

DATES TO REMEMBER

— 2021—

August 31

- FAIRTALK material for September due

September 1

- Showcase apps. For 2022 Convention mailed

September 24 (week of)

- 3rd Quarter FAIRTALK emailed

September 30

- Zone Junior Fair Person nominations due to Zone

October 15

- Showcase apps. Due

- 2022 Request for Fair info material, PSACF Associate Dues Invoices, PSACF/PSSA Convention material, Trade Show apps. mailed.

October 21

- PSACF Board Meeting

October 27

- PSACF Zone 4 Mtg. – TBA

October 28

- PSACF Zone 3 Mtg. - American Legion County Fair

October 29

PSACF Zone 1 Mtg. - Jefferson County Fair

October 30

- PSACF Zone 2 Mtg. – Harford Fair

November 1

- Fair Person of the Year apps. Due
- Communications Competition apps due
- Queen Competition Applications due

November 15

- Reimbursement apps.—Fair Fund due
- Baking Contests Summaries due

November 30

FAIRTALK material for December issue due

— 2022—

January 8—16

Pa. Farm Show

January 19 - 22

Convention — Hershey



FAIRTALK



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SEMINARS, TABLE TOPICS AND YOUTH DAY HIGHLIGHT 2022 CONVENTION

BY: KEVIN D. BIEBER

It certainly feels good to be back planning for the annual PSACF/PSSA convention. Not only is the convention an opportunity to see our fair friends, but it is an opportunity to take ideas from each other and improve our own fairs. All things we missed last year.

At the annual convention in Hershey, we will be bringing back our scheduled speaker from last year, Rich Engler a music icon with a great story to tell. Rich has also agreed to bring along many signed pieces of musical equipment that he will set up in a room after his keynote speech. Rich invites everyone to stop by and see these items as most have a story to go with them. Thank you to Rich Engler for taking the extra step in bringing these items to convention.

The 2022 convention will find some new seminars as well as some typical up to date seminars such as Food Safety by the Department of Ag, Animal Health etc. There is also a rumor that I am in contact with our friend Barney Cosner to come to Pennsylvania for two separate seminars. Barney loves coming to our convention !!!!!

The Table Topics this year will find twelve different topics that will run twice throughout the convention. We have heard from you, so we are trying our best to accommodate a schedule that allows you to get to as many as possible. Also, the Table Topics will be a true discussion period amongst all in attendance. There will be no power points or other such presentations, strictly a conversation by all.

New in 2022 will be Youth Day on Saturday. Please gather the youth (30 years and younger) involved in your fair or any youth that wants to learn more and have them come to Youth Day on Saturday. The day will consist of two seminars in the morning followed by a friendly game of Family Fued. Registration for that day only will be ½ price.

As you can see, lots going on again for convention. Please stay tuned to the next newsletter that will provide a complete schedule of events. In the meantime, start planning to come to Hershey in January !

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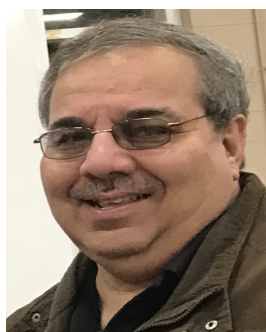
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From our President



After a year of cancellations and postponements, most fairs are busy planning for their 2021 events. We have attended several festivals and events recently and you can feel the excitement by the concessionaires, vendors, entertainers and attendees. Everyone seems to be happy that we are able to get back to some

sense of normalcy. I'm looking forward to this excitement carrying over as our fairs begin.

By June 28, all COVID restrictions in Pennsylvania are scheduled to end but the Department of Health encourages all to follow CDC guidance.

Remember that June 30 is the deadline to submit an application for matching funds from the Department of Agriculture through the Fair Fund Act. June 30 is also the last day for someone from your fair to submit an application for the Msgr. John Mignot Memorial Scholarship program. PSACF is offering up to six \$1,000 scholarships for eligible youth volunteers from your fair. Please encourage anyone from your fair who is eligible to submit their application. The application and additional information can be found on the state association's website: www.pafairs.org.

