

## DATES TO REMEMBER

— 2019 —

### April 11—13

- IAFE Zone 1 Conference Rockport Maine

### April 18

- PSACF Board Meeting

### April 24

- PSACF Zone 4 Mtg. - Shady Maple

### April 25

- PSACF Zone 3 Mtg. - Huntingdon County Fair

### April 26

- PSACF Zone 1 Mtg. - Christ the King Manor

### April 27

- PSACF Zone 2 Mtg. - Tioga 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 2020 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

- 2020 Request for Fair info material, PSACF Associate Dues Invoices, PSACF/PSSA Convention material, Trade Show apps. mailed.

### October 17

- PSACF Board Meeting

### October 23

- PSACF Zone 4 Mtg. - TBA

### October 24

- PSACF Zone 3 Mtg. - TBA

**October 25** - PSACF Zone 1 Mtg. - Christ the King Manor

**October 26** - PSACF Zone 2 Mtg. - TBA

### 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

### December 1-4

IAFE Convention San Antonio



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## From our President

It is hard to believe that another great convention is history and the fair season is rapidly approaching! A very special thank you to all who helped to make the convention a success.

Congratulations to Doc Reese for achieving Fair Person of the Year. Thank you for all you have done for Pennsylvania fairs and for the association. Congratulations also to Kelsey Schlegel from Oley Valley Community Fair in Zone 4 for achieving Junior Fair Person of the Year. May you remain active with the Oley Valley Community for many years to come! Youth are our future!

Last, but not least, congratulations to the 2019 PA State Fair Queen Mikara Anderson representing the Huntingdon County Fair. Jim Davis would be so proud! I look forward to seeing you at fairs across the state in 2019. The Queen Program is a very meaningful part of the convention and not only the state winner, but all the queens are important for promoting fairs and agriculture throughout the year. Thank you Elizabeth Voight, 2018 Queen, for your service!

I would like to welcome the three new State Directors - Jim Reed, Zone 1, Ben Haagen, Zone 2 and Jana Malot, Zone 3. I am excited about your willingness to get involved and to help. I look forward to working with each of you.

I would be remiss if I did not also thank Dave Halstrom and Harry Reffner. Thank you Dave for your four years of service on the Executive Committee. And Harry - the heart of this organization - I could not do this without you! Thank you both for all you do.

I would like to challenge all fairs to nominate individuals for both the Zone Person of the Year and Junior Fair Person of the Year for 2019. Please note that the room block at Hershey Lodge will open in April. Book your rooms early to avoid disappointment!

Finally, please plan to attend the Zone Meetings this spring. I hope to see you there!!

*Sally*

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## **PSACF FAIR PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR 2018**



Those black and white bovine (I think you call them Holsteins) have played a major role in the life of our 2018 PSACF Fair Person of the Year. Raised on a dairy farm, showing those Holsteins, the honoree is still showing cattle in Pennsylvania and New York as well as the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin.

Involvement in the fair industry started in the late 60's following the honoree's graduation from the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. As you have probably figured out, our honoree this year is Dr. David Reese from Tioga County Fair, Wellsboro, PA. Dr. Reese is the sole proprietor of Dry Run Vet Service, a large animal practice. Doc's involvement with the Tioga County Fair started in 1975 when he was hired as the fair veterinarian. This turned into being elected to the fair board in the 80's, then commercial exhibits chair, Exhibitor's Guide editor, entertainment chair, vice-president, then president in 2004.

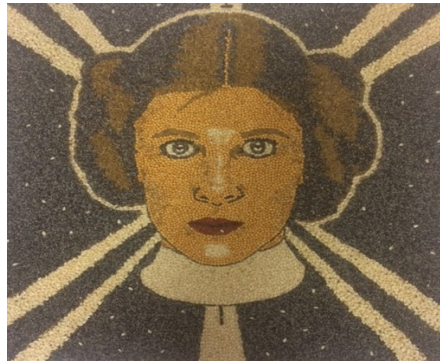
He was also active with the Chemung County Fair in New York.

He has been attending the PSACF Convention since the late 90's. Elected to the PSACF board in the late 90's, Dr. Reese served on many, many committees and was elected as Zone II chairman and then the Zone Person of the Year in 2014. In 2013 Doc was named PSACF vice-president and served as the association president for 2015 and 2016.

Professionally he is involved with the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the International Embryo Transfer Society. In his Pine City, New York community he serves as president of the Holstein Club, is active with the local fire department and the Chemung County Farmers Museum.

Doc and his wife Edith have been married for 54 years and have four children and ten grandchildren.

Would Doc and Edith please come forward



## **Crop Art: A New Contest at PA Farm Show Builds a Bridge Between The 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries**

— Paul Tucker

Do you know what the butter sculpture and this exciting new contest have in common? Both were very popular agricultural art forms over 100 years ago. In order to promote and advance agricultural and business interests after the Civil War many Midwestern towns held extravagant expositions to show just how abundant and available food was thanks to both the fertile land and modern technology. Majestic 'Corn Palaces' were constructed and covered with murals made from naturally colored corn. Inside these palaces you would find artistic displays of 'Cereal Architecture' and the first Butter Sculptures.



This year the 2019 Pennsylvania Farm Show premiered Crop Art as a new contest in the Family Living Department. The current scale of the contest was first pioneered by the Minnesota State Fair in 1965. The Dillsburg Farmers Fair then picked up the challenge in 2001. The competition in Dillsburg grew so much in popularity and quality that in 2018 a demonstration exhibit was displayed at that year's PA Farm Show.



The premise of the artistic challenge is straightforward: Create an artwork covered completely with only naturally colored seeds. There are both two dimensional and three dimensional categories divided into Under 18 and Adult divisions.

Check out the Dillsburg Farmers Fair Crop Art Facebook page to see lots of examples of past entries and to find the complete rules of this exciting contest. Just go to Facebook and type in Crop Art, we're the one with the pic of Star War's Princess Leia which was rendered in seeds for the 2018 Farmers Fair competition. For more information contact Paul Tucker at [pandktucker@comcast.net](mailto:pandktucker@comcast.net) or at 717 648 2971



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## **"KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE", THE WORDS FROM OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER, SAM GLENN**

BY: KEVIN D. BIEBER

For those fairs in 2018 that had rain, rain and more rain, I certainly hope you will retain the words from our Keynote Speaker, Sam Glenn. "We all need to keep a positive attitude". Although sometimes it may be tough, whether it be bad weather during the week of the fair, working endless hours that week, putting up with some complainers, let's be honest, it all goes with our territory, but most importantly, we need to remember the famous words from the 2019 convention, "keep a positive attitude".

