

DATES TO REMEMBER

—2023—

April 13

- PSACF Board Meeting-Centre Hall

April 19

Zone 4 Mtg. -Yoder's

April 20

Zone 3 Mtg. - Westmoreland Fair

April 21

Zone 1 Mtg. - Jefferson County Fair

April 22

Zone 2 Mtg. - West End Fair Gilbert

May 4-6

IAFE Zone 1 Meeting Albany NY

October 1

- Junior Fair Person of the Year apps.
Due

Oct. 12

PSACF Board Meeting-Centre Hall

October 15

- Showcase apps. Due

- 2024 Request for Fair info material,
PSACF

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Convention material, Trade Show
apps. mailed.

Oct. 18

Zone 4 Mtg. -TBA

Oct. 19

Zone 3 Mtg. - TBA

Oct. 20

Zone 1 Mtg. - Jefferson County Fair

Oct. 21

Zone 2 Mtg. - Montour-Delong

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 27—30

- IAFE Convention and Trade Show
Indianapolis IN

November 30

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sue due

—2024—

January 17—20

- 111th Annual Convention Hershey



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From our President



WOW, another great Fair Convention has come and gone. Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2023 convention a great success. I hope you were able to enjoy some of the seminars, table topics, the wonderful motivational speaker and let's not forget the entertainment. Convention is also a great time to meet up with old friends and make new ones, hopefully you had a chance to do this and share some ideas.

I would like to thank the PSACF Directors for all the work they do in their own zones, and for all they did to make the convention such a success. A special shout out to Harry Reffner, as the secretary of the PSACF he does a wonderful job keeping everything in order and managing our activities throughout the year. This year his hard work and dedication were recognized with the PSACF fair person of the year. Congratulations Harry!

This year's PSACF theme is "PA County Fairs: Growing the Future".

What a great time for all our fairs to start a Junior Fair Board, get the younger people in your community involved in your fair. To grow the future of our fairs, we're going to need the help and support of the youth. So, get out there and invite the 4-H, FFA, Grange, church, and school youth groups to come out and support your fair.

As your new president I am here to help you grow your fair in any way I can. If you need something please call or e-mail me. One of the best ways you can help your fair is to attend your zone meetings, hope to see you there.

Martha



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WILL YOU BE CREATING SUPERFANS?

BY: KEVIN D. BIEBER

Brittany Hodak came to Hershey as our convention Keynote Speaker. Brittany, an award -winning entrepreneur, author and customer experience speaker, showed all of us how we can create Superfans out of all our fair attendees.

What is a Superfan? The definition is simple, it is a customer who creates more customers. How many times have you told friends and family of a good experience you had at an event or store or maybe another fair? By doing that, you are a Superfan, hopefully creating excitement from that friend or family that will now go visit that same event or shopping location. Once again, customers creating more customers. Isn't that exactly what we want at our fairs?

Brittany reminded us of the simple principles that maybe we sometimes forget or even take for granted. Think about this, every time you put on that fair shirt, you become a representative of your fair. Show people you care and that you want them to come to your fair, just remember those people have plenty of options in today's world. Also, show the community you care and are proud of your fair and what you do.

Although I was intrigued by many comments that Brittany made, there is one comment that stuck with me after her keynote speech. Think about this, "with marketing, we tell people about our fair, however with magic, others tell people about your fair." Which one would you rather have?

The 2023 convention was full of table topics and seminars. I received many positive words back from you regarding the topics and speakers, thank you, the committee appreciates that. As for the table topics, once again we ran those sessions as discussion only. We also ran each session twice, hoping that your schedule allowed you to get to as many as possible. The days of convention were also filled with several educational seminars. Those seminars ranged from Animal Health Updates, Food Safety, Leadership, Succession Planning, Creating Magic and so much more. It was great to see some of the rooms full as you hopefully learned something to take back to your fair.

As for our second annual Youth Day, we were honored to once again have the State FFA Officers conduct two seminars on Saturday morning. These seminars included, Self -Awareness is the Key to Great Leadership as well as You Don't Need to Know it All to Be a Great Leader. I am sure we will be back again with the third annual Youth Day in 2024.

Although we just ended another great convention, I can assure you that your table topic and seminar committee are already working hard on a line-up for the 2024 convention. We will also take your suggestions into consideration as we prepare the 2024 schedule.

On behalf of the committee, thank you for your attendance at convention as well as your positive comments, we certainly look forward to another great convention in 2024 .



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Fair Person of the Year



Harry of Bedford, PA was named the 2022 Fair Person of the Year at the PA State Association of County Fairs (PSACF) Annual Convention held in January in Hershey, PA.

A native of Roaring Spring, Blair County, he graduated from Central High School and pursued a career in the information technology field working for Hedstrom for the next 35 years.

In the fair industry since the early 90s, Harry has nearly “done it all” at the Bedford County Fair held yearly in late July. He has been an entry clerk, been an exhibitor, entry superintendent, board member, and then served as board secretary from 2003-2022.

In 2006 his leadership abilities made him a perfect candidate for the PA State Association of County Fairs board of directors. During the next six years he served on many committees including fair person, communications, sponsorship, budget legislation and resolutions. In 2012 he was elected the PSACF secretary/treasurer, a position he continues to hold. With 108 fairs, someone always seems to have a question and Harry always seems to have the answer. He truly has a passion for fairs and was well deserving of this honor.