I'd like to thank Bryan Blair and his crew from the York State Fair for the wonderful job they did hosting the 2021 IAFE Zone One meeting in May. It was a very informative and educational meeting and it was good to again be able to get out and network with our fair friends. In 2022, IAFE Zones 1 and 2 will hold a joint meeting in Naples, Florida. Please watch for more information and details to find out how you can attend.

Our annual convention is being planned for January 19 to 22, 2022 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey. After cancelling our 2021 convention, 2022 promises to be even better than previous conventions. Many of our directors are busy planning and getting ready to welcome you back to Hershey in 2022. Please stay tuned for much more information coming about the convention as it becomes available. Best Wishes for a great fair season!

Sam



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HERSHEY RESERVATIONS

Our web based on-line group reservation system is still under construction, so we do not have an on-line link to share with you yet. However, your group's room block is OPEN and your guests can reserve their room reservations.

Your guests may begin to reserve their room reservations by calling the **Hershey Lodge Reservation office at 855-729-3108**, and asking for the room block for the **PA State Association of County Fairs, January 18 - 23, 2022**.

Your Group's Room rate is:

One person in Room: \$119.00 per room per night plus 11% taxes

Two or more persons in the Room: \$122.00 per room per night plus 11% taxes

We are asking guests for their credit card numbers to guarantee their reservations, but NO advance deposits are being charged at the time the guest is booking their room reservation.

You're Group's cancellation policy is:

Cancellations must be received by the end of day, Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Any room reservation cancelled after this date, a cancellation fee of one night's room and tax will be charged to the guest's credit card.

Guests who need to reserve their room reservations in the Showmen Hallway, Rooms 2200 - 2250, please have them call me, and I will assist them with reserving their assigned room in this section. Could we ask these guests to contact me by Friday, Oct 29, 2021. I could provide you with the names of the guests who have not reserved their room reservation after this date, giving you time to check to see if the guest will be attending your conference.

(Michele Maxwell - Office Number: 717-534-8696).

CONVENTION UPDATE

PSACF met with Hershey on June 22nd and we are proceeding to have the Convention January 19 – 22. PSACF has in the past shared the increased costs and passed minimal increases on to the attendees. However, continuing to absorb the cost differentials is not in the best interests of our Association's financial health. Therefore, after much deliberation, the following changes will take effect for the 2022 Convention:

Registration will increase to \$40.

The PSACF Thursday banquet will be \$40.

Trade Show registration will increase to \$300.

COVID- 19 Vaccination Clinic

The following email was sent to all of our Fairs. If your Fair is able please take the survey as listed in the email.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, along with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, is working to provide on-site vaccination resources to agricultural businesses and events. All PA Fairs are eligible to request on-site vaccination resources for their events at no charge to the fair operators or those getting vaccinated.

The Department of Health (DOH) will provide all personnel and materials related to the vaccination effort. DOH will be able to vaccinate anyone over the age of 18 with the Janssen one-dose COVID-19 vaccine. DOH will need a physical location to vaccinate and observe individuals post vaccination (for 15 minutes). Details regarding the size of the space, hours of operation, etc. will be discussed in greater detail should the fair decide it would like to participate .

If your fair is interested in playing host to a vaccination clinic, please click on this link and complete the survey: <https://forms.office.com/g/vLU2LqtUsp>.

If you have any questions, please email Michael Roth with the PA Department of Agriculture at michroth@pa.gov.



From the PA State Fair Queen

The sunshine and the warm temperatures remind us that summer is right around the corner and that fair season is ready to begin! This spring in April, I was officially crowned the 2021 PA State Fair Queen at a small

in-person coronation ceremony held at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds. Abigail Knapp, the 2021 PA State Fair Queen Alternate, and I both received our crowns and sashes and shared our speeches on "Why You Should Come To My Fair". Experiencing the coronation ceremony was exciting and memorable for me. I was grateful to be able to share the moment with my family, my friends, and Elizabethtown Fair board members and volunteers. In May, I participated in the Elizabethtown Memorial Day Parade riding on a patriotically decorated wagon pulled by a small Farmall tractor. I enjoyed getting to see the community all gathered together along the streets of Elizabethtown to honor the men and