The 2019 PSACF / PSSA convention started off with another fabulous Keynote Speaker. Sam Glenn came to us not only to keep our attitudes in check, but to add some additional entertainment as he painted a 4 X 4 canvas with his signature Eagle. I am not sure about all of you, but I had no idea what he was painting until he turned that picture around. In fact, before he turned it around, I said to myself that it is looking like a painting I would have done, something that didn't look like anything !!

Sam provided us with many encouraging words, do you remember some of them? How about how life needs those Rah Rah moments, or how about what he said about "when people become better at who you are, you become incredible at what you do". Although all his comments and phrases were important, what mostly stuck in my head was when he said "create an experience and a memory for others". Wow, think about that, it is exactly what we all do !!!! What is our fair? It is an experience and a memory for every individual that walks through our fairgrounds. Could it be the thrill of seeing all the animals and exhibits, could it be the interaction with the PA State Fair Queen, could it be the overall fun people are having? The possibilities are endless. So, even though sometimes we may be a little down because the rain will not stop, or it is just too hot for people to come out in the summer, we all need to remember that positive attitude phrase, because after all, nothing will stop us from creating an experience and a memory for everyone who attends our fair!

I have to admit that I was really excited over our seminar line up this year. I am so thankful to all the seminar speakers for sharing their levels of expertise in the chosen topics. I also need to thank Barney Cosner for clearing his schedule to come to Pennsylvania at the last moment to fill in for our scheduled IAFE speaker who had an emergency to tend to. Barney spoke about "We Do What We Love". Wow, create memories and experiences, doing what we love, how could you not keep a positive attitude? How about that seminar on Imagination and Innovation on Wednesday afternoon with Maria Lucero from Erie County Fair, Hamburg New York. Rumor has it that marshmallows were flying around the room. Yes, that rumor is true, but it was all good and let me tell you, lots and lots of fun !!! Maria showed everyone that you have Imagination and Innovation, you just need to stop and think a bit. I still think my marshmallows went the furthest.

Although I personally could not get to all the seminars, I understand that there was plenty of learning to be had in them. The Trucking as well as Food Safety and Fair Funding seminar always helps in keeping people up to date with the changing rules and regulations. We had a seminar on Technology and POS systems at your fair, Animal Rights as well as a Youth Panel of discussion from local FFA members.

Thank you to the seminar committee for putting together a great round of seminars this year. We look forward to doing it again next year. Also, a special thanks to Bruce Koppenhaver for taking care of all the speakers and their AV needs. As we close the books on another convention that created lots of experiences and memories, we look forward to seeing everyone back in Hershey in January of 2020. Have a great fair season !!!!

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## JUDGES SCHOOL HELD

By Beverly Gruber

One hundred seven folks participated in the 2019 Judges School held at the PSACF/PSSA Convention in Hershey in January. Courses were offered in six categories and in each session the participants actually were required to make some judging decisions on items presented. The six areas presented and the instructors were:

1. Baked Goods  
Shirley Moyer & Marie Haas
2. Photography  
Harold Hoch
3. Hand Crafts  
Susan Hahn
4. Grain, Hay, Eggs  
Gary Long
5. Needlework & Needleart  
Barb Warden & Barb Gross
6. Queen Contest  
Lynn Talbert

Each school attendee could go to two of the sessions. A course handout and a completion certificate is given to each participant.

A 45-minute "Intro to Judging" course is given before the classes. Competitive Exhibits, the backbone of all agricultural fairs, is discussed and if you have competition you must have a judge so qualifi-

cations of a good judge are reviewed. Most important is the ability to make a relatively quick decision and be able to back it up with fact. Ethics also enter into the equation. You must be consistent, be fair and have respect for what you judge. Another "trick of the trade" is to not comment on items or allow your facial expression reveal your feelings.

At the conclusion of the workshop participants turn in a sheet indicating that they are interested and feel qualified to be able to come to your fair to judge. We had 70 participants to add to the judging school list. A new addition this year will be the Queen Judging category. This was added to assist fairs in locating judges who are familiar with the Fair Queen program. The list can be found on the PSACF website. To locate go to [www.pafairs.org](http://www.pafairs.org) and log in to the members area. If you do not have a login, contact Harry Reffner at 717-861-3071.



## 2019 JUDGES LIST AVAILABLE SHORTLY CHECK THE WEBSITE

The 2019 list of judges made up of names submitted from various fairs plus the participants at the PSACF judges school held at the Conventions, will be available shortly. It is by no means a complete list. Please consider it step one in an ongoing process of assisting fairs find qualified competent judges for their competitive exhibits. If you have names to suggest, send to: Beverly Gruber PO Box 5 New Tripoli, PA 18066 610-393-0294 Fax: 610-767-5034  
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## RISE AND SHINE SATURDAY MORNING SEMINAR WINNERS

By: Kevin Bieber

Lisa Minnich of the Schnecksville Community Fair attending Adoption & Growing Fair Technology with Point of Sale.

Kris McCloskey of the Centre County Grange Fair attending Food Safety.

Harold Kennedy of the Big Butler Fair attending Fair Funding Reimbursement.

Each received a \$100 VISA card.

## ZONE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Zone I — Sam Zaffuto presenting the Jefferson Township Fair award to Barb McWilliams.



Zone II—Ben Haagen presenting the Luzerne County Fair award to Judy Kmetz, Ben, Brenda Pugh, Kelvin Swanger, Mike Kmetz.



Zone III— Debbie Stephenson presenting the Sinking Valley Fair award to Gary Long and Jess Kovac.



Zone IV— Kevin Bieber presenting the Ephrata Fair award to Elaine Sensenig.

## FROM CONVENTION



Father Ross Miceli conducting the Memorial Service on Friday.

Incoming President Dr. Sally Nolt presenting outgoing President Dave Hallstrom a plaque recognizing his service





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Front Row: Ruth Trumbetta, Shelly Shaffer, 2019 Queen Madeline McEachin, Martha Ebersole, Amy Utegg  
Back Row: Judy Kmetz, John Berne, Gary Moore, Karen Dobson

## STICKER GAME WINNERS ANNOUNCED

BY: KEVIN D. BIEBER

Thank you to everyone who visited the trade show at convention and played the famous sticker game. We had 340 completed cards in the bin that were eligible for the drawing. And the winners for this year were:

Hershey Weekend Getaway Grand Prize - Lois Chambers of the Centre County Grange Fair  
\$100.00 Cash - Troy Marsh - West End Fair  
\$100.00 Cash - Judy Anderson - Dawson Grange  
\$100.00 Cash - Jill Romesberg - Somerset County  
\$100.00 Cash - Elizabeth Niebauer - American Legion County Fair  
\$100.00 Cash - Diane Payne - Warren County Fair

Thanks again to all who played and congratulations to the winner. Don't forget to play the sticker game again next year !!!!



