

DATES TO REMEMBER - 2017

March 30—April 1

- IAFE Zone 1 Meeting— Wyomissing Pa

April 3

- Hershey Rooms Open for 2018 Convention

April 13

- PSACF Board Meeting

April 18

- Pennsylvania Cornucopia

April 19

- PSACF Zone 4 Mtg. - Shady Maple

April 20

- PSACF Zone 3 Mtg. — Hookstown Fair

April 21

- PSACF Zone 1 Mtg. - Christ the King Manor's Community Center

April 22

- PSACF Zone 2 Mtg. — Wayne County Fair

May 31

- FAIRTALK material for June due

June 24 (week of)

- 2nd Quarter FAIRTALK emailed

September 15

- Baking Contest checks (Angel Food)

August 31

- FAIRTALK material for September due

September 1

- Showcase apps. For 2018 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

- 2018 Request for Fair info material, PSACF Associate Dues Invoices, PSACF/PSSA Convention material, Trade Show apps. mailed.

October 19

- PSACF Board Meeting

October 25

- PSACF Zone 4 Mtg. - Shady Maple

October 26

- PSACF Zone 3 Mtg. — TBA

October 27

- PSACF Zone 1 Mtg. - TBA

October 28

- PSACF Zone 2 Mtg. — Schuylkill County

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 20

- FAIRTALK material for December issue due

November 26-29

- 2017 IAFE Convention Last in Vegas



FAIRTALK

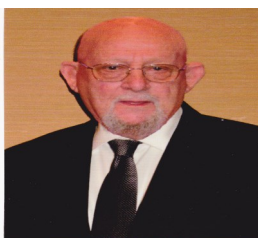


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another enjoyable convention has made its way into the history books.

I would like to thank Harry and "Doc" Reese for their leadership in putting this convention together. To Sam and his committee who did their usual good job of selecting a variety of acts for the showcase to kick off the convention. To Kevin and his committee as always did a great job of lining up the keynote speaker and seminars. Thanks also to Debbie and her crew who had a good variety of table topics, thanks also to all who volunteered to be moderators. Thanks go to Martha and her committee for handling the communication exhibits, and congratulations to all the winners. And to Dick who managed to have a full house for the trade show, Thanks Dick.

For all those who participate a huge thank you to Dan & Galla for the nightly lobby jams. It gives everyone a chance to un-wind from the routine. It is something many of you look forward to. Friday evening the Showmen broke with tradition and kicked off their 50th anniversary with a Hawaiian theme banquet. A fun-filled time was enjoyed by everyone.

Another Thank You to the Queen committee for presenting the 2017 Queen Contest. Congratulations go to Madeline McMeachlin, from the Butler Fair, on being named 2017 PA State Queen. If you wish to have her come to your fair contract Martha Ebersole ASAP so that the can schedule your fair.

Friday afternoon Secretary Russell Redding presented to the the executive board proposed changes to the Fair Fund. I name a committee to inform all fairs of this proposal. They were charged with developing a survey for the purpose of gathering the effects on our Fairs. They will be compiling the results which will be made available to the membership. If you have not replied, please do so. We need your thoughts so that we can move forward. I said when I took my oath of office with your help we will continue to grow and be successful. Your officers can not do this alone. WHEN YOU RECEIVE AN E-MAIL PLEASE RESPOND IN A TIMELY MANNER.

I have a committee exploring the possibilities of moving the convention to Kalahari Resorts in the Poconos for 2022. The executive board will be making a decision at our Spring board meeting. We will be announcing the decision at your Zone Meeting.

Dave

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2015 – 2016 Capital Improvement Matching Grant Program

- Harry

On February 23rd I had emailed the following to all Fairs:
“Dave Hallstrom and I had a conference call with the Legal Department of the Department of Agricultural with regards to the reimbursements.

With the exception of 8-9 fairs there are 2 areas holding up the mailing of the reimbursements, both of which were overlooked by the Legal department. They have however come up with a solution that requires a waiver to be filed with the Department by the PSACF Association. Dave and I will be signing the waiver and returning it to them. When I asked about the length of time for the checks to be mailed the response was 6 – 8 weeks. We will keep you informed as to the progress.”

Below are the contents of the waiver:

1. We are writing on behalf all our members who are applicants for grants under the Capital Improvement Matching Grant Program for state fiscal year 2015-16.
2. We are writing to request that the Department waive the cap of \$25,000 per project and the 50% match requirement applicable to these grants.
3. This alteration is requested for state fiscal year 2015 -16 only.
4. As you know, the budget appropriation from the Pennsylvania General Assembly for these particular grants is intended to benefit our members under the law and was nearly one year late in being signed into law.
5. As a result, the application process had to be completed well before the budget appropriation for state fiscal year 2015-16 was established by the General Assembly.
6. Therefore, at the time of applying the organizations applying did not know the total amount of the appropriation or if an appropriation would even be made.
7. To date the entire appropriation remains to be paid out as we approach the last few months of the following fiscal year of 2016-17.



Msgr. John W. Mignot PSACF Scholarship

by Jim Davis

It is time for fairs to communicate with agricultural organizations and school counselors about the Mignot Scholarship which is for those who are seeking higher education, and have a relationship with the local fair.

Suggestions to help the applicant submit a better application:

1. Keep in mind; fairs are supervised by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, therefore, the mission is to promote Agriculture.
2. Essays should be written with correct grammar, no spelling errors, and a fluency which captivates the reader.
3. Categorize activities as related to school, community, and the local fair.
4. Letters of reference need to express who the candidate is in relation to the outlined activities and, in particular, **in relation to helping the local fair.**

Suggestions for fairs to be more proactive in reaching out to potential candidates and in helping to sustain the scholarship:

1. All 2017 high school graduating seniors from all local fairs are eligible to submit an application. Youth in all four zones should be encouraged to apply.