women who have served our country. On June 12th, I was able to attend my first fair visit, the 2021 Bloomsburg Fair Queen Coronation Ceremony. I had the honor of meeting the 2020 Bloomsburg Fair Queen, Bryndil Kemler and the young ladies competing to be the next Bloomsburg Fair Queen. I had the privilege as well to meet other fair royalty including the 2020 Franklin County Fair Queen, Raylee Gibbons, the 2019 & 2020 Gratz Fair Queen, Alexa Geist. I was asked to share a few remarks about being the 2021 PA State Fair Queen and I appreciated this opportunity. Listening to each of the contestants' speeches about "Why You Should Come To My Fair, The Bloomsburg Fair", filled me with excitement for my visit to the fair in September. Looking ahead, my calendar is beginning to fill up with visits to many Pennsylvania fairs and events across the state which fills me with joy and excitement to advocate for agriculture and fairs. I look forward to meeting new people and seeing the diversity of fairs and communities across Pennsylvania this summer!

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PA Fair Queen Program
By – Karen Dobson

We are pleased to have 59 fairs currently registered to receive the application packet for the PA State Fair Queen competition in January 2022. Below is the list of fairs that responded to date. If your fair is not listed, please sign up at <https://forms.gle/Dxdu4bMxLkRYtSPR9>. The information will be needed to update our contact database so that fairs can receive updates/changes throughout the year.

Fairs Registered To Date:

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| 1. Albion Area Fair | 30. Juniata County Fair |
| 2. Allentown Fair | 31. Kimberton Community Fair |
| 3. American Legion County Fair | 32. Lebanon Area Fair |
| 4. Beaver Community Fair Association | 33. Luzerne County Fair |
| 5. Bedford County Fair | 34. Manheim Community Farm Show |
| 6. Berks County Fair | 35. McClure Bean Soup Festival & Fair |
| 7. Bloomsburg Fair | 36. McKean County Fair Association |
| 8. Butler Fair | 37. Middletown Grange Fair |
| 9. Cameron County Fair | 38. Mifflin County Youth Fair |
| 10. Carbon County Fair | 39. Perry County Community Fair |
| 11. Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair | 40. Potter County Fair |
| 12. Clearfield County Fair | 41. Schuylkill County Fair |
| 13. Clinton County Fair | 42. Shippensburg Community Fair |
| 14. Crawford County Fair | 43. Sinking Valley Farm Show |
| 15. Cumberland Ag Expo | 44. Solanco Fair |
| 16. Dayton Fair | 45. Spartansburg Community Fair |
| 17. Derry Township Agricultural Fair | 46. Sullivan County Fair |
| 18. Elizabethtown Fair | 47. Tioga County Fair |
| 19. Elk County Fair | 48. Troy Fair |
| 20. Erie County Fair at Wattsburg | 49. Union County West End Fair |
| 21. Fayette County Fair | 50. Unionville Community Fair |
| 22. Franklin County Fair | 51. Warren County Fair |
| 23. Gratz Fair | 52. Washington County Agricultural Fair |
| 24. Greene County Fair | 53. West Alexander Fair |
| 25. Harford Fair | 54. West Lampeter Community Fair |
| 26. Hookstown Fair | 55. Westmoreland Agricultural Fair |
| 27. Huntingdon | 56. Williamsburg Community Farm Show |
| 28. Indiana County Fair | 57. Wyoming County Fair |
| 29. Jefferson County Fair | 58. York State Fair |

The PA State Fair Queen Contest application packet is currently "on hold" as we review new pricing information just received from Hershey. Updates will be posted to the Queen Coordinators' Facebook group as well as emailed to those fairs that have signed up to receive an application.

Don't forget to invite 2021 PA Fair Queen Addison Neff to your fair! She is eager to get out there and see all the wonderful fairs across PA. If she is not available, the Alternate Abigail Knapp will be contacted. An official Appearance Request form must be completed and

submitted to Martha Ebersole. The form can be downloaded at
<https://www.pafairs.org/p/members/queen-program>

A reminder that local/county fair queens are not permitted to show up at other fairs or events in crown and sash unless they have received an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member. Following this protocol ensures that everyone on your fair board is aware of any visiting royalty.



