959 and Kirby and Cheryl started dairying on their own in 1981. His father had a dispersal and Kirby and Cheryl bought 14 animals at that sale. Kirby had also bought a few cattle through 4-H so they started with 40, and they said they don't plan any large herd expansions.

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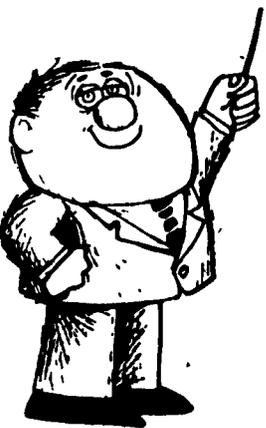


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