2. Local fairs should establish a committee assigned to encourage those pursuing higher education to apply.
3. Letters of reference and support should give the PSACF scholarship committee enough information to become acquainted with the candidate.
4. A maximum of six strong applicants from each zone can be submitted to the PSACF scholarship committee.. The committee should have a maximum of 24 candidates to evaluate.
5. Use technology, if at all possible, when submitting applications to the next level.
6. PSACF has committed to six one-thousand dollar scholarships. In order to help maintain the fund, each fair should consider a line item in its budget or sponsor a fundraiser.

Deadlines for all levels to follow to adhere to the application process.

1. June 30-applications due to the local fair.
2. July 31-applications due to the Zone chairperson
3. August 31-maximum of six applications from each zone due to the chairperson of the PSACF scholarship committee. **Please submit no more than six.**
4. September 30-application rankings by each PSACF scholarship committee member due to the state chairperson.

Convention Photography

Thanks to Tim McGowan Studio for capturing all the highlights of this year's Convention. We credit many of the photos included in this edition of FairTalk to Tim's photographers!

Photos from the Queen Coronation, formal portraits, and Showcase entertainers are available for purchase at www.psacf17.photoherald.com – password **2017**.

If you know of a photo that was taken, but not posted on the share site, please contact Tim McGowan directly at 717-866-9094 or tmstudio25@gmail.com to make arrangements to see a proof of the photo.

Tim McGowan Studio is available for photographing many events including weddings, senior pictures, conventions and your 2017 Fair's events! If you have a photography need, please considering patronizing this Studio!

COMMUNICATION AWARDS



PLACEMAT

- 1.Elizabethtown Community Fair, Madison Rivera
- 2.Harford Fair, Jolie Winemiller
- 3.Greene Twp Cookport Fair, Maurice Fox



SCRAPBOOK - Digital

- 1.Cameron County Fair, Ruth Phillips
- 2.Bedford County Fair, Barbara Mearkle
- 3.Carbon County Fair, Mercy Melo



POWER POINT

- 1.Centre County Grange Fair, Darlene Confer
- 2.McKean County Fair, Janelle Housler
- 3.Crawford County Fair, Shelby Proctor



SCRAPBOOK COVER - Traditional

1. Bedford County Fair, Barbara Mearkle
2. Huntingdon County Fair, Dana Myers
3. McKean County Fair



PREMIUM BOOK

- 1.Harford Fair, Jolie Winemiller
- 2.Huntingdon County Fair, Dana Myers
- 3.Oley Valley Community Fair, Shirley Moyer



SCRAPBOOK DIGITAL

- 1.Carbon County, Mercy Melo
- 3.Lebanon Area Fair, Kaitlin Dolan



PREMIUM TABLOID

- 1.Warren County Fair, Leah Curtis
- 2.McKean County Fair, Janelle Housler
- 3.Elizabethtown Community Fair, Madison Rivera



SCRAPBOOK TRADITIONAL

- 1.McKean County, Janelle Housler
2. Schuylkill, Linda Wolfe
3. Allentown, Doris Koenig

COMMUNICATION AWARDS



WEBSITE

1. Carbon County Fair, Mercy Melo
2. Luzerne County Fair, Brianna Rinehimer
3. Centre County Grange Fair, Arthur Reede



FAIR DISPLAY - Floor

1. Elizabeth Community Fair, Kenny Myer
2. Oley Valley Community Fair, Marie Haas



BROCHURE

1. Centre County Grange Fair, Ben Haagen
2. Allentown Fair, Cheryl Urny
3. Warren County Fair, Leah Curtis



FAIR DISPLAY – Table

1. Luzerne County Fair, Brianna Rinehimer
2. Lebanon Area Fair, Kaitlin Dolan
3. Warren County Fair,



BILLBOARD

1. Huntingdon County Fair, Dana Myers
2. Greene County Fair
3. Hookstown Fair, Tara Pettner



PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

1. Centre County Grange Fair, Mary Ann Haagen
2. Greene Twp Cookport Fair, Maurice Fox
3. Lebanon Area Fair, Kaitlin Dolan



CREATIVE FAIR IDEA

1. Elizabeth Community Fair, Kenny Myer
2. Harmony Grange Fair, Janet Whited
3. Perry County Fair, Bonnie Oren



VIDEO TAPE

1. Elizabethtown Community Fair, Madison Rivera
2. Centre County Grange Fair, George Witherite
3. Huntingdon County Fair, Dana Myers

2016 Junior Fair Person



To Stephanie's left her Father Chris, to her right Grandfather Ed.

Stephanie is a volunteer at the Indiana County Fair for the past 15 years, where she showed Dairy Cattle for 10 years. She helps with the set-up and tear down of the Fair every year. Steph helps install temporary power for vendors. Over the past few years she has been helping lay out vendor's spots. She helps prepare the Barns for 4-H and FFA Exhibitors and tutors new 4-H and FFA kids on the proper way to show their animal. Stephanie helps out on the Kiddie Peddle Tractor Pull at the Fair on Sunday, works in the Home Economic Building, helps with the annual Cheese Auction and participates in the Milk Chugging Contest at the Fair. Stephanie also volunteers with the Indian County Dairy Promotion by working in Butter-Cup, their ice creams concessions. Steph also steps in and cleans up "Cow Pies" on the Fair Grounds when needed. In Stephanie's spare time she works on the family Dairy Farm, volunteers at her Church with Vacation Bible School, mowing the Church Cemetery and Church yard,

helps with dinners at the Church and picks up garbage alongside of the road.

It is very hard to find a young person at this day and age that will do what she does. Stephanie is very deserving of this award for 2016 and would be an excellent choice.

Congratulations!

IAFE NEWS

Upcoming IAFE CyberSeminars

Have you tried an IAFE CyberSeminar? Open to all IAFE members.

