

BIOGRAPHY FOR ROBERT J. (BOBBY) OERTEL

Robert J. (Bobby) Oertel is the Fifth District representative on the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County. Born at Lackland Well, where he and his wife Susan reside today on their Century Farm, Bobby has continuously tried to give back to the community with activities such as: a leader in his Youth Group in the early 1950's, raising funds for the expansion of the fellowship hall at Cumberland Presbyterian Church; President of the FFA Debate Team; President of Cumberland High School SCA; President of Cumberland Jaycees; President of New Kent County Ruritan Club; Vice-President of Cumberland County Ruritan Club; Deacon of Cumberland Presbyterian Church, building the brick sign, directing construction of a new roof system to save the 250 year old sanctuary and directing the construction of today's pavilion; Elder and choir member at Cumberland Church where Susan also serves as an Elder; member of the Board of Directors of the Cumberland County Farm Bureau for the past four years, starting the first annual event to benefit the county volunteer fire departments and rescue squads; member of a county committee to purchase property and major player in building the Randolph Community Center and Firehouse; charter member of the Randolph Volunteer Fire Department, currently an associate member and loyal supporter. Bobby states, "Having built commercial buildings in Amelia, Buckingham Charlotte, Cumberland, Powhatan, Prince Edward Counties and the Town of Farmville and aircraft hangers at the Farmville Municipal Airport, gives me an appreciation of friendships I have made here in Central Virginia. These friendships allow us to talk and foster closer relationships with our surrounding neighbors." Bobby and Susan have four children and five grandchildren living nearby in the Richmond area.