We are currently seeking sponsors to donate gifts baskets, raffle prizes and live auction items for our fundraising efforts at the 2022 convention. "Woolly Wooden Sheep" has been in foster care at my house throughout COVID-2020. He is anxious to break out of quarantine and come to the convention to raise money for the Queen Program! We also have a great Vera Bradley Travel Set and a Kate Spade Beach Tote already donated as well. (My husband "Hon" is already nervous that someone is going to donate another quilt and has threatened to take away my credit card!)



Convention is our only fundraising opportunity, so please contact Judy Kmetz (luzemecountyfair@hotmail.com or 570-675-2952) if you or your fair are in a position to help us out.. Can't bring an item? We also can use cash sponsors as well. All proceeds from any of our fundraising events at convention go directly towards offsetting expenses to run the state

competition.





Cautiously optimistic is how I'm feeling these days when it comes to the 2021 Fair Season.

On May 31, 2021, Pennsylvania lifted all prior COVID mitigation orders, except masking, which will be lifted when 70 percent of Pennsylvania adults are fully vaccinated or on June 28, 2021. We've come a long way in a very short time; however,

fairs need to stay up to date on the latest information from the PA Department of Health and CDC; links are provided below. Of the 108 agricultural fairs in Pennsylvania, 104 are planning to host their events!

As COVID-19 restrictions have rolled back in recent months, I've spoken with several fairs regarding attendance at activities and events on their respective fairgrounds. Across the board, I'm hearing they've had great success hosting smaller events and fundraisers. The PA Maple Syrup Festival said: "The Festival was absolutely fantastic this year!" The Fair Office continues to receive calls about fair season, and it sounds like fairgoers are eager to get back to the fairs.

The vast majority of PA's Fairs have devised mitigation plans to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Many have indicated that they're going to keep some of the measures in place, such as extra handwashing stations, socially distanced seating options, signage related to COVID-19, etc. As we move forward into fair season, it's important to keep those plans up to date and include them in future emergency planning discussions related to same with community leaders, state and local health departments, and first responders.

I think we're well on our way to having a successful fair season. I hope to see you this year!

Important COVID-19 Links:

[Coronavirus in Pennsylvania \(pa.gov\)](#)

[Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People | CDC](#)

[Wolf Administration: Pennsylvania Businesses, Events, Venues Return to 100% Capacity on Memorial Day; Masking Order Remains Until 70% of Adults Fully Vaccinated or June 28](#)

[Department of Health Updates Mask Guidance Following CDC Announcement](#)

FY 2021/2022

Capital Improvement Matching Funds Grant Applications

The applications are open and due on June 30, 2021. Once again, we're accepting applications online using the commonwealth's e-grants system. Remember to begin the process early!

FY 2020/2021

Capital Improvement Matching Funds Contracts

The project completion date for 2020/2021 grants is August 1, 2021. If your fair requires an extension of time, please email me at tbarone@pa.gov by July 1, 2021. Many fairs have already requested extensions because of contractor and material delays brought on by COVID-19.

FY 2019/2020

Capital Improvement Matching Funds Grant Extensions, Final Reports and Payment

Fairs that submitted final reports for their FY 2019/2020 Capital Improvement Matching Funds Project have been paid. All others have been granted an extension of time to complete their projects. If your fair was previously granted an extension but may not meet the deadline, please contact me at tbarone@pa.gov prior to June 30, 2021.

Fair Guide Brochures

The fair guide brochures will be printed and in circulation by July 1, 2021. A link will be posted on PDA's website, as well.

Friend of the Fair Awards

The deadline for nomination submissions was June 1, 2021. Please contact Holly Zarefoss at hzarefoss@pa.gov directly to see if we can accommodate an in-person award.

You can always call or email the Fair Office:

tbarone@pa.gov, office: 717-772-3094; cell: 717-510-8037

hzarefoss@pa.gov, office: 717-787-6298



2021 Calendar Deadlines

June 30, 2021	2021 Capital Improvement Matching Funds Grant Applications Due via E-Grants
November 1, 2021	Youth Fair Poster Contest Entries Due
November 15, 2021	Fair Reimbursement Applications Due

HARRISBURG OVERVIEW:

It's officially budget season in Harrisburg. That means that the legislature has until the end of the month (June 30th) to pass a balanced budget plan for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

We've made previous notes that the usual starting point for the annual budget is the Governor's proposed plan. This year Governor Wolf proposed a \$37.8 billion plan, which is an 11% increase from last year's budget and includes a PIT increase from 3.07% to 4.49%. For the sixth time in a row, his proposal again called for an increase of the minimum wage. According to his plan, the state minimum wage would increase from \$7.25/hour to \$12/hour on July 1st, 2021. Then there would be incremental \$0.50 increases every year until reaching \$15/hour in 2027.