April 12 -- Human Resources I: Angela Nemecek, VP of human resources and administration at the Oklahoma State Fair, will lead a presentation on human resources basics. Only \$59 per site, this CyberSeminar will cover, do's and don'ts with application forms, tips for writing job descriptions, interview tips and techniques, and much more. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/CyberSeminar103>.

May 12 -- Lightning and Weather Safety: Special Presentation by NOAA: Charlie Woodrum, meteorologist and national program manager for NOAA's severe weather and lightning preparedness for outdoor venues, will discuss lightning safety and preparedness and provide attendees with a lightning aware toolkit plan as well as information on how to be "Weather Ready." This CyberSeminar is FREE to IAFE members, but limited

to the first 100 registrants, so register now at <http://bit.ly/CyberSeminar0512>.

Get in the 'Right Direction' at the IAFE Management Conference

The IAFE Management Conference will be held April 25-28 at the Hyatt Regency in Tulsa, Okla. Based on the theme "Right Direction," the conference schedule will focus on the latest issues facing fair management. Highlights include a presentation by David Whalen, founder of Disability Awareness Training, on how to address accessibility and respond to individuals with disabilities. A panel of experts will discuss emergency planning and an emergency planning simulation will be held at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds. Early bird registrations rates end April 4, so register soon at <http://bit.ly/IAFEMgmtConf>.

Join the Discussion on The Igniter

Have a question you want to bring to other fair leaders? Post it on The Igniter, the online IAFE discussion forum. The Igniter is open 24/7 at <http://iafe.mymemberfuse.com/>.



ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

-Galla Higinbotham

Once again, the 2017 PSACF/PSSA convention was a big success. An added

feature this year was the Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association's kick-off to a year's celebration of their 50th anniversary. They did it up in great style ~ island style, that is, with hula dancers, colorful decorations, Hawaiian shirts, flowers and much good fellowship and laughter. All the best to our Showmen friends and associates!

Because there were so many excellent submissions, the Wednesday evening's Talent Showcase featured more acts than usual - 19 to be exact - Doo Wop to comedy, Southern Rock to Bluegrass, twin sisters singing country, a circus act and lots more. Larry Starcher and his company, Sound Rental Service, kept everything moving as they provided excellent sound and lighting for the evening and the rest of the week's events. More entertainment was featured at the opening ceremony (The Bee Gees USA), the PSACF banquet (Jo Dee Messina) and the PSSA banquet (Hawaiian Luau).

Thank you to Chairman Dick Horstman and his committee for working so hard to accommodate the demand for many booths. Wholesale distributor W. A. DeHart offered complimentary coffee daily to all exhibitors and everyone who came through the Trade Show.



Traffic was brisk and we thank all the convention attendees that took the opportunity to visit the Trade Show to select from the very finest in professional goods and services available to the Pennsylvania fair industry.

Tiny Young of the Big Tiny Young Show told me he felt the Trade Show was the best one ever this year. Coming from him that says a lot as Tiny has been a member of the Association for quite some time and he knows what he is talking about! The Trade Show was once again filled with vendors from front to back and it was bustling with fairs and associates doing business, saying hi to one another and making new contacts.

There are so many resources all in one place, that one fair board member said there is no way to get around the whole Trade Show with everything else going on. So he talks to as many vendors as he can, gets as many business cards and flyers as he can and then goes home and looks through the directory to put it all together.

For those who didn't get a chance to speak to everyone all the way around the room, or didn't get to come to the convention, your associate members are listed in your 2017 directory, a valuable resource.

All associate members were mailed membership packets in February. If any associate member has not received your packet, please contact the association office.

The Associate Members of the PSACF thank all fairs who procured their services and wish everyone a successful 2017 fair season!
Galla

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2017 PSSA Directors

FROM CONVENTION

ZONE AWARDS



Dave Franson from Clearfield County Fair accepting the Zone I Award from Sam Zaffuto.



Sabrina Traver from Wyoming County Fair accepting the Zone II Award from Rod Ralston and Judy Kmetz.



John Hunter from West Alexander Fair accepting the Zone III Award from Debbie Stephenson.



Ladies from Delaware Valley A Day accepting the Zone IV Award from Dr. Sally Nolt.

APPLE PIE BAKING FARM SHOW AWARD



Donna Anstadt Montour-Delong Community Fair

INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT



Doc Reese, David Hallstrom

Keynote Speaker sponsors Corky and Debbie Powers with Dan Waldschmidt.



Left-BeeGeeZ USA Thursday PSACF Banquet

Right -2017-2018 PSACF Directors



Fair Person of the Year 2016



From left to right daughter Isabelle Lee, son Paul Britcher Jr., Ruth, daughter Martha Ebersole.

The following presentation given by Bev Gruber Thursday at the PSACF Banquet:

Involved in the fair since its inception in 1971, our 2016 Fair Person of the Year has worn many, many hats. Clearing the grounds, designing the buildings, selling the book ads, collating the premium book, and providing lunch for board and volunteers, she has been and still is one busy lady.

As the wife of the Fair President for 35 years, our 2016 recipient was instrumental in instituting the quilt block contest at the fair, which they turn into an outstanding quilt or quilts and then they are auctioned off on the last night of the fair. Mon-

ey raised from the auction provides college scholarships for deserving students.

Active in PSACF and IAFE, our recipient has never missed a state convention and has attended many IAFE conventions in Las Vegas, as well as Zone I meetings.

Very active in her community, she is a Life Member of the Subordinate and Pomona Grange, the food bank, the clothing bank, Care and Share, as well as her local church.

Every January for the past 28 years finds our winner working in the Family Living department at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. She was one of the original workers who cut apple pie for that first contest in January of 1989. She also takes entries in Family Living and helps display items, as well as working with the PSACF special contests cutting cakes and pies and helping wherever she is needed.

Summer finds our winner judging baked goods, crafts and needlework at many fairs.

Her five children and most of her grandchildren have all been involved at the fair over the years. It truly is a family affair.