His family includes his wife Marcia who has supported him and been his backup in all his fair endeavors and one daughter Nicole who lives in the Lancaster area.

At the Convention, it was a total surprise (shock) to be joining the past 53 honorees who had received the award since its beginning in 1970. As I read over the recipients many I did not know, 3 however I recognize coming from the Bedford Fair, of the 21 that I have known, it is humbling to be among them. Starting as an exhibitor at Bedford and coming under the guidance of a former Fair Person, John H. Holbert I started my journey to where I am today. It has been my personal honor and privilege to serve all of the 108 outstanding Fairs in the Association. Thank you to all, Harry

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



ZONE I

Accepting the award from Zone Chair Sam is Wayne Jackson

In the early 90's the fair was relocated to its current home along Interstate 80 near Brookville. After more than 25 years the fair has achieved its goal of building out the fairgrounds from a tract of 54 acres that was donated to them. Last year the fair was the beneficiary of a major donation which provided for installation of new water lines.

The outstanding accomplishments of Jefferson County Fair have been achieved through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers who have donated their time and effort as well as many sponsors and contributors who have provided the financial resources.



ZONE II

Accepting the award from Ben Haaegen is Crystal Glass and Bruce Hassinger

Beaver Community Fair has been selected for this year's Zone 2 Fair Award. Beaver Community Fair is real down home, country fair that has been going strong since 1928 celebrating agriculture, food and country living. The seven day event is held the third full week of September with a myriad of exhibits including but not limited to sewing, photography, garden produce, farm products, livestock, truck and tractor pulls and the list goes on. They also encourage the youth with many contests such as nail driving, pedal pulls, corn shelling, tug of war as well as providing many musical events and midway rides. Beaver Community Fair is proud to serve Snyder County and the surrounding communities. If you are looking for a great time and a welcoming fair ... make a visit to Beaver Community Fair in September. Quoting one the fair directors: "The Fair is always a better place as a participant than just an attendee. Bring the kids and enter them in the kids' games. Get a team together for the tug of war or consider enter something from your garden in the produce department." We offer our sincere congratulations to Beaver Community Fair.

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



ZONE III

Accepting the award from Zone Chair Debbie, John E. Holbert, Peggy Zembower, Bill Hoover.

The fair will celebrate its 150th year anniversary in 2024. Staging an agricultural fair every year since it was chartered in 1874, (with the exception of 1 war year and the COVID year). Originally conducted on the town's streets, in 1875 the Directors borrowed funds to purchase land outside the town's limits. By 1901 the loan was paid off and the Agricultural Society was in the black. During the early years local residents witnessed their first manned balloon flight, their first airplane flight, and their first motorized form of transportation. In 1936 an official USTA ½ mile race track was built utilizing WPA manpower. Since year one both horses and race cars have completed on that track, a practice that continues today. We embrace the history of the race track, as well as other aspects of our fairgrounds, such as the 1927 built 18' high coffee pot which now stands at our main entrance. A 2019 fire just one week after the fair gutted a portion of the office building, destroying many records. But with community support a more efficient complex was rebuilt. With the help of an active Jr. Fair Board and dedicated volunteers the future looks bright. Promoting the agricultural industry, plus educating and entertaining the public is their goal each year.



ZONE IV

Accepting the award from Zone Chair Kevin Abigail Nissley, Matt Swartz

This Fair truly lived up to last year's theme – Working Together To Keep The Tradition Alive. They are the full package. They have continued to grow over the past 49 fair seasons to be the place where the community gathers, exhibits, is entertained, celebrates the agricultural heritage of the county, and supports local businesses.

This fair has come a long way since its first fair with one exhibit tent, one food stand, a few rides, no livestock, no commercial vendors, and no entertainment. Over 100 volunteers now work together to provide a fair that is truly an "American Tradition". It now boasts over 3000 competitive exhibits, over 40 food stands, over 150 commercial vendors, over 800 head of livestock, multiple contests and three stages for entertainment acts.

The fair is always looking for new ideas that will appeal to the public. They feature a Baby Photo Contest, a Senior Citizens Day, an impressive Petting Zoo tent with interactive displays, and beautiful displays of competitive entries. This year they added a new "2-by-4 Woodworking contest" where exhibitors could cut, drill, turn or shape one 8-foot 2 x 4 into a crafted item. Many entries were featured during the contest's first year, and several exhibitors elected to donate their creations to the fair's annual auction.

This fair encourages youth participation and volunteerism, thereby building a pipeline of future fair leaders. One of their outstanding youth was selected as the Zone's "2022 Junior Fair Person of the Year" as a result of his extensive involvement with exhibiting, volunteering, and his impressive livestock security gate project that he engineered on his own and solicited thousands of dollars in sponsorships to complete. Another young lady has taken her passion for agriculture and her experiences as a PA Fair Queen to take on a leadership role with the Fair's queen program.

The fair is unique in that their fairgrounds are located on the school district's property, and their competitive exhibits building and parking areas are provided by the neighboring church. They have mastered the fine art of cooperation to successfully partner with these two key organizations.

From Frog Jumping to a Skid Steer Rodeo to numerous livestock shows, this fair does an outstanding job of opening up the world of an agricultural fair to patrons young and old.