What the final plan will look like, remains to be seen. Most conversations are occurring internally now. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

Budget Line Item

Governor Wolf's budget proposal level-funded the fair line item at \$4,000,000. As budget negotiations progress in the Capitol, we've been diligently advocating with the Department of Agriculture, legislators and staff to protect this line item and ensure that there aren't any disruptions.

Grassroots efforts are always helpful for these types of legislative requests. Of course, PSACF members are welcome to call or email their local legislators requesting that the fair line item be protected this year at \$4 million. The more they hear from you, the better.

Fair Season Reopening Guidance

As you know, we spent the first couple months of the year focused on developing reopening guidelines for fairs. At the time, it wasn't known when the first vaccines would be available or when the state would return to relatively normal operations. So the goal was to try to ensure that the Pennsylvania fair industry could reopen safely this season.

On May 31st, Pennsylvania businesses and events were permitted to return to 100% capacity. However, Governor Wolf plans to keep the masking order in place for unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals until June 28th or when 70% of Pennsylvanians are fully vaccinated, whichever comes first. So pending any other unforeseen circumstances, there shouldn't be an issue with fairs returning to normal operations this season.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. We're excited to continue working with you this session!

In Remembrance



Jeffrey S. Craig, 69, of Shippensburg, passed away on Wednesday, February 24, 2021. He was born on Monday, April 9, 1951 in Chambersburg, a son of the late Wayne F. and Loretta M. (Hershey) Craig, Sr. Jeff graduated from the Shippensburg High School in 1969 and attended Washington & Jefferson College. He then went on to join his father and brother in operating the family business of Wayne F. Craig & Sons Livestock. Jeff purchased Greencastle Livestock Market in 1985, was the owner of Craig's Livestock Transfer and G.L.M. Stables, and was the acting president of the Shippensburg Community Fair Association. Jeff was dedicated to helping others and the organizations in which he belonged.

2021 Directory Changes

Fair Personnel change:

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Fair Location change:

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Home, PA 15747

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Rt 119S to PA-210S to Mahoning Rd

From Indiana: 19 miles

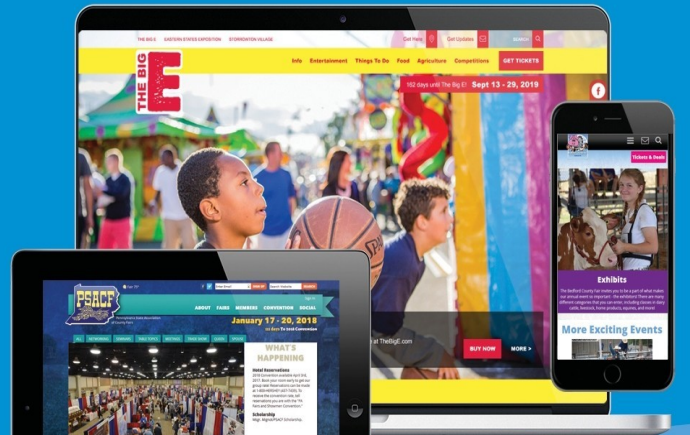
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SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS

— Karen Dobson

Fairs and baking coordinators were asked to register for the Special Baking contests by March 15. Below is a list of the fairs that have responded to date. If your fair is not listed, please register at <https://forms.ole/0CSqYJkxJbKenbdT6>. The information will be used to update our contact database so that fairs can receive updates/changes throughout the year.