In case you haven't figured it out by now, our 2016 Fair Person of the Year is Ruth Britcher from the Perry Community Fair, Newport, PA.

Congratulations

Convention Rooms for 2018

— Dr. Sally Nolt

Hershey Lodge will open room reservations on **April 3rd for our 2018 Convention.**

Rooms are available by 4:00 pm and check-out is 11:00 am.

Cancellations must be made three (3) days prior to your arrival date, or your credit card will be charged for a one night's stay.

Reservations can be made at 1-800-HERSHEY (437-7439). To receive the convention rate, tell reservations you are with the "PA Fairs and Showmen Convention."

Queen Contestants are to use the form provided.

Rooms in the Showmen's Hall must be booked at one of the following numbers:

Michele Maxwell – (717) 534-8696

Marissa Peduto – (717) 520-5433

Michelle Lutzkanin – (717) 534-8636

Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program

Butler County Teen to Reign as 2017 Pennsylvania Fair Queen

Hershey, PA – Big Butler Fair Queen Madeline McEachin, 18, of West Sunbury, Butler County, was crowned as the 2017 Pennsylvania Fair Queen on Saturday, January 21 at the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs and the Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association convention.

McEachin, 18, is the daughter of Paul and Karla McEachin. A 2016 honors graduate of Butler High School, Madeline is attending the Pennsylvania State University pursuing a degree in accounting. She was a member of the mock trial team, marching band color guard, and French Club in high school. Outside of school she was active in 4-H, holding projects in performance horses and dairy goats and serving as county council president. Continuing that passion for 4-H, McEachin served as Pennsylvania State 4-H Council president. She also rode for the Grove City Area Equestrian Team and served as 2015 North Washington Rodeo Queen.

She was selected from 60 contestants representing county and community agricultural PA fairs during the three-day competition. Contestants were evaluated on their public speaking skills and knowledge of fairs and the agriculture industry, as well as on their poise and personal presentation in an evening gown competition. Each contestant prepared a brief speech highlighting her fair's unique traditions and events, an essay about the fair's significance in her community, and gave a stage introduction at the convention's annual banquet. They were also interviewed by the contest's judges.

Five finalists were chosen and gave an impromptu answer on what they see as key components to building a successful fair. "A successful fair requires a willing community," responded McEachin, noting the contributions of volunteers, passion of fair boards, and interest from visitors in

attending the show. "In several ways, a community that's willing to contribute to the fair is the single most important component in its success."

Madeline, the 31st PA Fair Queen, will receive a \$2,500 scholarship from PSACF at the conclusion of her reign in January 2018. She was crowned by outgoing Pennsylvania Fair Queen Darby Kasper of Roseville, Tioga County. "I'm so excited for this opportunity, and I could not be more grateful," said McEachin following her coronation. "It's an honor to be given a year to represent Pennsylvania's fairs and the entire agriculture industry."

Clearfield County Fair Queen Rachel Duke, 20, of Clearfield, Clearfield County, was selected as the Alternate 2016 Pennsylvania Fair Queen. Duke is an Agricultural Science major at the Pennsylvania State University where she serves as an upper-class senator of the Student Government Association and as campus club coordinator. She has been involved with the Clearfield County Fair since age 4, and has competed in horse events at the fair each year. She also volunteers with the Clearfield County Historical Society and is a member of the Clearfield Arts Studio Theatre Board of Directors.

Other top five finalists were Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair Queen Emma Spackman of Port Matilda, Centre County; Elizabethtown Fair Queen Madison Rivera of Elizabethtown, Lancaster County; and Harford Fair Queen Jolie Winemiller of Harford, Susquehanna County. Winemiller was also named Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants.

Judges for this year's competition were Mary Amoss with the Miss Maryland Agriculture program, Fallston, Md.; Timothy Bigham of New York Farm Bureau, Franklinville, New York; and Tiffany Painter Newland, director of the Shenandoah County Fair scholarship pageant, Edinburg, Va.

See Fair Queen next page.....

Special Queen activities during convention included a seminar on “Young Women’s Leadership” presented by former PA Fair Queen Denise Sustrik Leigh (1990) and sponsored by **Washington County Ag Fair**. A Queen Contestants’ pool party featured commemorative tee-shirts sponsored by **S & S Amusements** in memory of Steve Swika, Jr. and a Pizza Buffet sponsored by the **Pennsylvania State Showmen’s Association**. Each contestant received a commemorative photo with 2016 PA Fair Queen Darby Kasper sponsored by **Tons of Fun Shows**. Contestants mingled with judges, state directors and other special guests on Friday night during the Judges’ Reception sponsored by **Skelly’s Amusements**. Christine Greig, the wife of former Secretary of Agriculture George Greig, presented a seminar that reviewed the PA Fair Queen Program’s Dress Code expectations and offered guidance on “what to wear” when promoting fairs and agriculture to the public.

Special fundraising efforts included a Raffle Table with themed baskets, wooden items, the popular nightly 50/50 money drawings and a live auction at the Coronation Banquet. A new auction item this year was a Speedway Express wagon donated by **Troy Fair** and **Wyoming County Community Fair** and filled with PA Preferred products donated by the contestants. Other items included home décor (stained glass window, wooden bench, wooden chair); autographed commemorative items from several country music artists (Garth Brooks items, a jacket from Keith Urban, and an Oley Community Fair cookbook signed by annual banquet performer Jo Dee Messina); a jewelry box and two PA Farm Show pins. The PA Fair Queen Program thanks everyone who gave volunteer hours, gift donations and monetary contributions to make this a great fundraising year. All proceeds will allow us to continue to grow the Program to new heights and maintain our high standards of excellence.

