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SIMPSON COUNTY

We're beginning a new chapter of The KY Partnership in Simpson County. We have increased our visibility in Simpson County by sharing our display at the Simpson County Fair, Southern States Annual Meeting and the annual Antique Car/Craft Show in Franklin, KY. Also, the first aid/CPR training sessions at Pig Improvement Company (PIC) in Franklin have assisted in establishing our identity in Simpson County. Potential Community Coordinators have been identified and the first organizational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, 1994. We look forward to the growth and development of this chapter.



NURSING STUDENTS EXPLORE FARM LIFE
 Twenty (20) South Central KY AHEC nursing students from the University of Louisville spent the summer in Warren County completing a program in Community Health Nursing. Ten (10) of the students focused on farmers. Each student spent a day with a Community Coordinator on her farm. They developed two displays on Safe Livestock Handling and Prevention of Skin Cancer which they shared at the Simpson County Fair. The displays were given to The KY Partnership for future use. This experience provided a mutual benefit for both the students and The KY Partnership.



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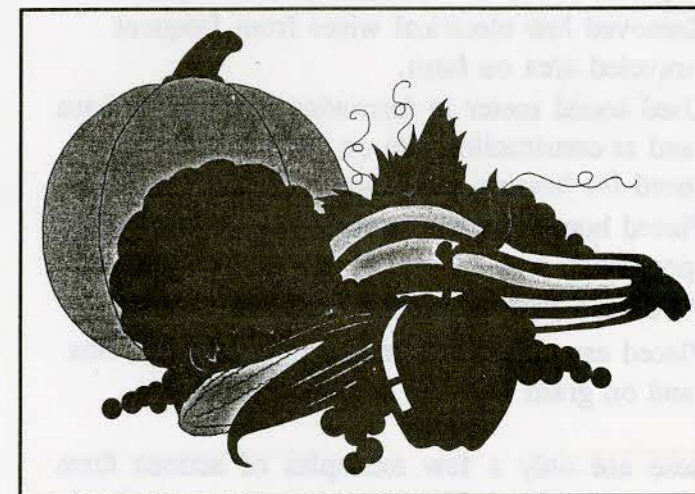
AUGUST, 1994

GOOD NEWS!!!!

The Kentucky Partnership for Farm Family Health and Safety, Inc. has been granted tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. Contributions made to our not-for-profit organization are deductible by donors beginning November 22, 1993. A special thanks to all the individuals who shared their expertise to accomplish this task.

FARM FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Make plans NOW to attend our 2nd Fall Festival! Based on the community's response, this event will be bigger and better than last year and will provide activities for all age groups. Health screening, a tractor pull, educational booths, and country music entertainment are some of the activities planned for the day. Stay tuned to the media for more details. **MARK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH ON THE CALENDAR NOW!** The event will be at the L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center from 10 am -- 5 pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the membership from 5 pm -- 6 pm.



CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE KY PARTNERSHIP

The first meeting of the membership of The KY Partnership will be from 5 pm -- 6 pm on Saturday, October 29, 1994 following the Farm Family Fall Festival. The program will include a brief annual report, announcement of the newly elected Board of Directors, entertainment and door prizes. **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.** A ballot to elect the Board of Directors will be sent to all members in mid-September. Exercise your right to vote!!!!

SAFETY TIPS

Elizabeth Westbrook, wife of a local dairy farmer and Regional Coordinator for the KY Cancer Program serving the Barren River District, submitted the enclosed article on "Skin Cancer: Prevention and Detection". This is the second of a two part series. Hope you are using sun protection on these hot, humid Kentucky days.



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ACTIVITIES OF FARM WOMEN

Farm women and The KY Partnership are taking actions to reduce risks on their own farms. Listed below are some of their activities during the past year.

- *Cleaned chemical storage area.
- *Returned pesticide containers to recycle pick-up site.
- *Purchased new dust helmet for husband.
- *Learned to use blower in grain bin.
- *Purchased shield for auger.
- *Purchased warning signs to mark fields.
- *Ordered new face shield for dusk mask.
- *Changed to bulk pesticide container so chemical company would remove from farm.
- *Replaced safety guards on auger at swine barn.
- *Removed low electrical wires from frequent traveled area on farm.
- *Used sound meter in farrowing barn, dairy barn and at construction site on farm to determine need for hearing protection.
- *Placed house number on mail box for emergency personnel.
- *Purchased first aid kit for farm use.
- *Placed ear plugs, face masks in tractor tool box and on grain bin.