Fairs That Registered To Date

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| 1. Albion Area Fair | 45. Kempton Fair |
| 2. American Legion County Fair | 46. Kimberton Community Fair |
| 3. Beaver Community Fair | 47. Kutztown Fair |
| 4. Bedford County Fair | 48. Lebanon Area Fair |
| 5. Berlin Brothersvalley Community Fair | 49. Luzerne County Fair |
| 6. Big Butler Fair | 50. Lycoming County Fair |
| 7. Bloomsburg Fair | 51. Manheim Farm Show |
| 8. Blue Valley Farm Show | 52. Mason Dixon Fair |
| 9. Butler Farm Show | 53. McClure Bean Soup Festival and Fair |
| 10. Carbon County Fair | 54. McKean County Fair |
| 11. Centre County Grange Fair | 55. Middletown Grange Fair |
| 12. Clarion County Fair | 56. Mifflin County Youth Fair |
| 13. Claysburg Area Farm Show Association | 57. Montour DeLong Community Fair |
| 14. Clearfield County Fair | 58. Morrisons Cove Dairy Show |
| 15. Clinton County Fair | 59. New Holland Farmers Fair |
| 16. Cochranon Community Fair | 60. North East Community Fair |
| 17. Cookport Fair | 61. Oley Valley Community Fair Association |
| 18. Crawford County Fair | 62. Perry County Community Fair |
| 19. Cumberland Ag Expo | 63. Plainfield Farmers Fair |
| 20. Dawson Grange #419 Community Fair | 64. Potter County Fair |
| 21. Dayton Agricultural & Mechn. Assn.
(Dayton Fair) | 65. Schnecksville Community Fair |
| 22. Denver Fair | 66. Schuylkill County Fair |
| 23. Derry Township Agricultural Fair | 67. Shippensburg Community Fair |
| 24. Dillsburg Farmers Fair | 68. Somerset County Fair |
| 25. Elizabethtown Fair | 69. South Mountain Fair |
| 26. Elk County Fair | 70. Southern Lancaster County Community
Fair (Solanco) |
| 27. Ephrata Fair | 71. Spartansburg Community Fair |
| 28. Erie County Fair | 72. Sullivan County Fair |
| 29. Fayette County Fair | 73. Sykesville Ag & Youth Fair |
| 30. Franklin County Fair | 74. The Great Stoneboro Fair |
| 31. Fulton County Fair | 75. Tioga County Fair |
| 32. Gratz Fair | 76. Transfer Harvest Home Fair |
| 33. Greene County fair | 77. Troy Fair |
| 34. Greene Dreher Sterling Fair | 78. Union County West End Fair |
| 35. Harford Fair | 79. Venango County Fair |
| 36. Harmony Grange Fair Association | 80. Warren County Fair |
| 37. Hollidaysburg Community Fair | 81. Washington County Agricultural Fair |
| 38. Hookstown Fair | 82. Waterford Community Fair |
| 39. Huntingdon County Fair | 83. Wayne County Fair |
| 40. Indiana County Fair | 84. West Alexander Fair |
| 41. Jacktown Fair | 85. West End Fair Gilbert Pa |
| 42. Jamestown Community Fair | 86. West Lampeter Community Fair |
| 43. Jefferson County Fair | 87. Westmoreland Fair |
| 44. Jefferson Twp. Fair | 88. Williamsburg Community Farm Show |
| | 89. Wolf's Corners Fair |

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- 90. Wyoming County Fair
- 91. York State Fair

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The 2021 Special Baking Contest packet is available and can be downloaded from the PSACF website <https://www.pafairs.org/p/members/baking-contest>. The Contest Packet includes the rules, press releases and Farm Show certifications for the winners. Be sure to update premium books, websites, and other publicity with the 2021 rules. Not using the correct rules will affect a fair winner's chance of winning at the PA Farm Show state competition. Please note that packets will not be mailed or otherwise distributed in paper form this year.

A reminder that a Contingency Plan was provided to help fairs whose events may be impacted by COVID restrictions. Fairs may postpone their special baking contests to a later date, but no later than October 31, 2021. If the PA Farm Show is canceled for 2022, then the state baking finals will be rescheduled for another date/location based on availability and any health restrictions at that time.

Fairs are responsible for any special ribbons for these baking contests, and there will only be sponsored premiums for the Angel Food Cake and the PA Preferred Junior Baking Cookies/Brownies/Bars contests. Fairs should also check to make sure they have their Angel Food Cake and PA Preferred sponsor banners.

Contest Summary reports are due by November 15 either through the online form or by paper. Sponsor premiums will only be distributed to fairs that submit the contest summary information. Fairs must also provide the official Certification Entry Forms to their winners. If the first-place winner is unable to attend the state finals, fairs have the option to certify the next available winner.