The Coronation Banquet, sponsored in part by **Lancaster Farming, PA Farm Bureau** and **AMP Global Strategies**, was attended by a record-breaking 903 people. The “salute to youth” focus included the PSACF Junior Fair Person award given to Stephanie Nehrig of the Indiana County

Fair; the scholarship awarded to outgoing PA Fair Queen Darby Kasper by **PSACF**; and a performance by 14-year-old composer and singer Kaitlyn Carolina Myers from Montgomery County. Special thanks to **Dan and Galla** for coordinating with the stage/lighting/sound logistics and assisting with the rehearsals; and to the following patron sponsors: **Dawn and Carroll Krautter** and **Bryan and Amy Utegg** (crowns); **Fair Publishing** (sashes); **Stineman Ribbon** (contestant numbers); and **Tioga County Fair** (Queen Darby Kasper’s Event Brochures).

The 2017 PA Fair Queen Program’s Rules and Guidelines for the local contests were distributed at Convention. The information can also be downloaded from the PSACF website: www.pafairs.org (under the “Members-Queen” menu; no login required). The official 2017 State Competition Application Packets will be distributed at the Spring Zone meetings. A pick-up signature will be required.

Madeline McEachin and Rachel Duke will now spend the remainder of the year touring PA promoting fairs and agriculture. They can be wonderful assets for your Fair or agricultural event! They can be requested to participate at special ceremonies, contests, parades and ag-related events. All appearances are to be submitted to PA Fair Queen Events Coordinator Martha Ebersole using the official Scheduling Request Form (available at www.pafairs.org under the “Members-Queen” menu). All requests will be scheduled based on the date the request is received, and the Queen and Alternate’s availability. Contact Martha at mebasket@embargmail.com with any questions.

The Queen Program is always looking forward for ways to increase its fundraising opportunities. Any Fairs or individuals interested in assisting with raffle items and/or sponsorship ideas should contact John Berne or Judy Kmetz.

From Fair Queen previous page.....

Questions or requests for additional information on any other aspect of the PA Fair Queen Program should be directed to the appropriate committee person:

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PA Fair Queen's State Events & Media – Martha Ebersole, 717-834-4435

State Contest - Karen Dobson, 610-212-6180

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Martha Ebersole, Events/Publicity

John Berne/Judy Kmetz, Ruth Trumbetta & Charlotte Williams, Fundraising

Legislator of the Year Award



Jake Corman, Majority Leader of the Senate, receiving the Legislator of the Year Award from George Witherite, at the Senator's District Office.

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Update from The Zones

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Zone One –Sam Zaffuto

The Zone One Fair of the Year Award was presented to the Clearfield County Fair at our recent convention in January.

The beginning of their fair can be traced to the 1850s. It is known for their promotion of agriculture and for presenting top name entertainers. Congratulations for a job well done.

Congratulations also go to Stephanie Nehrig from Indiana County Fair for receiving the Junior Fair Person Award at the Convention.

It will soon be time for our 2017 fairs. Most fairs are finalizing their plans now.

I want to thank all the fairs in Zone One that completed the survey regarding proposed changes to our fair reimbursement. The results have been received and a summary report is being finalized as I write this. Your input is appreciated. The data that has been collected will be used in discussions regarding the status of our fair reimbursement program. A discussion about the survey results will be held during our spring zone meetings.

Our spring zone meeting will be held Friday April 21 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center at Christ The King Manor in DuBois. Please plan to have your fair represented at this meeting. An update from PSACF will be presented as well as information from the Department of Agriculture and an update on the fair reimbursement survey. Watch your mail for registration information.

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Zone Two — Dale LeVan

You'd think spring was right around the corner with all the spring time weather. A few

fairs, when the temperature reached into the 50's and 60's got a chance to do little jobs at their fair grounds. Then reality set in and we get more snow and cold weather. Don't loose heart, spring will be here before we know it and it will be time to put the finishing touches on our fair season.

The Zone Two spring meeting will be hosted by the Wayne County Fair on April 22nd at the Wayne County Park Street Complex, 648 Park Street, Honesdale 18431 . Further details will be mailed to each fair in zone two in the near future.

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Zone Three—Debbie Stephenson

Congratulations to all the convention winners!! Zone 3 Spring Meeting will be hosted by the Hooks-

town Fair on Thursday April 20 at their fairgrounds. Cost is \$20.00 per person registration is at 6:00 PM with dinner starting at 6:45 PM. Please send at least one person from your fair to start the fair season off. You will be receiving either in the mail or via email a notice of this meeting. I want to thank all of the fairs in Zone 3 for their promptness of completing the survey for the Fair Fund issue. This is a very important item and we will have some information to release to you at this time regarding this matter. We also hope that our Governor keeps fair funding at what it is at the current time or increases it but at this time we have no idea. See you at the meeting.

See Zones, next page

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Zone Four - Sally Nolt

The Fair season is rapidly approaching and planning and preparations are in progress throughout Zone 4 and Pennsylvania. I would like to invite fairgoers to visit as many fairs as possible in our own zone and throughout the state this fair season.

I would like to congratulate the Delaware Valley A Day for receiving the Zone Award for Zone 4 for 2016. Their association is run 100% by students. They have continued to expand and improve each year as they promote agriculture through education. Thank you for your support of agriculture and may you have a great 2017!

Congratulations also to Ruth Britcher! Ruth, Perry County Community Fair, received the Fair Person of the Year Award at the Convention. Congratulations to Ruth, a faithful, deserving and hard working individual from Zone 4!

Thank you to all the Fairs that completed the survey for the Fair Funding Act changes. Thank you to Sam Zaffuto for his work on compiling the results. Hopefully the results will make a difference in changes that are being considered.

Hopefully our funding will remain intact or be increased. Milliron & Associates are hard at work for us in an effort to accomplish this goal, as the budget standstill continues. **Please contact your legislators!!**

I hope many of you will be attending the IAFE Zone 1 Conference in Wyomissing. Thank you to Kevin and his committee for planning this event.

The Spring Zone 4 Meeting will be held at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, East Earl, on Wednesday, April 19th. Reservations for dinner may be made by contacting Karen Dobson. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

At the Fall Zone 4 Meeting, Zone 4 Fair Person of the Year Award and Jr. Fair Person of the Year Award will be presented. Please consider nominating individuals from your fair. Please plan to attend these important meetings.