These are only a few examples of actions farm women are taking. These actions may seem simple but they are inexpensive and can make a difference in the lives of our farm families. The women are also reporting an increased awareness about farm safety among family members and changes in behavior. Examples of behavioral change noted with husbands include:

- *Routinely changes clothes frequently when working with pesticides. (Wife sends clean shirt, socks and jeans with husband).
- *Consistently wears respiratory protection when in swine confinement buildings.
- *Uses latex gloves and trash bags when working in tobacco.
- *Uses a stick to feed the hay into baler and not an arm or leg.

*Wears a straw hat and sunblock without a reminder.

In an effort to promote The KY Partnership and spread the message about agricultural health and safety, members have also found time to share our table top display and/or a program about our new community-based program at the following community events:



Susan Jones, Regional Coordinator, checking blood pressure at Southern States Annual Meeting

- *Simpson County Fair 7/14-16/94.
- *State Jr. Livestock Exposition in Bowling Green, KY, 8/5-6/94.
- *Southern States Annual Meeting Franklin, KY, 8/16/94.
- *Southern States Annual Meeting, Bowling Green, 8/17/94.
- *Antique Car/Craft Show, Franklin, KY, 8/20/94.
- *Statewide Rinse and Return Program in Warren County, KY 8/94.

Other activities of members include:

- *Working on a coloring/activities book to be used in elementary schools.
- *Completing first photonovel on pesticide safety. We are nearing completion of three(3) additional photonovels on Hearing Protection, Safety Around Grain Bins and Prevention of Skin Cancer.
- *Presenting slide presentation highlighting program to 20 AHEC Community Health Nursing Students from the University of Louisville.
- *Presenting program, "Importance of Farm Safety," to 15 Camp Explorer participants. The participants were high school students from medical underserved counties interested in pursuing a career in the health field.

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

The KY Partnership is offering 10 CPR/First Aid training sessions for Pig Improvement Company (PIC) employees (farm workers). Five of the classes have been taught and were well received. Scenarios describing potential injuries associated with swine production have been written to be used in the first aid training.



NEW MEMBERS

The following have pledged their support of the mission of The KY Partnership by joining our new community-based organization. We sincerely appreciate their support and welcome their suggestions and input as we work together to improve the health and safety of farm families.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

*Mayor Johnny Webb
Bowling Green*

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

*Sandy and David Darnell
Reta and Ermon Denny
Jo Jean and L. Jack Scott, M.D.*

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

*Dickerson Farms
Greenview Hospital
Farm Credit Services
Family Care Home Health, Inc.*

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

With assistance of funds received from The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, The KY Partnership was organized only 18 months ago when 12 farm women met for a retreat to discuss agricultural health and safety practices. They left the retreat with a commitment that, by working together, they could make their farms a safer place to work and live. They have accomplished many goals! Listed below are 11 major accomplishments of the organization.

- *Conducted survey of over 200 farm families in Warren County to identify the health and safety concerns of farm women.
- *Provided first aid/CPR training sessions for farm women and their families in Bowling Green, Richardsville, Woodburn and Hadley Communities and for farm workers at Pig Improvement Company, Inc.
- *Sponsored a Farm Family Fall Festival with over 500 individuals attending and participating in the health screening, fun and education activities of the day. Over 50 agencies, schools, clubs and businesses assisted by supporting this event.
- *Sold over 60 first aid kits to farm families.
- *Provided a 3-day course in farm rescue for 18 EMS/fire/rescue personnel from Warren and surrounding counties.
- *Designed table top display highlighting activities of The KY Partnership and presented to over 35 community organizations and/or events.
- *Designed photonovel on pesticide safety using local people to spread the message regarding agricultural health and safety. Continue to work on additional photonovels.
- *Presented programs on farm safety to 20 classes in 7 different schools. Over 1,000 high school and elementary students were exposed to the message on farm safety.
- *Published and mailed 8 bimonthly newsletters with enclosed safety articles to 1,000 individuals/families/agencies.
- *Implemented plan of action to establish the second chapter of The KY Partnership in Simpson County.
- *Planned continuing education programs for health care providers which address agricultural health and safety issues.

To continue these services and establish additional chapters in other counties, we need financial support to ensure the maintenance, growth and development of the organization after grant funds are depleted. Please pledge your support and return the enclosed membership form today!