Because of their efforts, dedication, commitment, and ability to build win-win relationships with their volunteers, vendors, sponsors and vendors, our Zone is proud to award this year's Fair of Year to **The Elizabethtown Fair!**

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Begin your journey into Albany's past at our Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center at Historic Quackenbush Square. When you are done visiting our Gift Shop be sure to take a stroll on the Albany Skyway, an elevated, linear park that offers pedestrians and bicyclists access from downtown Albany to the Hudson River. The Downtown entrance can be found at Broadway and Clinton Avenue. Right next door to the Visitors Center is the Quackenbush House, built in 1736. It is one of the oldest remaining Dutch buildings still standing in the city and is now the Olde English Publi

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- ◆ New York State Museum
- ◆ The Palace Theatre
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- ◆ MVP Arena
- ◆ Washington Park

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IAFE Zone 1 Meeting 2023

May 4-7, 2023

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- The Desmond Hotel

660 Albany-Shaker Rd
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Susan

The Board had 5 member retire after a combined 64 years of service.

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PSACF
Left: Out
Going Pres-
ident Sam
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President
Martha



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FARM SHOW AWARDS PRESENTED BY HEIDI SVONAVEC



Bill Hoover from Bedford County Fair accepting 1st place PA Preferred by Tierra Lochner



Linda Rooker from Fayette County Fair accepting 1st place Angel Food Cake by Shelia Suhan



Alton Strong from Indiana County Fair accepting Home-made Chocolate cake by Sharon Karlhelm

2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTED BY SALLY NOLT



Left:
Over 130 departed were remembered in the Memorial Service. Ben Haagen recalls them as Queen Anna places a memorial carnation in the cross.



COMMUNICATION



By: Martha Ebersole

We had another great convention this year, and it was great to see the Communications area overflowing with so many great entries! Congratulations to all the winners.

This year's communication breakfast was well attended, but there's always room for more – make it part of your plan for next year. I motivated the people at the breakfast with a poem that I saw on a sign at a yard sale. (Yes, I bought the sign.) The poem was written by John Wesley a United Methodist pastor.

Do all the GOOD you can
By all the MEANS you can
In all the WAYS you can
In all the PLACES you can
At all the TIMES you can
To all the PEOPLE you can
As long as EVER you can

I focused on one word out of this poem to focus on... CAN.

Do all the Good you can, make very day a good day. Do good to and for others you will be rewarded. Be the reason that someone smiles today. There are two things you are in total control of in life, your attitude and what you do.

By all the Means you can (method). We all have different ways of doing things. Be open to and welcome other ideas.

In all the Ways you can. There are many ways to do things, don't always think it has to be done your way. Work together as a team.

In all the Places you can. On the fairgrounds there are a lot of places that you can help. There are other places you could volunteer too, 4-H, FFA, Grange, Lions Club, and churches.

At all the Times you can. Use your time wisely and efficiently. Time is non-refundable use it with good intention.

To all the People you can. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.

As long as Ever you can. Don't give up. Keep going and doing as long as you can. Be gentle with yourself you're doing the best you can do.

Always try to have a positive outlook!

Be strong enough to stand alone
Smart enough to know when you need help, and
Brave enough to ask for it.
Have a GREAT FAIR Growing the Future



Pennsylvania

Fair Queen Program

March 2023
Submitted by Karen Dobson

The PA Fair Queen Program held its annual meeting on February 22. The following members were elected as officers for 2023: Judy Kmetz, Chairman; Ruth Trumbetta, Vice-Chairman; Karen Dobson, Secretary and Gary Moore, Treasurer. The following appointments were made: Karen Dobson and Amy Utegg, State Contest Coordinators; Bryndil Kemler, Events and Publicity Coordinator; and Amy Hawn, Jamie Kempfer, Judy Kmetz, and Ruth Trumbetta, Fundraising Committee.

A special thank you to John Berne from the McKean County Fair on his many years of commitment and service as Chairman of the Queen program. John is one of our biggest fans. He loves being a part of what he always fondly calls the “glitz and glamour of the convention”. He is extremely proud of the way the Queen board and committee chairs work tirelessly all year long to improve and grow this program. Please keep John in your thoughts and prayers as he takes some much needed downtime to rest, restore and get stronger. His goal is to return to convention so he can emcee the queen coronation once again. We are rooting for him.

Zones 1 and 3 are reminded to elect a Director to the PA Fair Queen Program Board at the October 2023 fall zone meetings. The Director’s term runs March 1, 2024 through February 29, 2026.

Lebanon Area Fair Queen Chloe Bomgardner of Lebanon County was crowned the 2023 Pennsylvania Fair Queen on Saturday, January 21 at the 110th annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs and Pennsylvania State Showmen’s Association.

Bomgardner was one of 58 contestants who were evaluated by a panel of three judges on their written and speaking skills, knowledge of the fair and agricultural industries, and their poise and personal presentation in business attire.

Chloe is the daughter of Corwin and Tara Bomgardner. Agriculture and the Lebanon Area Fair have always been an important part of her life. She assists her family with raising Holstein show heifers, dairy beef, chickens, and market hogs. She is an active member of the Northern Lebanon FFA Chapter, serving as vice president. She is also a current president of the NorLebCo 4-H Dairy Club. Chloe enjoys participating in the Lebanon Area Fair by showing her animals and volunteering in fair food stands. Her plans include attending college to major in Large Animal Science.