Best of luck to all Fairs for a successful 2017 Fair Season!

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SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS

— Karen Dobson

The best bakers from the 2016 PA Fairs met for the ultimate “bake-off” at the 2017 PA Farm Show. Congratulations to **Montour-DeLong Community Fair** (Apple Pie), **McClure Bean Soup Festival and Fair** (Angel Food Cake), **Indiana County Fair** (Chocolate Cookie-Brownie-Bar) and **Bedford County** (Chocolate Cake) who all had the honor of having a first-place winner at the 101st PA Farm Show! Each fair received a commemorative plaque courtesy of the PA Department of Agriculture.

So now “set your timer” as we begin another year of baking contests, and we start “stirring” in some exciting changes for the 2017 local fair and the 2018 PA Farm Show competitions!

First, PA Preferred will now be sponsoring a “*Junior Baking Cookies, Brownies and Bars*” contest for youth ages 8 through and including 18. Youth bakers will have more creative options because this year’s contest is NOT limited to just chocolate goodies! Recipes must include 3 PA Preferred ingredients that are chosen from any of the 5 categories: *fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy and eggs*. Contestants can select 3 separate categories from those choices, or can have more than one of the 3 PA Preferred ingredients come from the same category (ex: use 3 grains, or use 2 fruits and 1 egg). The main intent is to focus on PA agriculture, highlight youth bakers, and showcase at least 3 PA Preferred ingredients per recipe. The Junior Baking contest’s grand prize Farm Show premium has also been increased to \$500! Another new change is that now PSACF will be the sponsor for the Farm Show competition with the revamped “Homemade Chocolate Cake” contest. Entries must still be chocolate, but there is NO longer a restriction or requirement to use any specific brand of ingredients. So contestants are now free to expand the recipe possibilities for their chocolate cake creations!

The Blue Ribbon Apple Pie and the Incredible Angel Food Cake contests will continue this year with no rule or requirement changes.

There are also changes in what fairs will be receiving this year:

All special contest ribbons for all four contests are at the discretion of the individual fairs

Fairs will only receive sponsored premium money for the Angel Food Cake (\$50) and the Junior Baking (\$45) contests. Premium awards for Chocolate Cake and Apple Pie are at the discretion of the Fair.

NO banners will be provided for Apple Pie, Junior Baking or the Chocolate Cake contests. Fairs can create their own signage if they would like. Contact Karen Dobson for logos if interested. Fairs may continue to use the previously issued Incredible Angel Food Cake contest banner, but no replacement banners will be ordered.

Contest rules were distributed and reviewed at the Convention. Unclaimed packets were mailed to the Fairs. The 2017 information can also be downloaded from PSACF’s website: www.pafairs.org, Members/Baking Contest menu (no login required).

In light of the new contests, it is extremely important that the person who updates your Fair’s Premium Book has received the 2017 information.

All 2017 Special Baking Contest documents and forms will be distributed at the Spring Zone meetings to Fairs that returned their Intent to Participate form by the February deadline. We will also be offering the online Contest Summary submissions again this year.

We look forward to another great year of baking! 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 kadob@msn.com)

2017 PENNSYLVANIA STATE FAIR QUEEN

— Madeline McEachin



Hello! My name is Madeline McEachin and I am proud to represent fairs across Pennsylvania and the agricultural industry as the 2017 Pennsylvania State Fair Queen. I am the 18 year old daughter of Paul and Karla McEachin from Butler County, Pennsylvania. I currently attend the

Pennsylvania State University in pursuit of a degree in Accounting with an Agribusiness Management minor. At Penn State I am actively involved in multiple clubs on campus as well as a sorority. My family lives on a 60-acre farm where we keep our horses as well as raise Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats. I got my start in agriculture on my grandparents' Angus farm which I visited often when I was younger. I can remember the first time I felt the rough texture of a cow's kiss and the many hours spent swinging under the old oak trees. Looking back, I know now that these memories are the ones that sparked an interest that would soon become a lifestyle. From there I became involved in horse-back riding and then competitively showed horses all throughout my youth. My mom and I traveled across the tri-state area in order for me to compete, but some of my fondest memories are the ones that happened closest to home at the Big Butler Fair. Each summer I looked forward to the day when we would finally haul our horses to the Butler Fair grounds for a 10-day stretch of laughter, sweat, a few tears and

memories to last a lifetime. I can only imagine how many other incredible experiences and memories have been made at each and every fairground across PA and I cannot wait to be introduced to them over the course of my reign. Much of my passion for agriculture can be attributed to the Butler County 4-H Program which I joined almost ten years ago. Since then I have taken leadership roles within my club, my county and now I currently serve as the Pennsylvania 4-H State Council President. It has been a role that I value greatly and has introduced me to incredible opportunities involving Pennsylvania agriculture. Prior to my fair queen titles, I also served as the 2015 North Washington Rodeo Queen, a position that I have admired ever since I was a little girl. I have been blessed with multiple opportunities to learn about many sectors of agriculture and I look forward to this opportunity to expand my knowledge and to act as a positive representative for an industry that is so vital to so many Pennsylvanians.

I'd like to thank my parents for their never-ending support and I would like to thank the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs for providing me with this incredible opportunity. Again, I am so looking forward to representing all of your fairs, the incredible volunteers who contribute to them, and agriculture as a whole. Here is to a great year!



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We look forward in working with Starbright Media in the future.

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Patty Tessari from Layton's Concessions

Virginia Letterman from Centre Co. Grange Fair

Madeline T. Ligenza from Carbon County Fair

Sally Nolt from Elizabethtown Fair

Rita Millard from Bloomsburg Fair

In Memory of...