### Memorial Table at Convention

Thank you to John Berne and Angie Zaffuto for the table, and to all the Fairs that did a remembrance.

### 2019 Spouse Program

Hazel Blaney

This is a special "Thank You" to all of the fairs who donated items for the ticket auction at the 2019 convention and to the volunteers who helped to make this event a success. Every person who stopped by the long table had the same comment "These are amazing prizes!" The participants at the spouse activities were delighted with the prizes they received as door prices. We had a total of 49 ticket items, and 21 spouse gifts. THANK YOU!!!! The profit from the tickets sales and the Bingo provide free activities at the two of the spouse activities and supports the PSACF/Msgr Minot Scholarship fund.

To view and order pictures taken at the PSACF and PA Showmen's Convention go online to;

**[www.PSACF19.photoherald.com](http://www.PSACF19.photoherald.com)**

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## Message from the PA State Fair Queen

Hello! My name is Mikara Anderson. I am honored to serve the Commonwealth as the 2019 Pennsylvania

Fair Queen! I am the eighteen

-year-old daughter of Gerald and Holly Anderson of Three Springs, PA. Alongside my brother and sister, I own and operate a sheep farm in Huntingdon County of three registered flocks and one commercial flock, in which we breed, raise, and sell market lambs, Hampshire, Montadale, and Natural Colored sheep. In addition, my brother and I raise market swine, goats, and steers to sell and show. I am currently a senior at the Southern Huntingdon County High School where I am heavily involved in the SHC FFA chapter, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), National Honor Society, and Track and Field, among other extracurricular activities. I have secured many state and national awards between FFA and FBLA throughout my years in high school, such as the National FFA Sheep Production Proficiency Award and the Pennsylvania State Star Farmer Award. This fall, I am proud to be attending the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, as a Nittany Lion! I will be majoring in animal science, in hopes that upon graduation from Penn State, I will further my education in law school. My goal is to become an attorney with a focus in agriculture to give back to the agricultural community.

I grew up fully immersed in agriculture. Most specifically, my grandfather had a Holstein dairy farm where I would “help” him milk the cows, feed the calves and the cats, as a very young girl. From this start, my sister eventually became involved in showing quarter horses, and so did I. I showed western pleasure horses competitively until I was about twelve years old. To gain more experience, my sister, brother, and I simultaneously began showing livestock and dairy cattle through the 4-H program, and FFA when we became of age to

join. I quickly found that my passion fell in the lamb and wool industry. I still raise and show other livestock species as supplemental projects, but I have substantially expanded my sheep flocks over the past few years. I served as the 2016 Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen and have exhibited my sheep on local, state, and national levels. Agriculture has always been a huge part of my life and I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to be involved in this industry.

My fondest memories occurred on the almost ninety acres I call my home every second week of August- the Huntingdon County Fair! I’ve met some of my best friends, spoken to agricultural professionals, learned life lessons, developed skills, and so much more each year at my home fair. My fair has certainly had a significant influence on my life, and I cannot wait to witness the impact of the remaining 108 county and community fairs on other youth and adults across the state. I am honored to serve as an ambassador for agriculture and tourism in Pennsylvania and look forward to making memories at agricultural events throughout the year.

I’d like to thank my parents and siblings for their endless love and support prior to, and during this journey, the Huntingdon County Fair for allowing me to be your representative and being an integral part of my upbringing, my fair queen coordinators for all the hard work they put into my county’s program, and lastly, the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs for this incredible opportunity. Here is to a great year of promoting and showcasing Pennsylvania’s agriculture and our fairs!

Mikara





## PSACF Association Update

### 107<sup>th</sup> PSACF/PSSA Convention

The theme "Fairs feature Agricultural" opened the 107<sup>th</sup> PSACF/PSSA Convention held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center January 23<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.

Registration for this year's event was 1588, slightly over last year. The trade show had 160 booths, 59 participants in the Queen Contest, the spouse's program which aids the Scholarship fund saw a slight decrease in their fund raising, the PSACF banquet Thursday night had 898 in attendance, the Queen banquet Saturday night had over 884 in attendance.

Workshops, seminars, and table topics were held all 4 days. Attendance in some cases resulted in standing room only.

Spouse's programs had the "Bag & Basket bingo, Frilly Wreath, and Gifts, Gifts, Gifts.

Wednesday night the Talent Showcase had 17 acts performing.

Thursday prior to the opening Make Mine Country entertained followed by Sam Glenn our keynote speaker sponsored by Powers Great American Midways & Decision Maker Inc., delivered a message and created a mural as he delivered it. Prior to the PSACF banquet Ripley's Magic and Peanut the Elephant strolled the lobby before the banquet. Terri Clark provided by Variety Attractions entertained with her hits. Dr. Sally Nolt was installed as the 2019-2020 president, by outgoing president David Hallstorm. Awards from the Farm Show, and the 2018 Fair Person, David "Doc" Reese, were announced.

Friday had the Communication breakfast and the winners for the various categories were announced. The Memorial Service had Fr. Ross Miceli conducting the service, where over 110 were remembered. Dan & Galla providing back ground music during the service. The Annual Meeting followed with 72 fairs in attendance. The PSSA banquet held in the evening had The Clarks performed for the banquet.

Saturday drawings took place for the trade show, PSACF, and PSSA. In the evening the Coronation Banquet took place, 59 young ladies vied for the title of 2019 Pennsylvania Fair Queen. Mikara Anderson from the Huntingdon County Fair was crowned with the title.

Preparations are under way for the 108<sup>th</sup> annual convention January 22-25, 2020 at Hershey, be sure to mark your calendars.

### Recent Mailing

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 early 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.**

### Msgr. John W. Mignot PSACF Scholarship Program

The 2019 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, also to the Spouse Program at Convention.

### Department of Agricultural Poster Contest

The theme of "Inspiring Pennsylvania's Agriculture Story".

The Contest rules and entry form are posted on our website. By going to [www.pafairs.org](http://www.pafairs.org), highlight the "MEMBERS" banner, a drop down will appear with the Contest toward the bottom.

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### **Friend of the Fair**

The Friend of the Fair nomination form is also posted on our website. By going to [www.pafairs.org](http://www.pafairs.org), highlight the "MEMBERS" banner, a drop down will appear with the Contest toward the bottom.

