

# McGee Named Lebanon County Extension Director

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) - Winifred McGee, Penn State Cooperative Extension economic and community development agent, recently was named director of extension for Lebanon County. In that position, she will oversee all cooperative extension educational programs and staff in the county.

"Winifred brings to the position previous administrative experience as well as a thorough knowledge of Lebanon County," said Michelle Rodgers, Capital

Region director for Penn State Cooperative Extension and Outreach. "She has utilized her community development expertise in collaboration with agents in all extension program areas. her skills will help extension to partner with other organizations and agencies to meet the needs of the community."

McGee joined Penn State Cooperative Extension in 1990. As a multi-county agent specializing in small and home-based business, she conducted educa-

tional programs for entrepreneurs in Lebanon, Lancaster, Dauphin and York counties.

McGee helped to pilot the Learn and Earn for Fun and Profit 4-H program in Pennsylvania, writing workbooks and organizing clubs for teen entrepreneurs. She also helped the Carlisle War College develop an annual home-based business conference for military dependents and retirees, and worked with resource-stressed clients in Lancaster to develop a

business plan for a grocery operation to employ and train inner-city teens.

In 1996, McGee's job was expanded to include community and economical development in the four-county area. In that capacity, she collaborates with groups such as HomeFields Inc., Goodwill Industries of Lancaster, the York Hispanic Center, YorkArts, the Lebanon Hispanic Outreach and the Central Pennsylvania Office of Regional Housing Legal

Services. In 1997, she received an Award of Special Recognition from the Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program.

McGee earned a bachelor's degree in French and English literature from Grove City College in 1977 and a master's degree in public administration from University of West Florida in 1984. She was an officer in the United States Air Force from 1979 to 1986 and served as consultant with the Penn State Small Business Development Center at Penn State Harrisburg from 1987 to 1990.

McGee succeeds Alletta Schadler, who is retiring after 30 years with Penn State Cooperative Extension in Lebanon County. "As a mentor and colleague, Letie has had a profound effect on many of us in cooperative extension," Rodgers says. "She has been a creative and productive educator who is recognized widely for her personal assistance, educational programs, newspaper columns and radio shows on a wide range of family living topics. Her natural wit and articulate thoughts have been a lighthouse to the extension system and the community."

## Lancaster Society 8

Farm Women Society #8 of Lancaster County met at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Joy on December 1.

Phyllis Endsloew opened the meeting with devotions based on the theme of angels.

Rev. Michael Martine spoke of angels being messengers and do-

ers. He played his guitar, sang an original tune he has written, and the group sang carols and an old favorite camp song.

Retiring President Helen Wivell was presented with a lovely scarf and pin.

The Lancaster County Dairy Princess Elisa Ranck quizzed the



members on their knowledge of dairy products and played several selections on her harp.

The next scheduled meeting is February 9, at Mount Joy Country Homes Community Room at 1 p.m.

### 4-H

## HAPPENINGS

### County Wide 4-H Dairy Club

The Cumberland County Wide 4-H Dairy Club meeting was conducted Dec. 13.

President Thomas Harwood called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. the 4-H Pledge was led by Scott Walton and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael Woods. The recording secretary, Sarah Day, gave roll call.

The question that was asked was, "What is your favorite Christmas song?" Sarah read the minutes from the November meeting. They were approved as read.

Under new business Sarah read three thank-you notes. They were from Katie Harwick, thanking the club for sponsoring a showmanship class at the All-American Dairy Show; Ida Showaker, for flowers; and from John, Linda, Heath, and Michelle, for flowers also.

Amy Kaucher gave a county council report. Jason Nailor gave a report on the children selected from the Christmas tree. A group consisting of Jason and Brian Nailor, Zach Travis, Melissa Detman, Mark and Greg Hammond went to Kmart and picked a girl and a boy. The boy's name is Justin, age 11 and the girl's name is Rachel, age 5.

The club purchased items from their lists. Also under new business Kathy Walton talked about the float to be entered in the 250th Anniversary Parade Celebration of Cumberland County on May 13.

Under new business, Amy Kulick brought up about the Holstein Junior Convention, Feb. 4-6 at Carlisle's Clarion Hotel. The club agreed to give \$100.

No demonstrations were given. The program for the night was the Christmas gift exchange. No meeting will be in January because of Farm Show. The next meeting will be Feb. 14 at the Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle.

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