If there are any questions, contact the appropriate committee chairpersons:

Angel Food Cake and Apple Pie Contests –

Kevin Bieber (484-256-8009, email KBieber@BBandT.com)

Junior Baking and Chocolate Cake Contests –

Karen Dobson (610-212-6180, email kardob@msn.com)

IAFE ZONE 1 CONFERENCE



Pennsylvania had 37 attendees at the May 23th conference hosted by the York State Fair.

2020 HONORARY DIRECTORS

Due to COVID we were not able to present our outgoing Directors with their awards at Convention.



Zone 1 David Hallstrom
From the Clearfield Fair



Zone 1 John and Judy McMullen
From the Indiana County Fair



Zone 2 Lyn Brozoski
From the Greene-Dreher-Sterling Fair



Zone 3 Jeff Romesberg
From the Somerset County Fair



PSACF Association Update

Department of Agricultural Poster Contest

The theme is Cultivating Tomorrow. The Contest rules and entry form are posted on our website. By going to www.pafairs.org, highlight the "MEMBERS" banner, a drop down will appear with the Contest toward the bottom.

Msgr. John W. Mignot PSACF Scholarship Program

The 2021 scholarship material has been posted to the association's website. Funds are available for releasing all 6 scholarships. Thanks to the number of individuals and Fairs that have donated.

2021 Fair Theme

"Making Memories One Fair at a Time" will be retained from last year.

Fair Person of the Year

A Fair Person of the Year application is available in the "Member Fairs Only" section of the association website. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than November 1st.

Fair Members

All 108 Fairs have paid their dues and were mailed their packet with courtesy

Department of Agriculture Programs

Please refer to Tracy's article with regards to important dates to remember .

Junior Fair Person of the Year

The committee is working on a new nomination packet for 2021, please check the website, will be posted when received.

Harry

Message from Our Associates

— Galla Higinbotham



At the time of this writing, almost all PA fairs are moving forward with plans for a 2021 fair. And after the long months of inactivity, it feels like it's coming at us fast!

How it all goes remains to be seen, as there continue to be reports of "spikes" of COVID cases here and there in the state. More often, it seems the cases are reported the lowest they have been for months. So, we have our fingers crossed that the latter will continue to be true.

As I said in March, we fair associate members, showmen and fair people are resilient, and I see us reinventing ourselves and adapting to the new challenges presented. I hope everyone will enjoy working and coming together for this year's fair season.

Then in January, we can get together and exchange our favorite stories at the convention in Hershey. That's right: plans are in motion for the upcoming annual convention, so mark your calendars January 19 – 22, 2022.

See you on the road!

Galla dangalla@uplinl.net

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Update from The Zones

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Zone One –Sam Zaffuto

Our Spring meeting was held in person at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds on April 23. We had 100 people from Twenty-three of our fairs join us for an informative meeting. In addition, representatives from 6 other fairs requested to watch the recorded zone meeting from zones 2 and 4. So, most of our zone one fairs were able to join in for an update on issues related to our fairs. A delicious meal that was provided by Shannon Shaffer's Catering was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Our state officers were all present and gave us an update on the state association. Since Pennsylvania State employees are still restricted from travel, Tracy Barone and Laura England were not able to attend but provided a report from the Department of Agriculture.

A raffle in support of the Msgr. John Mignot Scholarship program was sponsored by Jefferson Township Fair. Six hundred dollars was raised that night bringing the total raised at zone one meetings to well over \$4,000. Thank you for your support. Crawford County Fair has offered to support the scholarship raffle at our fall meeting. Remember that the deadline to apply for the scholarship program for this year is June 30.

John McMullen was presented a plaque for his many years of service to PSACF. Dave Hallstrom, who was not able to join us, also received a plaque for his service to our association.

Most fairs in zone one are planning for their fairs. Fortunately, many of the COVID mitigation regulations will be relaxed by fair time. Our zone one directors plan to visit all of our fairs this summer. If you have any questions or concerns or any suggestions for the state association, please let your zone visitor know.