### **Zone Meetings**

Your directors will be meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> in preparation for your Zone Meetings. The officers will be giving updates on the Association. Tracy will be updating on Fair Fund activity. Junior Fair Person applications, Baking Contest packet and Queen packet will be available also, be sure to have someone from your Fair in attendance.

### **2019 Fair Season**

The Fair season will begin shortly with the PA Maple Festival, let us hope this season will be drier than last year.

### **IAFE Zone 1 Conference**

The meeting will be held April 11 – 13, at Samoset Resort on the Ocean Rockport Maine, hosted by the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs. Registration was available at our Convention and also on the Maine website [mainefairs.org/2019-iafe-zone-1-meeting](http://mainefairs.org/2019-iafe-zone-1-meeting).

### **Convention Photos**

More Convention photos will be appearing in the next issue of FairTalk.

## *Harry*

### **Spectacular Lighting/Graphics Package & Award-Winning Bunny for New 2019 Belmont Magic Show.**

Fresh from receiving The Milbourne Christopher Master of Magic Award for "Excellence in the Magical Arts" – one of the top three honors awarded to magicians worldwide, Al and Sue Belmont have upgraded their Belmont Magic Portable Stage with beautiful new graphics, and a spectacular, new fiber-optic backdrop and LED lighting package designed by DFX Sound Vision, leading experts in creating visually stunning effects with cutting edge, state of the art systems.

The Christopher Masters Award recognizes performing magicians for "excellence in the magical arts." Previous winners include David Copperfield, Penn & Teller, Siegfried and Roy, Harry Blackstone Jr, and Lance Burton.

In addition, after extensive 2018 Open Call Bunny Auditions, the Belmonts have added Merlin, a delightful Polish Red Rabbit who took Best of Show at the Sykesville PA Youth & Agricultural Fair. Raised by a devoted 4H member, Merlin is cute as can be and loves to be cuddled while watching TV with the family.

Belmont's mysteries, proven showmanship, and unique proprietary magical illusions add up to great Entertainment. The 2019 Belmont Magic Show will be totally new featuring baffling magic with lots of audience participation and the Belmont's fast-moving, light-hearted, fun style. Al & Sue kick off their tour at the eighteen-day Queen Charlotte Fair. This year's route includes return visits to five leading fairs.

Al and Sue appreciate all those who visited with them at Hershey.



**2019 IAFE Convention:**

**Dec. 1-4 in San Antonio!**



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Info: Butterflies/Plantarium

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Info: The Jody Pyles Band has performed all across the US and on 3 continents

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**Barnes PRCA Rodeo** 4420 Martin Access Petersen IA 51047

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Info: Rodeo Attraction

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Info: WiFi

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Info: Television Star Talent Booking

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## COMMUNICATION AWARDS



(Left)  
WEBSITE -  
3<sup>rd</sup> Warren  
County Fair  
Audrey Ferrie,  
David, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Waterford  
Community  
Fair Kim  
Gates



(Left) SCRAP-  
BOOK TRADI-  
TIONAL- 1<sup>ST</sup>  
Warren County  
Fair Audrey  
Ferrie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hun-  
tingdon County  
Fair Mikara  
Anderson, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Bedford Coun-  
ty Fair Barb  
Mearkle, David



(Left) VIDEO  
TAPE- 1<sup>ST</sup>  
Centre Coun-  
ty Grange  
Fair Amelia  
Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Elizabeth  
Community  
Fair Madison  
Shaw, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Crawford  
County Fair  
Ella Klink,  
David



(Left) SCRAP-  
BOOK COVER  
TRADITIONAL  
1<sup>ST</sup> Bedford  
County Fair  
Barb Mearkle,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Allentown  
Fair Cheryl  
Urmey, David



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PROMOTION-  
AL MATERI-  
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tre County  
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Haagen, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
McKean  
County Fair  
Emily Gus-  
tafson, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Lebanon  
Area Fair  
Madison  
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Warren County  
Fair Audrey  
Ferrie, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Huntingdon  
County Fair  
Mikara Ander-  
son, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
McKean Coun-  
ty Fair Emily  
Gustafson,  
David



## COMMUNICATION AWARDS



(Left)  
PLACEMAT-  
1<sup>ST</sup> Elizabeth  
Community  
Fair Madison  
Shaw,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Warren  
County Fair  
Audrey Ferrie,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Harford  
County Fair  
David Tyler,  
David



(Left) PREMIUM  
BOOK- David,  
1<sup>ST</sup> Oley Valley  
Community Fair  
Shirley Moyer,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth-  
town Community  
Fair Madison  
Shaw, 3<sup>rd</sup> Water-  
ford Community  
Fair Kim Gates



(Left) NON  
PREMIUM  
BOOK-  
1<sup>ST</sup> West-  
moreland  
County Fair  
Blaine Hutter,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Washing-  
ton County  
Fair Paige  
Riggle, David



(Left) FAIR  
DISPLAY TABLE  
- 1<sup>ST</sup> Warren  
County Fair  
Audrey Ferrie,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Harford Fair  
David Tyler,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Luzerne  
County Fair  
Kasie Weidner,  
David



(Left) POWER  
POINT-  
1<sup>st</sup> Allentown  
Fair Cheryl  
Urmey,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Harford  
Fair David  
Tyler,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Warren  
County Fair  
Audrey  
Ferrie, David



(Left) FLOOR  
DISPLAY-  
1<sup>st</sup> Oley Commu-  
nity Fair Linda  
Shirey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eliz-  
abethtown  
Community Fair  
Madison Shaw,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Warren  
County Fair  
Audrey Ferrie,  
David



## COMMUNICATION AWARDS



(Left) DIGITAL  
SCRAPBOOK-  
1<sup>st</sup> Spartansburg  
Community Fair  
Margie Martin,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Allentown  
Fair Cheryl  
Urmy,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Carbon Coun-  
ty Fair Maria  
Burits, David



(Left) SCRAP-  
BOOK COVER  
DIGITAL- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Spartansburg  
Community  
Fair Margie  
Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Clearfield  
County Fair  
David Hall-  
strom, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Cameron  
County Fair  
Cassie Frey



(Left)  
BROCHURE-  
1<sup>st</sup> Warren  
County Fair  
Audrey Ferrie,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Centre  
County Grange  
Fair Darlene  
Confer, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Allentown Fair  
Cheryl Urmy,  
David



(Left) BILL-  
BOARD-  
1<sup>st</sup> Mason  
Dixon Fair  
Debbie  
Seling, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Luzerne  
County Fair  
Kasie  
Weidner, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Lebanon  
Area Fair  
Madison  
Hetrick, Da-  
vid



(Left)  
CREATIVE- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Spartansburg  
Community Fair  
Connie Sitterl,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bedford  
County Fair  
Barb Mearkle,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Centre  
County Grange  
Fair Amelia  
Miller, David



(Left) BEST  
OF SHOW-  
Warren  
County Fair  
David Wilcox,  
Audrey  
Ferrie, Linda  
Fehrenbach





Soon we'll be "off to the races" once again! Fair season is gaining on us and in no time fairgoers will feel the warm sun on their faces, get a chance to enjoy home-grown flavors, and take in the sights and sounds of Pennsylvania's fairs. While the public sees the fairs as food and fun, we know there's a serious side to this industry. These events require careful planning and coordination; they're like small towns that crop up nearly overnight with some of the same concerns local municipalities have: managing safety, security, contracts, etc. In my travels last fair season and throughout the past year, I had a chance to meet with fair staff and ask many questions about what I like to call "the business of fairs." I'll be out and about once again this fair season, hugging your livestock and getting to know more about how you manage your fairs.

