

Somerset County Salutes Cooperative Extension

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SOMERSET (Somerset Co.) — Cooperative extension continues to change, according to Dorothy Bromley, director of the Somerset County Cooperative Extension. In remarks at the annual dinner meeting held at the Somerset Masonic Temple, she described the continual challenges of dealing with updated information with approximately 135 persons.

"It is increasingly difficult to be up to date," she said, "but the idea is to share expertise across county lines."

Adaptability, however, means progress as greater numbers of farmers are turning to cyber space in their operations and finding the computer an indispensable tool. In the farm office they are finding the computer will bring greater efficiency to every aspect of the business.

This is why cooperative extension workshops are so helpful. They facilitate and ease change for the farmer who takes the plunge and updates his system of operating.

"The trend more and more is farmers are incorporating computers into their

business," reported Mike Harteis about a labor management workshop he conducted. Harteis is a multi-county extension agent who covers farm management issues in Cambria, Blair, Bedford and Somerset Counties. In January a workshop will be held for farmers with little or no experience, he said.

Melanie Barkley, another multi-county extension agent focusing on livestock, gave a report on two workshops she conducted. About 44 participants attended the one on horse pasture was held in Somerset. A meat goat home study first-time course had 115 participants, she said.

The New Farm Income Opportunities Tour and workshop in southern Somerset County drew such a great response that a repeat performance is planned.

Addressing farm safety will always be a priority issue for the cooperative extension. Those who registered for the 2000 Farm Safety Day were educated about the correct response to tractor overturns, PTO and machinery entanglements, silo and manure accidents, chemical and electrical emergencies and how to report accidents.

The children learned how to escape from a smoke-filled house and how to handle animals safely.

In the area of horticulture and natural resources the issues were pesticide training, weed control in pastures, West Nile Virus, and stewardship of forests.

Family Living programs during the year provided a springboard of sorts for change and personal accountability. Participants became aware that food handling goes hand in hand with health and nutrition. Child care, overcoming grief, managing stress on the farm and setting goals to save money and reduce debt were dominant issues.

It was reported the youth programs in Somerset County are strong. Participation among youths coupled with consistent support from adults makes public speaking and demonstration contests, shooting sports, the exchange trip, camp, foods, fashion, square dancing and county council rank with the best in the state.

Dr. Vincent Svonavec, joined those who touted the merits of 4-H membership from a personal perspective. A veterinarian and youngest of eight brothers, Svonavec said he followed them into 4-H.

Svonavec described "Fred" a white charolais steer that in 1978 was his first 4-H project. Despite his certainty the animal would win, it placed last. To his mother Svonavec declared he was going to purchase a steer from the same producer and name it "Derf," which is "Fred" spelled backwards — and the next time it would win. He was right. It did win.

Deidra Smith shared how 4-H has helped her to gain self-confidence after starting out an extremely shy youngster when first joining the program. She is the Lamb and Wool Queen of Somerset County.

"Four-H gives everyone a chance for leadership training," according to Nathaniel Barbera, a youth who has competed in every public speaking contest since he was old enough to begin.

In her presentation, Cassie Hays' personal translation of the four "Hs" were Heritage, Hard Work, Helpfulness and Happiness.

"It is impossible to not learn when a leader is hanging over your shoulder, said Cassie.

South-Central regional director Harold Ott, a native countian, said he has visited seven countries to help set up cooperative extension.

"The system of cooperative extension is the envy of the world. It is valuable resource, and you need to protect it" he said.

After votes were tallied in the election of board members the following were appointed: Michael Carr, Sipesville, and Gay Brownlee, Salisbury, were reelected to second terms. Steven Hoffman, Rockwood, and John Kreger, Jr., Upper Turkeyfoot Township, were elected to first terms.

In May 2001, the Somerset County Cooperative Extension office and other farm agencies will be settled in all new offices at 1590 N. Center Avenue, Somerset.

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