Fred A. McKillop, 80, passed away February 6, 2017. Born and raised in New Kensington, PA. He moved to Hershey in 1972 and enjoyed a career as a lobbyist for over forty years. Fred, more than anything, will be remembered as a loving family man

HOOKSTOWN FAIR CAPTURES CONVENTION FAMILY FEUD TITLE

BY: KEVIN D. BIEBER

The Hookstown Fair must have been practicing all year long as they are the new PA State Fair Convention Family Feud Champions. What originally was designed to be a relaxing game of fun between some fellow PA Fairs, has turned out to become a fierce competition as well as fun for all in the audience.

This year, game number one had the two time defending champions of Elizabethtown facing off against the Harmony Grange Fair. It was a battle, but in the end Harmony Grange Fair prevailed. That win earned them the right to face off

against the winner of the second game between Hookstown and Carbon County. Again it was back and forth and at the end but Hookstown came out on top. Now it was time for the battle to determine who would win the coveted Hershey candy bars. At the end, Hookstown went home with the sweet tooth as they enjoyed their candy bars and win over Harmony Grange Fair. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Master of Ceremonies Mike Froehlich who was in the middle of the fierce battle while Bruce Koppenhaver kept the scores in check and showed just what the surveys said. Thanks to all for another great time. Can your fair become the coveted champion next year? Well, get your team of five ready, practice up and let's play Family Feud !!!!!

Overview

Pennsylvania lawmakers returned to the Capitol to start the 2017-2018 session with plenty of old business awaiting them. In addition to addressing the mounting billion-plus budget deficit, lawmakers are expected to consider bills on the expansion of gambling, property tax relief and public employee pension reform.

Pennsylvania Democratic Governor Wolf presented his 2017-2018 budget to the Republican-led General Assembly on February 7. Lawmakers are now wrapping up the state's annual cycle of budget hearings. Over the course of three weeks, the heads of state departments and agencies have appeared before the state Senate and House Appropriations Committees to defend Governor Wolf's 2017-18 budget proposal. After the hearings are over, it will be up to lawmakers to determine what will be in the final budget plan that moves through the legislative process. It is unclear how lawmakers will move forward. Last year's budget was a far cry from the 9-month budget impasse of 2015.

The new budget year starts July 1.

Budget/Revenue

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf is taking a new approach. Instead of asking for hikes in the state income and sales taxes, he is looking at cost savings and government restructuring to help tackle the state's fiscal problems. This session he is in reelection mode and already faces a declared GOP challenge from state Sen. Scott Wagner from York County. The governor also faces a legislature that is more conservative and opposed to tax hikes than when he took office in 2015.

The \$32.3 billion spending plan provides modest increases in funding for education and includes new programs aimed at battling the state's ongoing opioid epidemic. It also calls for an increase in the state's minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$12 per hour.

To close an estimated \$3 billion budget gap, Gov. Wolf says he can save \$2 billion in government efficiencies, including consolidation of departments and incentivizing early retirements for state workers. Under his plan, the Department of

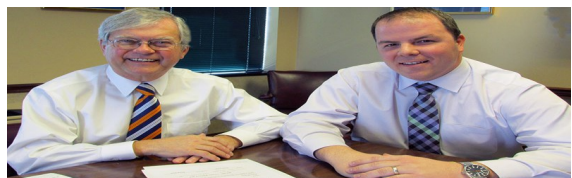
Corrections and Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole would merge into a new Department of Criminal Justice. The Human Services, Health, Aging and Drug and Alcohol Programs departments would merge into a new Department of Health and Human Services. Gov. Wolf would get another \$1 billion in new revenue from what the administration views as loopholes in taxes on sales, corporate profits and insurance premiums. He is also pushing to make good on his campaign promise to impose a severance tax natural gas.

Geared toward the business community, the tax plan would expand the 6 percent sales tax to specialty software and computer services, prepared food sold to airlines, aircraft maintenance and repair, and business storage. The budget plan also calls for leasing the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg and imposing a \$25 per resident service fee in municipalities that don't have their own police departments.

The budget contains level funding of \$4 million for Pennsylvania's fairs and new money for tourism promotion. With more people accessing media content on mobile devices, Gov. Wolf is proposing \$6.1 million to fund a media strategy that prioritizes social media and digital advertising to promote tourism. To encourage international travelers to visit the Keystone State, the initiative also increases the state's advertising presence abroad, including in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, China, and Italy.

Mobile Food Vendor Legislation

We are continuing our efforts to enact legislation that would allow mobile food vendors to operate in multiple jurisdictions without having to pay multiple fees in each county the mobile food vendor is in operation. As the law currently stands, mobile food vendors are required to purchase a license and be inspected in each food safety jurisdiction which they operate. This is an expensive venture that has proven to be unnecessary. We were successful in getting the legislation unanimously approved by the Senate last session and our strong push in the House is bringing stakeholders to the table. We have a commitment to work on language to resolve the issue. Stay tuned!



Fair Act

Back in January, Secretary Redding met with representatives from PSSA and PSACF about the Fair Act. A number of issues, from the Department's point of view, were shared with the audience. The Department is looking for an ongoing discussion about the Fair Act and how to make it better for the future of fair funding and operations. A lot of changes were discussed. Representatives from the PSSA and PSACF have concerns, but have committed to continue the dialogue. Obviously it is difficult to determine, without bill language, what the ultimate intended and unintended consequences of all these changes would be. Therefore, both organizations have concerns until this is ironed out. It is important that you continue to fortify your relationship with your local Senator and Representative. They will have a vote on any changes, and before they do vote; make sure they know your concerns. This issue will continue to be on our list of issues that we continually monitor and engage in.

Grassroots Made Simple

At Milliron Goodman, we spend a lot of time emphasizing the importance of getting to know your

legislators and more importantly, making sure they know you. Your involvement in the legislative process is crucial to the future success and stability of Showmen and the Outdoor Amusement Industry – whether advocating for a bill or opposing a tax. Please get engaged.