#### eGrants

The electronic application system that will allow fairs to upload capital improvement matching funds grants and fair reimbursement applications online will be ready this spring. We worked with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to establish a platform we believe fairs will prefer to paper submissions. The developers were on hand at the PSACF Convention in January to give attendees a sneak peek. I'll circulate additional information regarding both online applications at the Spring Zone Meetings next month.

#### UPDATE: Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Improvement Matching Fund Grant Applications

At its January meeting, the Fair Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Priority 1 Capital Improvement Matching Fund Grant projects, funding projects at 50 percent of the total project cost, up to a maximum of \$25,000. Fairs will receive their contracts in early April.

#### Payments: 2017-2018 Capital Improvement Project Matching Grants

Most of these contracts have been processed for payment; however, many contracts remain unpaid. While the contracts were submitted for routing at the end of June, many of them remain in circulation outside the PA Department of Agriculture. Once they're returned, the corresponding payments will be processed.

#### 2018-2019 Fair Reimbursements

All fair reimbursements have been processed. Many fairs have waited until very recently to receive their payments. In addition to my review, the payment applications are reviewed by the Comptroller's office, then sent along to the Treasurer's office for final payment. In many cases, we experienced the same problems as in past years: address and fair name discrepancies, and incomplete submissions, all of which delay processing. Most fair reimbursement application submissions were received between November 6 and 15, but fairs don't have to wait until November to submit their reimbursement paperwork. Submitting earlier will help us move this process along. Rest assured, we're working to improve the turn-around time for these payments. Collection of applications via the eGrants system should help speed things along during the upcoming fair season.

#### Forms & Information

Please check out the Fair Fund page on PDA's website: [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov) for additional information, forms and instructions. You can also call or email us:

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## COMMUNICATIONS BEST OF SHOW Warren County Fair Board



## 2018 State Junior Fair Person

Secretary Russell Redding, Zone 1 Junior Fair Person Mitchell Kerr (Butler Farm Show), Zone 4 and State Junior Fair Person Kelsey Schlegel (Oley Valley Community Fair), Zone 3 Junior Fair Person Lexie Ferruolo (Derry Township). Absent was Zone 2 Junior Fair Person Tyler Mackneer (Mifflin County Youth Fair). In addition to the award, Kelsey received a 1 night Hershey accommodation and 2 Queen Banquet tickets from PSACF.

*Congratulations* to all .

***HARRISBURG OVERVIEW:***

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Governor Wolf officially kicked off the 2019-20 budget season with his fifth budget address. He is calling for about \$34 billion worth of spending, which is a nearly \$1 billion increase over last year. While he does not plan to raise the sales or personal income tax, he did outline plans to raise the minimum wage. The Governor called for an increase of Pennsylvania's hourly minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$12 this year. Then there would be .50¢ increases every year until 2025, raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour within 5 years.

We understand that this proposal is concerning to many small organizations. We anticipate a great deal of internal negotiations on this issue. In fact, some Senate Republican legislators have already acknowledged that they are open to a discussion about an increase, but not necessarily supportive of the 'final' number, arguing that an overall increase of \$7.75 is unreasonable and not feasible for some businesses.

A major part of the budget process occurs on non-session days within the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Over the past month, the state agencies have appeared before the state House and Senate Appropriations Committees to discuss the Governor's proposal in greater detail. The legislature has until June 30<sup>th</sup> to pass a balanced budget and there are nearly 40 session days scheduled between now and then.

***PENNSYLVANIA'S FAIRS FUNDING***

Governor Wolf has proposed \$4 million for Pennsylvania's fairs. We are incredibly grateful that the governor continues to recognize the importance of funding Pennsylvania's fairs and thank him for maintaining the funding in his budget proposal. PSACF's lobbying team Milliron Goodman is fighting hard in Harrisburg to make sure that the \$4 million makes it into the final budget. Milliron Goodman continues to meet with key legislators and asks that you contact your local legislators as well to stress the importance of funding Pennsylvania's fairs. If you are unsure of who your legislators are or do not know how to contact them you can just click this [link](#) and enter your address and it will show you all of your legislators and give you their contact information.

***TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE CHAIRS FOR THE 2019-2020 SESSION***

The state House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee Chairs remain unchanged this session. Representative Dave Millard (R-Columbia) will continue to be the Majority Chairman of the House Tourism Committee and Representative Mark Longietti (D-Mercer) will continue to be the Minority Chairman. In addition, the Senate Community, Economic, and Recreational Development Committee Chairs remain unchanged at this time. Senator Mario Scavello (R-Monroe) will continue as Majority Chairman and Senator Lawrence Farnese (D-Philadelphia) will continue as Minority Chairman. On the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, Representatives Martin Causer (R-McKean) and Eddie Day Pashinski (D-Luzerne) will continue as Chairmen. Senators Elder Vogel (R-Beaver) and Judy Schwank (D-Berks) will continue as the Chairmen of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

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### **SALES TAX EXPANSION**

A six percent sales tax on admissions to amusement parks, fairs and other recreation-type businesses was considered by the state Legislature during past budget negotiations as well as negotiations on property tax relief. Milliron Goodman continues to be actively engaged on this issue. As we head into a new budget season, we'll be paying close attention as lawmakers look for ways to balance the budget or reduce property taxes. We will need your continued support. Taxing affordable family-friendly amusement is counterproductive. If ticket prices go up, more people will choose to stay home. Pennsylvania's fairs, festivals and amusement parks are economic drivers for every community of the Commonwealth. As always, please stay alert for updates.

