Farm Rescue Training Garners Awards

SHARTLESVILLE (Berks Co.) - A Farm Rescue course earned awards from both the Pennsylvania Grange and from the national

Donna Kunkle, who is com-

munity service chairperson, farm wife, and mother of two, helped plan the event sponsored by the Shartlesville Grange #1512 recently.

Zone 2 fire companies partici-



State Grange Master Bill Steel presents checks and a plaque to Donna Kunkle of Shartlesville Grange #1512. State and national awards were given to the Berks County Grange for the Farm Rescue Course it sponsored.

pated in the event to learn how to respond to a person entrapped in farm machinery.

For winning first place in community service projects, State Grange Master Bill Steel presented a check from the State Grange to Kunkle. Shartlesville Grange received third place and another check from the National Grange held in North Carolina last month.

In addition to planning the rescue event, Kunkle and other grange members spent countless hours sewing stuffed toys for pediatric patients, wheel chair bags for chair-bound people, walker bags and finger separator, for the elderly, baby quilts for babies with AIDS, and personal bags for women in crisis.

Kunkle works a few days each month to prepare and serve breakfast at the Shartlesville Grange, which raises funds to purchase sewing supplies for community projects and for monetary donations to community services.

Shartlesville Grange donates money to Wernersville State Hospital and The Children's Service to buy Christmas presents for patients and children. Money was

also given to the Shartlesville and the Strausstown Fire Companies and to the Shartlesville Playground. The grange also donates funds to the youth dairy and beef clubs for judging competitions, Toys for Tots, Make-A-Wish, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, food for the Greater Berks Food Bank and to the Hamburg Food

Bank, and supplies to the Lyons tornado victims.

Kunkle chairs two fair displays and the float entered in local parades. The Grange recently began baking pies for the Berks Heim Fest and helps transport patients to church services.

"If you need help, ask Donna, who doesn't hesitate to say, 'yes,' said Marlene Miller of Mohrsville.



Lancaster Society 8

Lancaster Farm Women Society 8 met Dec. 2 at the home of Vernetta Wallander, Maytown. Kathryn Hess gave devotions and hostesses were Anna Mae Derr, Ruth Newcomer, Ruth Sweitzer, and Vernetta Wallander.

Guest speaker was Nancy Morrow who gave enjoyable poetic readings of the "Season."

The next meeting will not be held until Feb. 1999.



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