York State Fair Queen Sarah Rehmeyer, 18, of York County was selected as 2023 Alternate. The daughter of William and Lisa Rehmeyer, Sarah’s agricultural experience started at age 6 as a member of the York County 4-H Goat Club and continued as a member of FFA during high school. She has volunteered with various 4-H and STEM events as well as the York County Birthing Center. She is currently attending college studying Analytical Chemistry.

The other top five finalists were New Holland Farmers Fair Queen Kendell Moats; Fayette County Fair Queen Isabel Poorbaugh; and Huntingdon County Fair Queen Evangeline McGargle.



2023 PA Fair Queen Chloe Bomgardner

See Queen on following page

Abigail Jerome, from Luzerne County and representing the Bloomsburg Fair, was chosen as Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants.

“As local fair queens, these young people are ambassadors for their communities, for agriculture, and for Pennsylvania,” said Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding. “Their advocacy and passion play a critical role in connecting fair visitors and people across the Commonwealth to agriculture.” He added, “Chloe has already accomplished so much for agriculture, and she certainly has a bright future ahead.”

Each of the 58 contestants prepared a brief speech highlighting why people should come to her county or community fair and wrote an essay about the fair’s significance in her local community. They were each interviewed by the panel of three judges and gave a stage introduction during the PA Fairs’ annual banquet. The top five finalists were chosen and gave impromptu answers on a theme for the Pennsylvania Fair Queen Program. Bomgardner answered that her theme would be Growing The Next Leaders. “The PA Fair Queen Program is not just a program to name the next PA Fair Queen, but a program to develop leaders from all 108 fairs throughout Pennsylvania. Whether you are crowned the PA State Fair Queen tonight, or you go home the same county fair queen you were, you are all winners and you are all taking the next step in life to become the next leaders in the agriculture industry,” said Bomgardner.

Both Chloe and Sarah will receive scholarships from the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs at the end of their reigns in January 2024. They were crowned by outgoing Alternate Rebecca Williamson from the American Legion County Fair and the 2022 PA Fair Queen Anna Haldeman from the Manheim Community Farm Show.



L-R: Miss Congeniality Abigail Jerome, Bloomsburg Fair; Finalist Evangeline McGargle, Huntingdon County Fair; 2023 PA Fair Queen Alternate Sarah Reymeyer, York State Fair; 2023 PA Fair Queen Chloe Bomgardner, Lebanon Area Fair; Finalist Isabel Poorbaugh, Fayette County Fair; and Finalist Kendell Moats, New Holland Farmers Fair.

The 2023 Queen and Alternate will travel the state this year representing Pennsylvania’s rich agricultural heritage and serving as an ambassador for the fair association.

The PA Fair Queen Program wishes to thank its 2023 sponsors and everyone who supported its fundraising efforts at the convention.

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COMMUNICATION AWARDS



(Left) BILLBOARD
1st Luzerne Cien-
na Pace
2nd Huntingdon
Evangeline
McGargle
3rd Carbon Kris-
tin Simmons

(Right) BRO-
CHURE
1st Centre County
Maryann Haagen
2nd Gratz
Bruce Koppen-
haver
3rd Harford
Emily Hawley



(Left) CREATIVE
FAIR IDEA
1st Potter County
Judi Truton
2nd Cameron
Jami Kempfer
3rd York State

(Right) FACE-
BOOK
1st Manheim
2nd West Alexan-
der
3rd Oley
Shirley Moyer



(Left) FAIR DIS-
PLAY TABLE
1st Huntingdon
Evangeline
McGargle
2nd Oley Mari
eHaas
3rd Warren Cas-
sie Dahlrlymple

(Right) PREMIUM
TABLOID
1st Bedford Barb
Mearkle
2nd Elizabeth-
town Abigail Nis-
sley
3rd Gratz Bruce
Koppenhaver



(Left) PLACEMAT
1st Elizabethtown
Abigail Nissley
2nd Fayette Jes-
sica Hudack
3rd Hookstown
Isabel Poorbaugh

(Right) FAIR DIS-
PLAY FLOOR
1st Oley Linda
Shirey
2nd Allentown
Allison Emanuel
3rd Huntingdon
Evangeline
McGargle



COMMUNICATION AWARDS



(Left) SCRAPBOOK
COVER TRADI-
TIONAL
1st Middletown
2nd Warren Cas-
sie Dahlrymple
3rd Wattsburg
Tina Curtis

(Right) POWER-
POINT
1st Oley Kevin
Bieber
2nd Bedford Bar-
bara Mearkle
3rd Warren Cassie
Dahlrymple



(Left) NON-
PREMIUM TAB-
LOID
1st Clearfield Da-
vid L. Hallstom
2nd Perry Martha
Ebersorl
3rd Centre Co
Grange Lisa Bulter

(Right) PROMO-
TIONAL MATERI-
ALS
1st Oley Marie
Haas
2nd Spartansburg
Connie Sitterley
3rd Warren Cassie
Dahlrymple



(Left) SCRAPBOOK
DIGITAL
1st Bloomsburg
2nd Bedford Barb
Mearkle
3rd Spartansburg
Connie Sitterley

(Right) SCRAP-
BOOK COVER DIG-
ITAL
1st Bedford Barb
Mearkle
2nd Clearfield Da-
vid L. Hallstom
3rd Bloomsburg



(Left) VIDEO TAPE
1st Allentown Alli-
son Emanuel
2nd Oley Marie
Haas
3rd Bedford Barb
Mearkle