### **MOBILE FOOD LICENSING LEGISLATION**

Milliron Goodman is happy to report that Representative Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon) has reintroduced his Mobile Food Truck Licensing legislation as [HB 671](#). As you know, to participate in events throughout the state, some mobile retail food facilities are subject to multiple licensing fees per year. This legislation would address the issue by utilizing the concept of an "operating base location," which is essentially the area where trucks return regularly to restock, clean, etc. Mobile units would be required to pay food licensing fees based on the "operating base location" instead of fees from multiple jurisdictions. The bill is currently in the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. We need to have all members help advocate for the bill. If legislators hear that there is a lot of support for the bill, then there is a better chance for this bill to start moving through the process. We will continue to provide you with updates.

### **AMUSEMENT REGULATIONS**

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is planning to update regulations pertaining to amusements. The last time the regulations were updated was in the 1980s. At this time, the draft regulations are still in the very early stages. The Department plans to share the language with all stakeholders and the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board to get feedback before moving further. Currently, only one stakeholder meeting has been held by the Amusement Ride Safety Board regarding the drafted regulations. We understand there are a number of changes, including potential changes in ride fees. We will continue to keep you posted on the latest developments.

### **TOURISM FUNDING**

The state's funding for tourism has significantly declined over the last ten years from about \$30million to \$4million. This year, it appears that Governor Wolf is proposing flat funding for the tourism office again.

Last session, in order to supplement the state dollars, several proposals were introduced that would help the industry find reliable funding sources. One of those proposals, HB 1511, was signed into law as [Act 109](#). The language clarifies that the hotel occupancy tax applies to Online Travel Companies' (OTCs) additional fees and markups. This clarification would help ensure that OTCs pay the hotel tax based on the full retail rate they charge customers, not the lower wholesale price that was negotiated with hotels. It is estimated that by closing the loophole, an additional \$20 million in new revenue would be generated for tourism.

In addition, Representative Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon) has reintroduced legislation ([HB 787](#)) to require online home sharing and short-term rental companies doing business in Pennsylvania to register with the state and share information with taxing authorities. By requiring online rental companies to register and provide the names of their hosts, the state can more accurately enforce hotel tax collection laws and help ensure fair competition within the industry. Last session, the bill passed the House with a vote of 177-14 and was later held up in the Senate.

We'll continue to monitor all new proposals and keep you apprised.

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### **GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY**

At Milliron Goodman, we believe in 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 Pennsylvania's fairs! We encourage you to get engaged.

### **CONTACT**

If you have any questions regarding this legislative update or would like to get engaged in grassroots, please do not hesitate to contact us at 717-232-5322. We have an open-door policy

## IN MEMORY



Robert E. "Bob" Werner, 73, of Bangor, PA, passed away Monday, February 11th, at Lehigh Valley Hospital Center, Allentown, PA. He was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Bangor, PA. Bob was a former Boy Scout Leader for Troop 102 in Bangor and was a member of the Bangor Alumni Assoc. He was an active member of the Blue Valley Farm Show, where he served as President for over 40 years. Bob was also a member and past President of the Bangor Exchange Club, a member and Past Worshipful Master of the Portland Masonic Lodge 311 F & A.M. and a member of the Lehigh Valley Scottish Rite in Allentown.



Helen P. Huston, age 84, of Albion, PA passed away Wednesday March 13, 2019. Helen and her husband owned and operated Twin Spring Acres Farms from 1957 to 2016 in Albion, PA. She worked for the Albion Fair running the entries process and supported her husband, Robert in his role as Fair Secretary.



Helen E. Straub, Otter Creek Twp., Greenville passed away early Saturday morning, March 16, 2019. On Oct. 20, 1962 she married William (Bill) Straub who survives. She had belonged to the grange for over 50 years and enjoyed the friendship and company of being with the members of the grange and the people from her church. Over the many years she had also helped with the annual Mercer County Grange Fair.



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## SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS

- Karen Dobson

Congratulations to **Solanco Fair** (PA Preferred Junior Baking), **Fulton County Fair** (Homemade Chocolate Cake), **Mountain Springs Country Fair** (Apple Pie), and **Perry County Fair** (Angel Food Cake) on having a first-place winner at the 2019 PA Farm Show!

Fairs are now gearing up for another year for baking competitions at their local events.

The Homemade Chocolate Cake, Blue Ribbon Apple Pie and Incredible Angel Food Cake contests will continue with no rule or requirement changes.

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

Some other reminders to pass on to your Baking Contest committees:

Each fair is responsible for any ribbons for all four special contest ribbons

Use the sponsor-provided banners for the Angel Food Cake and the PA Preferred Junior Baking contests. PLEASE destroy or repurpose any old PA Preferred banners that mention a "chocolate" baking contest as these banners are no longer acceptable.

Contest rules were distributed and reviewed at the Convention. Unclaimed packets were mailed to the Fairs. The 2019 information can also be downloaded from PSACF's website: [www.pafairs.org](http://www.pafairs.org), Members/Baking Contest menu (no login required). The full 2019 Special Baking Contest Fair Packets will be distributed at the upcoming Spring Zone meetings.

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)

## JUNIOR FAIR PERSON AWARD

It is not too early to start thinking about an nomination for The Junior Fair Person. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs to recognize and honor a youth Fair volunteer for his/her outstanding efforts and achievements, and for making a difference at your Fair. The award is given annually to a youth volunteer from a Fair that is a member of PSACF. Instructions and applications will be available at your Zone Meeting.



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## Message from Our Associates

— Galla Higinbotham

The 2019 PSACF/PSSA convention was filled with discussions, meetings, commiserations shared over last year's weather, networking, and as always, for those of us who attend every year, it was a great opportunity to see all our fair, associate and showmen friends.

New associates, welcome! If you have any questions, please contact me. As your state representative, I should be able to give you an answer, or find someone who can. Membership packets were mailed in February with information including how to access the PSACF web site. If you have not received your packet, please let me know or contact Harry Reffner.

"Associate members", for those of you new to the association, are the members of the state association who are not fairs. We are listed in the 2019 PSACF Directory under our specific categories – from Advertising and Public Relations, Fair Supplies, Fireworks, Security, Printers, Rodeos, Musical Attractions, Talent/Booking...and the list goes on.

This year's Talent Showcase on Wednesday evening featured 17 strong stage acts including a mentalist and bands/singers performing a wide variety of music from a Motown crooner to '60s party songs, classic '80s, Johnny Cash, a family act, rockabilly, trucker rock and modern and traditional country. Larry Starcher and his company, Sound Rental Service, kept everything moving as they provided sound and lighting for the evening and the rest of the week's events. More entertainment was featured at

the opening ceremony (Make Mine Country), the PSACF banquet (Terri Clark) and the PSSA banquet (The Clarks). Ripley's Magic and Peanut the Elephant strolling acts were enjoyed in the lobby before the PSACF banquet.

