Naylor Receives Jurchak Extension Award

SCRANTON (Lackawanna (0.) -- The second annual Thomas B. Jurchak Extension Award was recently presented to Audrey Naylor of Factoryville at the annual meeting of the Lackawanna County Cooperative Extension Association.

The Jurchak Award is given anmually to a person who has made significant contributions to Penn State Cooperative Extension of ackawanna County.

As the award recipient, Naylor

received a cash prize and commemorative plaque in recognition for her service.

Audrey Naylor began her association with cooperative extension more than 30 years ago as a 4-H leader of the Fleetville Community 4-H Club. As a leader, she shared her skills with youth teaching them cooking sewing, and other life skills.

Because of Naylor's encouragement and leadership, many members in her club were actively

involved in the county program. attending local, regional, and state 4-H events. As a result of her efforts, her members not only excelled in their 4-H projects, but also in leadership roles and activities.

Naylor lent her leadership skills honed as a 4-H leader to the extension program by serving on the cooperative extension board since 1968. She quickly assumed leadership responsibilities by serving as secretary of the board from treasurer, then stepped into the president's role in 1978, serving for six years.

Naylor has also served on the family living extension advisory board for the past 10 years. She served as chair of that committee from 1987-1994. As a member of the committee, Naylor has provided input for the extension family living programs, as well as

helping to plan and conoduct the annual Spring Fling.

The Jurchak Extension Award was established in honor of Thomas B. Jurchak, retired Lackawanna County Cooperative Extension director and agricultural agent. Jurchak made outstanding contributions to Lackawanna County's agriculture, particularly green-wrap tomatoes and milk marketing. During his 38-year career, he worked closely with producers to incorporate findings from research into practice.



