

# Lebanon Extension Recognizes Volunteers' Dedication

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southeastern part of the state) have to be articulate in expressing the importance of agriculture to the community," he said.

The diminishment of farm-support infrastructure, such as farm machinery and machinery parts suppliers, are creating some unusual practices. He said he knows of a farmer in the northern part of the state who needed a part for a combine and had to have the part helicoptered into the field from the southeast, or risk losing crop in the ground.

He said that he sees a future with more and more part-time farmers. And while the full-time farmer has sometimes been associated with some disdain for the part-time farmer, Cole said that the best ally to the full-time farmer is probably the part-time person.

"Part-time farmers are the best ally the full-time farmers ever had. Even though there are differences, (the part-time farmers) have the same goals and values."

More than 53 percent of the income to farm families is coming from off the farm today.

He said that there has to be more and more sitting down in family conferences and planning.

Opportunities for small productionists include such things as raising wine grapes for local wineries or boarding horses.

"The future of agriculture in

southeastern Pennsylvania is in your hands — every person, rural and urban," he told the audience.

The development of future life needs the involvement of those who will live here, he said. "The (development of the land and societal policy for the future) should be by a conscious decision, and not just living with what somebody has done to us," he said.

"We need a future that isn't negotiated from the seat of a car."

In other business, volunteer recognitions were made by extension staff.

Debbie Hartman was especially honored for her volunteer work as a master gardner.

She set a county volunteer record with logging-in in excess of 2,000 hours.

She has been a master gardner since 1990, and in 1994 was named state master gardner of the year.

In addition she provides leadership to a group of amateur herbalists, with about 50 people involved. She and some others provide education, and Hartman also teaches classes.

In addition, Hartman has joined Schadler in doing training throughout the southeast region on communications and teaching skills.

She also conducted training in the master gardner program on food preservation techniques,

including canning, freezing, pickling and fermenting-pickling.

Currently she is involved with a program on teaching techniques for preserving flowers through pressing.

Others in the master gardner program receiving recognition were the class of 1995-96 who have completed the training period and initial required 50 hours of volunteer service.

Included in that group were Paul and Ann Hornberger (the first husband and wife team), Lyndell Richards, Lynn Pleet, John Summers, Cheryl DeLancey, Todd Lyons, Joan Miller, Jan Morrissey, and Robin Wolfe.

A group of 11 people is currently in the first phase of training to become a master gardner.

In 4-H leader awards, Martha Gregory, county 4-H coordinator, recognized first-year leaders Michelle and Daryl Grumbine, Allison Martin, and Debbie Tice. They were presented with a front automobile 4-H vanity plate, as well as notebooks to use in their leadership duties, as well as receiving their first year leader awards.

Special recognition was made in memory of Harold Bollinger, of Kleinfeltersville, who, since 1942, had been involved in the county extension program, serving on the county extension executive committee, which later became the board of directors.

He was involved in the education programs as a young man and was a tireless supporter of all parts of the program.

A master farmer, he was involved in many aspects of community service and in helping to increase the quality of life for others in the community.

Also recognized was the late Newton Bair, who had been a Lebanon County extension agent from 1972 to 1983. He had been a farmer in York County prior to extension and helped provide assistance to farmers in Lebanon County.

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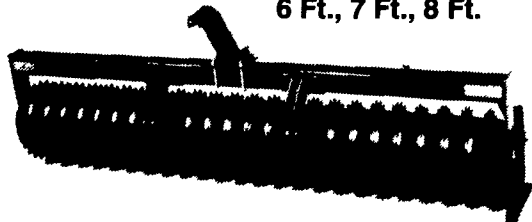
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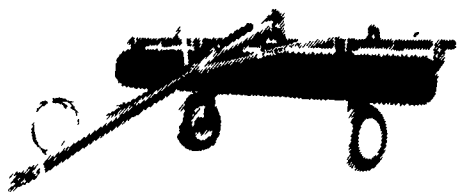


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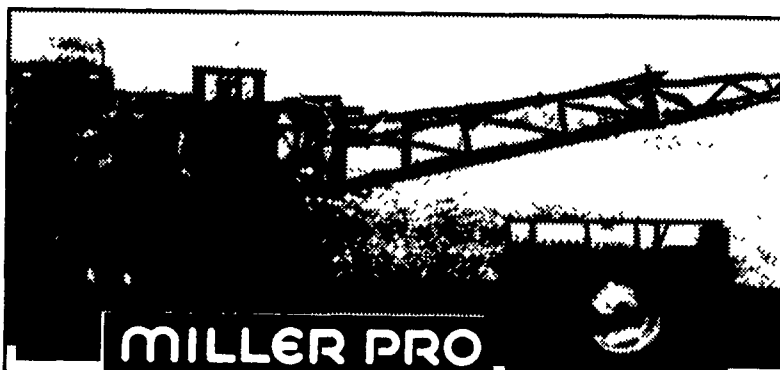
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