The Trade Show was crowded and busy, especially during the time dedicated specifically for Trade Show visitation (when no seminars and table topics are scheduled). Having this time to conduct business built into the convention schedule has proven to be of great value to associates and convention attendees alike. On behalf of the associates, thank you to everyone who came through booking entertainment, shows, picking up business cards, promotional materials and who selected from the very finest in professional goods and services that we offer.

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.

Thank you to the fair board for sponsoring the "Sticker Game", a popular tradition of recent years, as expressed by singer/musician Adam Calvert. Adam is a new associate member of the PSACF this year from Cambridge, Ohio and he goes to several other states' conventions. He was nice enough to send me an email expressing appreciation for the "Sticker Game" as a way to start talking to people when you don't know anyone yet. He commented on the easy load-in to the trade show and the numerous acts in the showcase, the length of the trade show and a number of other "positives". He said he will be back!

With the welcome sight of daffodils coming up and the first bloom of crocuses, I wish everyone a happy spring and a great fair season!

Galla [www.gallaanddan.com](http://www.gallaanddan.com)



Make Mine Country



Terri Clark



The Clarks



# *Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program*



The 2019 convention ended with a celebration of youth as Huntingdon County Fair Queen Mikara Anderson of Three Springs, Huntingdon County, was crowned the 33rd Pennsylvania Fair Queen.

Mikara, the daughter of Gerald and Holly Anderson, will be an incoming freshman at Penn State University where she will be majoring in animal science. She plans to attend law school to become an attorney with a focus on agriculture upon graduating from Penn State.

She has been involved in agriculture since she was a very young girl. Growing up, she got ex-

perience on her grandfather's dairy farm in south central Pennsylvania. Mikara simultaneously became involved in beef cattle, goats, western pleasure horses, swine, and sheep, too. She currently owns and operates sixty head of sheep on her family's farm, Bele-Boyd Ranch, where she has exhibited her livestock locally, statewide, and nationally.

She got her start as a member of the 4-H and FFA organizations. In addition to her academics, livestock enterprises, and multiple organized activities, she enjoys public speaking, reading, writing, and spinning wool.

Mikara will receive a \$2,500 scholarship from the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs at the end of her reign in January 2020. She was crowned by outgoing Pennsylvania Fair Queen Elizabeth Voight of Fredericksburg, Lebanon County.

Each of the 59 contestants was evaluated on their written communication, interview and public speaking skills, as well as their knowledge of the fair and agriculture industries,

Five finalists were chosen and gave impromptu answers on how they would use their PA Fair Queen crown as a microphone to promote change.

"With the PA Fair Queen crown, I would use it as a shining microphone to spark change in the agricultural community and at our county and community fairs," responded Mikara. "With a crown and banner, I could be more of an advocate than I already am, and I could reach more people using that state title."

Wyoming County Community Fair Queen Madison Sickler, 17, of Meshoppen, Wyoming County, was selected as Alternate 2019 Pennsylvania Fair Queen. The daughter of Elwood and Kimberly Sickler, Madison is a member of the junior fair board a poultry enthusiast with 79 chickens. She is a senior at Elk Lake High School studying business at her local career and technology center, with plans to continue her education in banking and finance at Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Other top five finalists were Allentown Fair Queen McKenzie Hagenbuch of Emmaus, Lehigh County; Centre County Grange Fair Queen Amelia Miller of Howard, Centre County; and Clinton County Fair Queen McCartney Register of Lock Haven, Clinton County. Kimberton Community Fair Queen Dana Moore of Spring City, Chester County, was named Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants.

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Judges were Ashley Boteler with the Shenandoah County Fair, Virginia; Lisa Lamoureux with the Association of Connecticut Fairs; and Maria Lucero with the Erie County Fair, New York. Several past PA fair queens also attended the coronation including Denise Sustrik Leigh (1990); Nicole Clemson Mirra (2009), Rhonda Carl (2013), Lia Schmittel (2014) and Madeline McEachin (2018).

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**. Contestant wore their commemorative t-shirts sponsored by **SwikaS Amusements** at their Pizza Party sponsored by the **Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association**. Each contestant received a commemorative photo with 2018 PA Fair Queen Elizabeth Voight 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 **Huntingdon County Fair**. **Tiffany Painter Newland** from Virginia presented a mini seminar on "Stepping Up Your Queen Program" to the fair queen coordinators and also a Saturday morning seminar called "Fair Queens Going Above and Beyond".

Special fundraising efforts included a Raffle Table with themed baskets, the popular nightly 50/50 money drawings and a live auction at the Coronation Banquet. Popular auction items included three "Dine Out" boards with chain restaurant gift cards donated by the contestants, an eagle painting created by the convention keynote speaker Sam Glenn and donated by PSACF, apparel from country music artists Garth Brooks and and sponsored by **Variety Attractions**, a blue ribbon quilt designed and donated by **Martha Ebersole**, a handmade wooden bowl donated by **Jeff Romesberg**, and a handmade stained glass county fair art piece donated by the 2018 PA Fair Queen **Elizabeth Voight**. The PA Fair Queen Program thanks everyone who gave volunteer hours, gift and basket 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 **AMP Global Strategies, Houghton Enterprises, Lancaster Farming, PA Farm Bureau** and **Skelly Amusements** was attended by 884 guests. The "salute to youth" focus included the PSACF Junior Fair Person award given to Kelsey Schlegel of the Oley Valley Community Fair; the scholarship awarded to outgoing PA Fair Queen Elizabeth Voight by **PSACF**; and a performance by Buffalo Mountain Bluegrass Band, the fiddle and acoustic duo of siblings Autumn and Canyon Moore, sponsored by the **Perry County Fair**. 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 **Lebanon Area Fair** (Queen Elizabeth Voight's event brochures).

The 2019 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](http://www.pafairs.org) (*under the "Members-Queen" menu; no login required*). The official 2019 State Competition Application Packets will be distributed at the Spring Zone meetings. A pick-up signature will be required.

Anderson and Sickler 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.



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All appearances must be submitted to PA Fair Queen Events Coordinator Martha Ebersole in writing using the official Scheduling Request Form (available at [www.pafairs.org](http://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@embarqmail.com](mailto:mebasket@embarqmail.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.