Please mark your calendars for our fall meeting, which will be held on Friday October 29 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. A Halloween theme is being planned. More information about this will be available as we get closer to the meeting. Awards for zone person of the Year and Jr Fair Person will be presented. Please plan to nominate someone from your fair for these awards.

Let's hope we all have successful fairs this year.

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Zone Two— Roger Dirlam

The world has changed hopefully to the good. People are getting vaccinated and the county is coming back strong compared to a year ago.

I would like to thank Karen for all of her hard work for setting up the past zone meeting. I would also like to thank Sam, Martha, Harry and Tracy for all they put into the spring meeting.

Fair season is started and I am hopeful that everyone has a great fair weather permitting, for as we know Mother Nature sometimes does not cooperate. I think the fairs will have a problem this year with finding workers and volunteers, but with determination we will see this through.

Some of you will see me at your fair and others will see our Directors for visitations. They all do a great job. Our fall zone meeting will be at Harford on October 30th. More information will follow as it becomes available.

Also, the Msgr. John W. Mignot scholarship is due by June 30, 2021.

Stay safe and healthy and see you soon.

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Zone Three — Debbie Stephenson

Zone 3 Spring meeting was held at the Westmoreland County Fairgrounds on Thursday April 22, 2021 with catering by Post Ave Fund Raising and what a great turnout!! It was so nice to see everyone that attended and for those that couldn't make it we did miss you as well. Our newly elected President Sam Zafutto discussed the suggested reopening guidelines for Pa fairs of encourage fair goers and participants to wear the masks (hopefully for just a little longer) and work with all that are involved in making your fair safe. He also mentioned the Msgr Mignot Scholarship entry's from fairs to be turned into the zone chairperson designated by the deadline and our legislative report that we are staying the course and hopefully get through this pandemic and its guidelines. Martha Ebersole our newly elected Vice President spoke on Fair Person of the Year, Jr Fair Person of the Year, Communications Area, Seminars & Table Topics, Judging School & Superintendents. Ruth Trumbetta was re-elected from our zone to be our representative for the Queen Board. She noted that Karen was a bit behind and would have the entry paperwork for all fairs in a couple of days so folks those are online and need to be downloaded and follow the instructions closely. Harry Reffner our Secretary stated that fair reimbursements for 2020 should have been received by all fairs at this time and if any fair had not received theirs to let him know.

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2021 Fair reimbursements are due November 15, 2021. Yearly dues for 2021 are to be paid as soon as possible. Animal health guidelines were sent out earlier this month from Tracy Barone and all fairs should have received them. The Baking Contests rules and your fairs winners paperwork all are online and can be submitted online or can be done via regular mail. Also please note that we WILL be doing fair visits this year so you will see a representative from this Zone at your event. Remember that your room reservations can be done ahead of time so get your reservations in to be at the 2022 Hershey Convention this coming year notified that Schnecksville Fair, Mercer Fair, Middletown Grange Fair and Delaware University have been cancelled for 2021 fair season. They will be missed by the Fair Association and their Communities.

That's all for now folks have a GREAT fair season, stay safe and keep going strong!!

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Zone Four - Kevin Bieber

Finally, we are back at !!! The smell of fair food, the rides for the kids, the competitive exhibits the fun we all

have at fairs. All things and much more that was missed last year. I certainly hope you are experiencing the same thing I am when I head out into the community and everyone asks, "are we having a fair this year"? It is great to see the big smiles from all ages when I say "yes" we are.

Unfortunately our zone did have a couple fairs that are early in the year and had to make that tough decision because of the unknown at that time. To those fairs, please know we support your decision and most certainly look forward to your coming back next year. Hang in there all is getting better.

I assure you that your Zone 4 Directors are ready to get out there and visit your fair. Thank you in advance for all that you do in getting your fair together for the community and beyond to enjoy. This has been a tough year or so, but I truly think with good weather, you will see some large crowds as people want to get back to normal. As for the weather I just mentioned, unfortunately that is one thing I cannot control, but I certainly wish you the best. Once again, thank you for all you do and have a great fair season !!!!!!!

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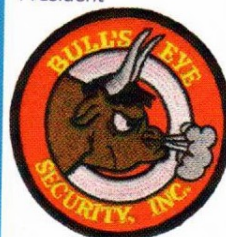
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