(Right) WEBSITE
1st Oley Linda
Shirey
2nd Washington
Wayne Hunnell
3rd Bedford Barb
Mearkle



COMMUNICATION AWARDS



(Left) PREMIUM BOOK
1st Spartansburg
Connie Sitterley
2nd Elizabethtown
Abigail Nissley
3rd Oley Shirley Moyer

(Right) SCRAPBOOK TRADITIONAL
1st Middletown
Tina Durtis
2nd Wattsburg
Cassie Dahlyrmpole



BEST OF SHOW OLEY VALLEY COMMUNITY FAIR



PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS



Dan & Galla



Tracy



Harry

From the PA State Fair Queen



Hello! My name is Chloe Bomgardner and I am the 17-year-old daughter of Corwin and Tara Bomgardner of Jonestown, Lebanon County. I enjoy living on a small farm with 8 of my siblings where we raise Holstein show heifers, chickens, beef, market hogs, and crop farm small grains. Growing up I was homeschooled. In 9th grade, however, I started taking Agricultural

classes through my local high school. There I got involved in the Northern Lebanon FFA chapter and soon became the Chapter Treasurer. After serving as Treasurer for 2 years, I was elected to serve as the 2022-2023 Northern Lebanon FFA Vice President. This organization has impacted my life tremendously, and I credit most of my opportunities and experiences to it. Throughout the course of my FFA career, I have had the opportunities to compete in multiple Career and Leadership Development Events (CDEs and LDEs) at the county, regional, and state levels, becoming a state finalist multiple times. My favorite CDEs and LDEs include Parliamentary Procedure and Prepared Public Speaking. Aside from Contests and in-school activities, FFA opens up many opportunities outside of the classroom. Through FFA, I was even able to start my very first market hog project this past year that I got to show at the Lebanon Area Fair! I credit my involvement in FFA to my older siblings and family members who were all involved before me.

Their involvement in 4-H inspired me to be a part of that organization growing up as well. I joined the NorLebCo 4-H Dairy club when I was just 8 years old, showing my first heifer calf that same year. Since then, I have held many office

positions in that club including Reporter, Vice President, and the current President for the past two years. Showing dairy cows has always been a passion of mine!

My earliest memories at the Lebanon area Fair include watching my older siblings walk around the ring with their own cows, waiting for my turn to do the same! At a very young age, I would exhibit many home and garden exhibits such as cakes, eggs, vegetables, and many more.

When I turned 8, I showed my very first heifer calf! Since then, every year you can either find me in the dairy barns, pig barn or anywhere volunteering and making memories with my family and friends throughout the fairgrounds. My fair has taught me many life lessons and skills such as the importance of hard work, responsibility, patience, volunteerism, and sportsmanship. Apart from showing at the Lebanon Area Fair, I also show my dairy cows at other local, state, and national shows, including other county fairs. From showing at those other county fairs, I have grown to understand and appreciate that all county fairs have their own unique traditions for bringing PA agriculture and tourism to their communities, and I am excited to experience them and serve as an ambassador for all Pennsylvania fairs through the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.

Lastly, I want to thank all of my family and friends who supported me throughout the years. And all of my agricultural endeavors! I also want to thank the Lebanon Area Fair for the opportunity to represent my county at the State Pageant, as well as the many people who helped me prepare for it. I am excited for the year ahead and the many opportunities and friendships I will make!

Sincerely, Chloe Bomgardner





We all know fair boards began planning this year's fairs the day after the gates closed on their 2022 events. In 2023, we are once again faced with the challenge of keeping department 8 in the limelight without the star of the show: poultry.

Many fairs have hosted alternative contests and activities to spread the word about HPAI to keep these exhibits active. Maybe your fair can host a pen decorating or poster contest, virtual chicken judging, or even faux showmanship. Consider a themed scrapbook, speech or photography contest. It's important the exhibitors in this department have an opportunity to shine! If your fair is looking for ideas, check out the Fair Fund's webpage on the department's website or reach out to the fair office directly; you can also obtain informational materials on the USDA's website as well.

We'd love to hear about what your fair is planning! Please send us your ideas and photos so we can share them with your fellow PSACF members.

A few important reminders:

- **Poultry:** *The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's HPAI General Quarantine Orders are still in effect*
- **Swine:** *The Swine Quarantine order is still in place. Swine Health Monitor Training is offered by Penn State Extension and must be renewed annually.*
- **Rabbits:** *There is no current prohibition of out-of-state rabbits for exhibition at Pennsylvania Fairs. Sections 15 & 16 of the 2023 Animal Health Rules for PA Fairs contain both requirements and recommendations related to rabbit exhibition at the fairs.*

FY 2023/2024

Capital Improvement Matching Funds Applications are Due June 30! Be sure to begin your applications early. Remember, you'll need to include meeting minutes and the signature page with your application submission.

Welcome Jenny Groff!

We're excited to introduce Jenny Groff, the new fair office program assistant with the PA Department of Agriculture. Jenny comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience. A 2018 Cum Laude graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, she holds a



bachelor's degree in animal science with a minor in ag business management. A Center County native, Jenny has been involved with 4-H and FFA where she raised and showed dairy cattle, beef cattle, market steers, rabbits, and market goats. She currently owns White Birch Boer Goats, Belted Galloways and breeds registered Charolais. She has spent many hours volunteering with the Centre County Grange Fair (her home fair) where she is a leader in the Goats Galore 4-H Club and volunteers with animal shows and supreme showmanship competitions. She's held internships with the PA Farm Bureau, AgChoiceFarm Credit, Centre County 4-H and was a press intern with the PA Department of Ag. Jenny is a real asset to our team, and we are delighted to have her on board!

