

Say yes to county CES

Q: I spotted a strange bug in my garden. Can you identify it for me?
Q: What is the best method to control tomatoes?
Q: How can I stretch my budget on a limited, low income?
Q: Are there programs available to help my 13-year-old to cope with peer pressure?

Answers: What do all of these questions have in common? They can all be answered by contacting the same county agency. Answers to these questions — plus a whole lot more — is available at your county Cooperative Extension Service (CES).

I recently spent an afternoon at the Macomb County Cooperative Extension Service office and I'm always amazed at the depth and variety of topics they have information on.

The CES staff in your county works through Michigan State University to design and conduct educational programs and provide information assistance in the areas of agriculture, home economics, 4-H youth development, natural resources and public policy and food and nutrition.

Their knowledge and expertise are offered through demonstrations, workshops, seminars, on-site tours, news articles, bulletins and fact sheets.

The following is a short description of their programs:

HOME ECONOMICS:
The Home Economic program offers help to families in identifying their needs and education to improve their quality of life at home and in the community. Some programs in the Home Ec. area include the Master Canner, Household Pest Management, Karing Kids, Managing Finances, The Food Information



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Hotline, Communications/ Human Development, Nutrition Education and EFNEP.

EFNEP is a program designed to teach low-income families basic nutrition, buying and preparation skills, meal planning and budgeting on a one-to-one or small group setting.

AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING:

The agriculture and marketing programs provide information and consultation for all areas of agricultural enterprise. These programs include the Master Gardener Program, the Gardening Hotline, Farm

Fresh Produce Listing, Soil Testing, Farm Management and Identification of Household Pests, Plants and Weeds.

4-H YOUTH PROGRAM:

The 4-H Youth program is a learn-by-doing education program for children, 6-19, and their families designed to meet the needs of today's youth. These programs include the 4-H Club, 4-H School Programs and special programs in Leader Training.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND PUBLIC POLICY (NR/PP):

NR/PP offers information and ed-

ucation in many areas, such as tourism, water quality, public affairs, Great Lakes, forestry, solid and hazardous waste management and environmental quality.

This list is just a sample of the many topics CES can provide to you just by stopping by their office or calling to request a Publications Catalog. Much of their printed material is free for single titles.

They also have the Teletip Service. Teletip is 350 taped messages on a host of practical tips, including canning, gardening, insects and pests and food safety.

So, don't wonder any longer. Contact your county Cooperative Extension Service and get the latest information on everything from A to Z.

The Consumer Mailbag answers your questions. Address mail to The Consumer Mailbag, Concern Detroit, One Kennedy Square, 4th Floor, Detroit, 48226.

Camp Oakland gets grant from Skillman Foundation

A \$120,000 grant from the Skillman Foundation of Detroit will enable Camp Oakland Youth Programs Inc. of Oxford to provide its Independent Living Preparation Program for young women for a second year.

Camp Oakland president Gary W. Baumann announced receipt of the grant supporting the program for young women. A similar grant was received from the Skillman Foundation in 1988.

The program is designed to help 16-year-old girls who have been living at Camp Oakland. They move into Adams House, a residence on the agency grounds.

They are helped to face their problems in preparation for their new lives. They learn skills such as budgeting their time and money.

In the second phase of the program, the girls live with families for up to six months while receiving

ing support services from Camp Oakland to help make successful transitions to independent living.

The program is a fresh approach to residential care. Leonard W. Smith, Skillman Foundation president, said, "We believe it is a good concept."

"There is a need to bridge the gap between residential care and the time when youths have to go out in the community. That's a difficult transition," he added.

Camp Oakland is a private, non-profit agency for children and adolescents. It provides residential care for 55 neglected and abused adolescents from Southeastern Michigan.

The Skillman Foundation makes grants for children and youths, basic human needs, community-wide efforts, culture, arts and education in southeastern Michigan.

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