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FULL SLATE OF SEMINARS KEPT EVERYONE BUSY AT CONVENTION

BY: KEVIN D. BIEBER

Come the middle of January, it is always nice to see my Pennsylvania Fair Friends arrive in Hershey and get settled in for what ends up being a busy four days of education, fun and fellowship. Although I enjoy participating in that education, fun and fellowship, our committee tries real hard to bring you the best educational seminars we can. This year was no different and by your comments, I think we once again achieved success.

I was very happy to see the amount of people arriving Wednesday to take advantage of Bev Gruber's Judge's School. Bev and her crew always do a great job and from what I was told, the number of people taking advantage of Judge's School this year was the most ever. While some of you took advantage of Judge's School, there were many others that participated in the seminar titled Livestock Disease Outbreaks at Your Fair. This was a success and we will be revisiting this seminar again next year, maybe just in a slightly different format. Stay tuned !!!!

As we put a close to the first day of convention it was time to focus on Thursday and the Opening ceremony. Our Keynote Speaker this year, Dan Waldshmidt, spoke to a large crowd in the Chocolate Ballroom. It was quite obvious that Dan is a

hard worker and looks forward to results. All of our Fairs as well as all of you share in this same concept. Thursday also brought two other high profile seminars. Security & Handguns on the Fairgrounds as well as Small Games of Chance provided many of you to ask questions to the seminar presenters.

The committee was very pleased to bring in Jill Albanese, an energetic young lady from Wisconsin to present "Grand Champion Competitive Exhibits". Thanks to the IAFE for providing Jill. Jill hoped everyone was able to take something back to their Fair and incorporate it into their competitive exhibits. Also a special thanks to Kirby Dygert from the Erie County Fair in New York for coming down to Pennsylvania. I had the opportunity to see Kirby last year at an IAFE Zone 1 Conference and realized we needed to bring her to our own convention. She was gracious enough to present two seminars while in Hershey.

Rounding out the convention on Saturday, we were able to provide you with the most recent Food Safety Updates from the Department of Ag. We also played host to Jean Lonie (who got snowed out last year) as she presented "Why Think Ag"? Jean always does a great job and it is fulfilling to see her enthusiasm for Agriculture. As you can see, it was another busy year in Hershey. Our committee hopes that everyone was able to learn something that they can take back to their home fair and use whatever it is to provide an even more unforgettable experience. I wish all of you the best at your 2017 Fair and I cannot wait to meet up with you again soon !!!!

Table Topics

Thank you so much to all that helped with table topics this year at convention. We really appreciate you taking the time to be a moderator or even coming to the table topic sessions. We also want to thank all of the topics that you submitted last year and for the future year these are very helpful to us in knowing what your interests are regarding the fairs. We had great turnouts for a lot of the topics. If there are any that you thought of after your return back home, please let Harry know and he will be sure to get those to the proper channels.

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Debbie Stephenson

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105th PSACF/PSSA Convention

A theme of "Country Scenes – Blue Ribbon Dreams" began the 105th PSACF/PSSA Convention held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on January 18– 21, 2017. Registration was 1665 the same as last year. Several statistics for the convention – 187 trade show exhibitors, 43 Fairs enter exhibits in the Communication area, 60 participants in the Queen Contest, 900+ in attendance for the Coronation banquet.

Informative workshops, seminars and table topics were held all 4 days. Please thank the sponsors (listed in this issue) that helped to defray the cost of the Convention.

The spouses program consisted of "Bag & Basket" bingo, "Sachet" a hands on craft project, and "Antique Appraisals".

On Thursday, prior to the Opening Ceremony BeeGeeZ USA performed for those in attendance, followed by Dan Waldschmidt our Keynote Speaker sponsored by Powers Great American Midways. In the evening the PSACF Annual Banquet was held entertaining us was Jo Dee Messina. The 2016 Fair Person of the Year Ruth Britcher was announced. David "Doc" Reese passed the gavel of the presidency to David Hallstrom.

Friday the Communications Breakfast was held and winners in all the categories were announced. Later in the morning our Memorial Service, where over 100 departed were remembered, was followed by the annual meeting where 74 Fairs were in attendance. Later in the evening the PSSA held their Annual Banquet, featuring a Hawaiian Luau. Shelia Bartlebaugh was named 2016 Showman of the Year.

Saturday drawings took place for the trade show, PSACF, and the PSSA. That evening the coronation Banquet took place where 60 young ladies vied for the title of PA Fair Queen. Stephanie Nehrig was recognized as the Junior Fair Person for 2016. Madeline McEachin, from The Butler Fair was crowned the 2017 Queen.

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Convention January 17 – 20 at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey PA.

2017 Theme

The 2017 fair season theme, and for the fair display at the 2017 convention, is "Country Scenes – Blue Ribbon Dreams". A pdf of the logo is on the association's website.

Recent Mailings

All associate members were mailed membership packets in February. If any associate member had not received their packet, please contact the association office.

Fairs were mailed dues notices the end of March, after verification of fair classes from the reimbursement office. Packets will be mailed as dues are received. **If your fair did not receive your notice, please contact the association office.** The admittance practice on the courtesy passes has been changed; please take note when you receive your Packet.

Fair Fund Act

Response to the survey regarding the proposed changes to the Fair Fund Act was well received. Secretary Redding will be meeting with your State Board members at their April 13th meeting. Be sure to attend your Zone Meeting as we will be giving an update of that meeting.

2015-2016 Capital Improvement Matching Grant Program

Please see my article on page 2.

Msgr. John W. Mignot PSACF Scholarship Program

The 2017 scholarship material has been posted to the association's website. Funds are available for releasing all 6 scholarships. In order to release the maximum of 6 (six) scholarships. Please consider donating to this program. See article by the Jim Davis chair of the scholarship program.

Animal Health

The 2017 Animal Health document as presented at Convention is available in the "Fairs Only" section of the website.