Website Resources

Poultry:

https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business_Industry/pafairfund/Documents/General%20Quarantine%20Order,%20Cancellation%20of%20Exhibitions%20.pdf

<https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pabullfile?secure=pabulletin/data/vol/32/32-18/637.html>

<https://pactag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9066a3d68a443a08043766cb84bf6ae>

Swine:

<https://extension.psu.edu/pennsylvania-show-and-fair-swine-health-monitor-training>

<https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pabullfile?secure=pabulletin/data/vol/32/32-17/601.html>

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Congratulations to Bedford County Fair, Fayette County Fair, Green Township Community Association (Cookport Fair), and Kempton Fair on having a Special Baking Contest first-place winner at the 2023 PA Farm Show!

The PA Fairs Special Baking Contest Committee is pleased to announce that all four contests will be conducted in 2023. The Pennsylvania Egg Farmers will again be sponsoring the fair premiums and the PA Farm Show competition for the Angel Food Cake contests. PA Preferred® contests will remain a sponsor for the Junior Baking Cookies, Brownies and Bars competitions. PSACF will be sponsoring the PA Farm Show prizes for the Homemade Chocolate Cake and the Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contests.

Fairs that wish to participate this year must do two (2) things:

Sign Up! Make sure your fair is registered to be in the 2023 database. This ensures that your baking coordinator will receive notifications and updates throughout the year. Fairs may sign up online using the Google form link or the paper form in the packet.

<https://forms.gle/b2hscYMWgSA2wVe87>

Download the *Special Baking Contest Packet* - the packet can be accessed from the website -

<https://www.pafairs.org/p/members/baking-contest>

This packet contains participation instructions and the current contest rules to be used at all participating 2023 fairs. Additional information such as press releases and PA Farm Show contest instructions for winners will be distributed at the spring zone meetings and posted on the pafairs.org website.

Reminders for 2023!

All ribbons for the 2023 fair contests are the responsibility of the fair. There are no sponsored ribbons provided.

The PA Preferred Junior Baking contest is only for youth ages 8-18 at the time of the fair. The Angel Food Cake, Homemade Chocolate Cake, and Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contests are open to adults and youth contestants.

The PA Preferred Junior Baking entries must be either cookies, brownies, or bars only. Recipes must include a minimum of two (2) PA Preferred ingredients. Ingredients may be labeled as PA Preferred but can also be purchased from local sources such as community farms and markets. The recipes must specifically list the PA Preferred ingredient and its source.

Every participating fair must submit the Contest Summary Report so that the PA Special Baking Contest committee knows who the eligible contestants are for the state competition at the 2024 PA Farm Show. Summary reports are requesting winners' email addresses so we can contact them directly with PA Farm Show information.

The Farm Show Certification Entry forms for the fair winners are now handled by the PA Special Baking Contest Committee. Fairs will be contacted if no summary report has been received within thirty (30) days of their fair.

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M&G LEGISLATIVE UPDATE-PSACF

HARRISBURG OVERVIEW

On Tuesday, January 3rd, the House and Senate convened the 2023-24 legislative session and began to organize internal rules and leadership. As we explain below, the House has had a much more challenging start to session than the Senate.

House

Prior to November, Republicans held a safe majority in both the House (113-89) and Senate (29-21). However, for the first time in over a decade, Democrats secured a majority of seats (102) in the House. Republicans lost 12 seats, bringing them down to 101 seats.

It's important to note that three seats were vacated at the start of the new session:

Representative Tony DeLuca (D-Allegheny)

Passed away on October 9th, 2022.

Representative Summer Lee (D-Allegheny)

Elected to Congress.

Representative Austin Davis (D-Allegheny)

Elected as the next Lieutenant Governor.

These three vacancies brought Democrats back down to 99 seats and put Republicans in the majority with 101 seats. However, it is anticipated that the Democrat candidates for these seats will win the February 7th special election. The House Majority would then likely go back to the Democrats.

One of the first agenda items in a new session is for Representatives to elect a Speaker of the House. While Republicans and Democrats each had their nominees, several Republicans changed plans and arranged to join Democrats in the election of Representative Mark Rozzi (D-Berks) for Speaker, *so long as he changed his party registration from Democrat to Independent*. If he changed his party registration, that would bring the House ratio to an even split between Republicans and Democrats (101-101). Rozzi received support from all House leadership members but has since remained registered as a Democrat. Thus, if Democrats pick up all three vacant seats in February, they will come back into the majority with 102 seats.

Since there are very close margins, it will take some time before we see stability and a clear majority party. Regardless of which party is in the majority, all bills will need bipartisan support to survive and successfully make it to the Governor's desk.

The House Republican leadership team is comprised of the following members:

Leader: Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster)

Whip: Tim O'Neal (R-Washington)

Appropriations Chair: Seth Grove (R-York)

Caucus Chair: George Dunbar (R-Westmoreland)

Caucus Secretary: Martina White (R-Philadelphia)

Policy Chair: Josh Kail (R-Beaver)

Caucus Administrator: Sheryl Delozier (R-Cumberland)

The House Democratic leadership team is comprised of the following members:

Leader: Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia)

Appropriations Chairman: Matt Bradford (D-Montgomery)

Whip: Jordan Harris (D-Philadelphia)

Caucus Chair: Dan Miller (D-Allegheny)

Caucus Secretary: Tina Davis (D-Bucks)

Policy Chair: Ryan Bizzarro (D-Erie)

Caucus Administrator: Mike Schlossberg (D-Lehigh)

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We are expecting to see session schedules and committee chairmanships after the February special elections. In the meantime, the House seems to be at a standstill.