The PA Queen Program recently voted in the following officers for 2019:

Chairman John Berne  
Vice Chairman Judy Kmetz  
Secretary Karen Dobson  
Treasurer Gary Moore  
Director Ruth Trumbetta

Committee assignments for 2019 are as follows:

Contest Correspondence Amy Utegg  
Contest Karen Dobson and Shelly Shaffer  
Coronation Banquet Seating Jessica Long  
Events and Publicity Martha Ebersole  
Fundraising John Berne, Linda Grove, Amy Hawn, Judy Kmetz, Ruth Trumbetta and Charlotte Williams

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

Application Packets – Amy Utegg, 570-499-7515  
Fundraising - John Berne, 814-887-5396 or Judy Kmetz, 570-675-2952  
PA Fair Queen's State Events & Media – Martha Ebersole, 717-834-4435  
State Contest & Coronation Banquet - Karen Dobson, 610-212-6180

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Linda Grove, Amy Hawn, Charlotte Williams, Fundraising

Dr, Sally K. Nolt, PSACF President 2019-2020

## 2019 Directory Updates

**Director:**

Roger Dirlam phone change to 570-493-2745

**Fairs:**

Unionville Community Fair – Bonnie Musser is now President, and Cindy Wallace is President elect. Email: [in-fo.ucfair@gmail.com](mailto:in-fo.ucfair@gmail.com)

Mifflin County Youth Fair— PO Box 208 Reedsville, PA 17084,, email [lutherj1211@gmail.com](mailto:lutherj1211@gmail.com)

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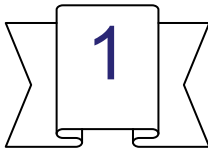


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# Update from The Zones



## Zone One –Sam Zaffuto

The Zone One Fair of the Year Award was presented to the Jefferson Township fair at our recent convention in January. The Jefferson Township Fair is all about family, fun, and fellowship. There is a true sense of community at their fair. With many volunteers helping with different fundraising events, they are able to produce their fairs with no admission or parking fees. 2019 will mark their 48<sup>th</sup> fair. Congratulations on a job well done!

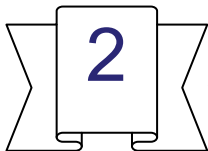
It will soon be time for our 2019 fairs. Most fairs are finalizing their plans now.

Our spring zone meeting will be held Friday April 26 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. The Warren County Fair has offered to conduct the raffle to benefit the Msgr. John Mignot Memorial Scholarship program. Our zone one raffles have generated almost \$3,000 to support the scholarship program. Please come prepared to continue your support of this worthwhile program. Watch your mail for registration information.

Looking ahead, our fall zone meeting is planned for Friday October 25 at the same location.

Please don't forget about the Msgr. Mignot Memorial Scholarship program. If you have high school and college age students that are involved in your fair, please be sure to let them know that they can apply for our scholarship. PSACF awards six \$1,000 scholarships annually. Details about the scholarship program are on the PASCF website: [www.pafairs.org](http://www.pafairs.org).

I hope to see you at the zone meeting and we're all looking forward to a dry, warm fair season that is just around the corner.



## Zone Two— Roger Dirlam

It is hard to believe that two months have passed since the Convention and we are already working diligently getting ready for the 2019 Fairs. Hopefully the weather will be a little more cooperative this year.

Once again, the Convention was a huge success. The Trade Show has grown by leaps and bounds and once again provided the opportunity for the Fairs to see first hand what the vendors have to offer. All in all, everyone seemed to enjoy the Convention.

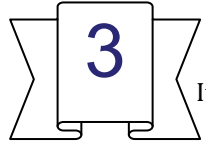
Congratulations are in order to the Luzerne County Fair for receiving the 2018 Zone Two Fair Award. Their membership has worked very hard to make their fair the success it is today.

We are honored to announce that Madison Sickler, Wyoming Community Fair, was named 2019 Fair Queen, 1st Runner-up.

Congratulations also to Dr. Reese, Tioga County Fair, for being named 2018 Fair Person of the Year. He has worked very hard for the good of the PSACF and certainly deserves this honor.

Zone Two seems to be on quite a roll!!

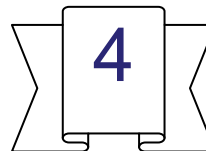
The Zone Two Spring Meeting will be hosted by Tioga County Fair on April 27, 2019. Invitations have been mailed out and you should receive them shortly, if you have not already done so. Mark your calendars and hope to see you there.



## Zone Three — Debbie Stephenson

It's hard to believe that Spring & fair season is just around the corner and again - the groundhog it seems didn't know what he was talking about. Congratulations to Sinking Valley Fair for being our Zone 3 Fair of the Year and to all the many winners at this year's convention. Job well done!! Our spring zone 3 meeting will be held at the Huntingdon County Fairgrounds on April 25, 2019. Information will be coming out shortly either by email or snail mail so be looking for that information and remember to send at least (1) person from your fair for all the updates for this coming fair season. We will have reports from all our committee's and the Department of Agriculture as well. A gentle reminder for the Msgr. Mignot Scholarship Awards, Jr Fair Person Award and also our "new" State Fair Queen will be at hand for all those fairs requesting her presence at their home fairs. Just a reminder that your Zone 3 directors will be visiting fairs again this year and hopefully everyone is ready for some sunshine and dry weather this coming year. Good luck to all our fairs this season. Please feel free to ask questions of your state directors - we are here to help.

See you at the meeting!!



## Zone Four - Kevin Bieber

It was great to see so many of you at convention. Now onto getting ready for yet another fair season. My wish for all of you is that your fair operates with perfect fair weather this year. I know last year the rain dampened many of your spirits. The Directors from Zone 4 are looking forward to coming out and visiting with you during your fair.

I would like to congratulate the Ephrata Fair for being named the Zone 4 Fair of the Year. Although the weather was also less than cooperative for them, this year they celebrated 100 years of the Ephrata Fair. During their fair they had many special events and contests, invited many dignitaries, had special logo items and memorabilia made and of course made the best of the whole situation with the rain. Congratulations again as you look forward to continued success.

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Zone 4 would also like to congratulate Kelsey Schlegel from the Oley Valley Community Fair as she was selected the PA Junior Fair Person of the Year. Kelsey is a great example of the youth that we have coming up in our fairs. I know many of you have young men and women who work hard at your fair and make a difference, please consider submitting their names next year for this prestigious award.

Another special mention from our Zone is our own Sally Nolt, congratulations on taking over as President of the PA State

Association, we are all behind you as we look forward to your leadership. Sally also deserves special recognition for her achievement on the International level. This past November, Sally was awarded the prestigious Heritage Award from the IAFE. Sally gives it her all for our industry and is most well deserving of these latest honors. Congratulations again Sally !!!!

The Spring Zone meeting will be at Shady Maple on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Watch your e-mail for the invitation.

Again, best of luck to all of the fairs for a successful 2019 fair season

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