When the incoming House Agriculture and Tourism Committee Chairs are announced, we will make introductions (either virtually or in-person) and ensure that they are familiar with the PSACF board and all legislative concerns.

Senate

Republicans will continue to hold the majority in the Senate (28-22). They recently announced their 2023-24 leadership team:

Senator Kim Ward (Westmoreland)- *President Pro Tempore*
Senate Joe Pittman (Indiana)- *Majority Leader*
Senator Ryan Aument (Lancaster)- *Majority Whip*
Senator Scott Martin (Lancaster)- *Majority Appropriations Chair*
Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill (York)- *Majority Caucus Chair*
Senator Camera Bartolotta (Washington)- *Majority Caucus Secretary*

On the Democratic side, the leadership team is comprised of the following members:

Senator Jay Costa (Allegheny)- *Minority Leader*
Senator Tina Tartaglione (Philadelphia)- *Minority Caucus Whip*
Senator Vincent Hughes (Philadelphia)- *Minority Appropriations Chair*
Wayne D. Fontana (Allegheny)- *Minority Caucus Chair*
Maria Collett (Montgomery)- *Minority Caucus Secretary*

The Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Chairs will continue to be Majority Chair Elder Vogel (R-Beaver) and Minority Chair Judy Schwank (D-Berks). The tourism committee, also known as the Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee (CERD), has two new chairs this session: Majority Chair Chris Gebhard (R-Lebanon) and Minority Chair Anthony Williams (D-Philadelphia).

Shapiro Administration

On Tuesday, January 17th, Josh Shapiro was sworn-in as the 48th Governor of Pennsylvania and has already started nominating his cabinet members. **Of interest to the fairs, Russell Redding was nominated to continue to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.** As you know, Redding served as Secretary of Agriculture under both Governor Tom Wolf and Governor Ed Rendell and previously served as Agriculture Policy Advisor to U.S. Senator Harris Wofford.

In addition, Rick Siger was appointed to become the next Secretary of Community and Economic Development (DCED). Siger is currently Chief of Staff to the President of Carnegie Mellon University and previously served as Chief of Staff at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy under the Obama Administration.

All cabinet appointees must be confirmed by the Senate with a two-thirds majority. In the meantime, they will serve as acting secretaries.

Our office is fully prepared to work with the newly elected and appointed officials and will make sure the fairs continue to have an active voice in the Capitol.

BUDGET LINE ITEM

Good news! The county fairs line item was fully funded in the 2022-23 budget at \$4,000,000.

In addition, it should be noted that **the budget provided an additional \$32 million to combat the avian flu including:**

\$1 million for additional staffing at the Department of Agriculture;
\$25 million for indemnity payments to impacted farms; and
\$6 million for increased laboratory surveillance activities.

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Governor Shapiro’s first budget address for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year budget is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th. Again, we’ll continue to advocate for the county fairs line item with the new administration as well as the legislators.

LEGISLATION

Fireworks Legislation

Representative Frank Farry (R-Bucks) successfully advocated for the passage of [HB 2157](#). The bill makes several changes to the Fireworks Law of 2017 including:

- Requires municipal permits to use *display* fireworks and allows for reasonable municipal fees;
- Requires a 300-foot setback when using *display* fireworks;
- Limits purchase, possession and usage of *consumer* fireworks to individuals 18 years and older;
- Allows for municipalities to require permits and reasonable fees for the use of *consumer* fireworks;
- Requires 150-foot use setback from all buildings and vehicles when using *consumer* fireworks;
- Maintains the current tax rate at 12%, however clarification is added to state that the purchase price shall not include state and local sales taxes,
- Allows for municipalities to prohibit consumer fireworks between 10:00pm and 10:00am, except on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th and December 31st on which days use can be until 1:00 a.m. the following day. If July 4 falls midweek, use may occur until 1:00 a.m. on the immediately preceding and following Friday and Saturday;
- Increases penalties for violations of this law.

The bill passed the House and Senate and was signed into law as Act 74 of 2022 on July 11th, 2022. It took effect on September 9th, 2022.

As always, please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns. We look forward to continuing to represent you in the 2023-24 legislative session.

Msgr. John W. Mignot PSACF Scholarship Program

The 2023 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. 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.

American Fairs & Exhibitions

The history of fairs is clouded and the record is less than complete. Nonetheless, the story of mankind is replete with references to fairs, not in an institutional context, but as a part of everyday social intercourse. A casual observer might conclude that fairs and exhibitions came fresh out of eighteenth century western Europe, delivered to the colonial docks of Boston and Halifax with a predisposed mission to serve agriculture and animal husbandry.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS INITIATIVE

Written By: Maria Zaffuto



The PSACF Young Professionals Initiative had a very successful 2023 convention! We added several events and activities this year and had a great turn out. Thank you to everyone who attended any and all of the YPI events and activities! First and foremost, a special thank you goes out to two fairs who donated to our program this year. Thank you to the Clearfield County Fair and the York State Fair for your donation. Your sponsorship will allow us to continue our programming reaching young professionals in the industry. We also held our first fundraiser this year. This was made possible by the gracious donations from fairs and individuals across the entire state who donated a total of 24 gift cards!

We were overwhelmed by the support of those who donated and by those who participated in our egg hunt fundraiser throughout the convention. With the help of these donations, we were able to raise a total of \$720 for future programming and events! We also look forward to using this money to once again give away a free 2024 convention registration to an individual 40 and under.

Other convention YPI events included the Mentor Speed Dating session and the Lunch and Idea Swap. This was the first year for the Mentor Speed Dating event. YPI would like to send a sincere thank you to the following who volunteered their time to be mentors for this session: Tracy Barone, Bryan Blair, Greg Hallstrom, Sam Zaffuto, Kevin Bieber, Martha Ebersole, Jerry Bartlebaugh, Donna Kramer and Dick Horstman. We were very fortunate to have mentors representing not only the Fair Association, but the Showmen's Association and the Department of Agriculture as well. We had a terrific response from this event and look forward to having it again next year. Each YPI member had a chance to meet with each of the mentors "speed dating style" by getting to know each other in 8 minute networking conversations. Good conversation could be heard throughout the room as everyone rotated throughout the stations. This is definitely a great session that you will want to attend next year! We heard great feedback from individuals saying..."I learned a lot from the young people today" and also, "this was a great opportunity to network with professionals in the industry that I might not normally get a chance to spend one on one time with."

There was also a great turn out for the Lunch and Idea Swap held on Friday of the Convention. A free lunch was offered, courtesy of our sponsors, as well as dessert donated by Angela's Cookies to all those 40 and under who wished to attend. After lunch, valuable conversations were had regarding industry specific topics. The session closed out with a round table style discussion, door prize giveaways and a "pen pal" information swap. Each person in attendance went home with another YPI member's contact information from a different part of the state. Everyone seemed excited to use the new connections that they made!

There have been some great discussions and questions posted on our Facebook Group Page since the convention, let's keep it up! For those 40 and under, feel free to join the PSACF Young Professionals Initiative group page. We've also had some discussion about having a possible Zoom/Webinar session in the late spring before fair season, as well as in the fall, after fair season. It would be a great opportunity to stay connected and share ideas. Stay tuned for possible future opportunities! If you are age 40 and under, we welcome you to join us! To be included in future YPI Events and to stay up to date, please email Maria Zaffuto at mariazaffuto@gmail.com to have your name added to our email list! Wishing you all a very successful fair season!

Update from The Zones

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Zone One –Sam Zaffuto

It won't be long until fair season. I hope your plans are progressing well.

I'd like to congratulate the Jefferson County Fair. They were honored as our Zone One Fair of the Year at our recent convention banquet. After more than 25 years the fair has achieved its goal of building out the fairgrounds from a tract of 54 acres that was donated to them. Much of their success has been through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers and sponsors who support their efforts. Congratulations on your accomplishments! Our spring zone meeting will be held Friday April 21 at 6:30 pm at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds is located just off Interstate 80 and is easily accessible. I hope your fair will be represented at this meeting. During the meeting, our PSACF state officers will update us on happenings of our state association. Tracy Barone, our Fair Fund Administrator plans to share an update from the Department of Agriculture with us. Shannon Shaffer's Catering will again be providing our meal before our meeting. Please watch your email at the end of March for more details as well as registration information.

The Erie County Fair at Wattsburg has volunteered to conduct the raffle to support the Msgr. John Mignot Memorial Scholarship program. Our zone has raised over \$6,000 to support the Scholarship program through these raffles. Please come prepared to continue your generous support of this worthwhile program. If you have any highschool age students that are involved with your fair, please let them know they can apply for our scholarship. PSACF awards six \$1,000 scholarships annually. Details about the scholarship program are available on the PSACF website: pafairs.org.

Please mark your calendars for our fall zone meeting which will be held on Friday October 20. Our zone will be electing a representative to the Queen Board for 2024 and 2025. If you are interested in serving on the Queen Board, please stay tuned for more information.

Best of Luck for a successful 2023 fair!

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Zone Two— Roger Dirlam

Good day to everyone.

As I sit here writing this letter, we are getting a Northeaster. With spring, we hope, right around the corner, everyone will be preparing their grounds and buildings for the Fair Season.

Warmer temperatures and family and friends gathering make us all think of the upcoming fairs.

Overall, we had a good convention with our key note speaker, many vendors, round tables, and seminars.

Kudos to all who made this convention a success.

I would like to thank Ben Haagen for presenting Zone Fair for Zone Two to Beaver Community Fair.

Don't forget that Msgr. John Mignot Scholarship applications are due June 30th. Send applications to: Roger Dirlam - 250 Sunrise Ave., Honesdale, PA 18431.

We will see you at the spring meeting at West End Fair in Gilbert, PA.

The fall meeting will be at Montour Delong Community Fair.

Everyone stay healthy and well. See you soon.

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Zone Three— Debbie Stephenson

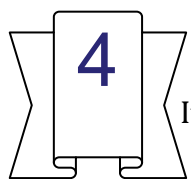
It just seems like last week we finished up with Convention at Hershey. What a great one it was! If you didn't get to go

this year we hope you can attend next years. There were a lot of educational seminars, table topics discussions and judges school that if you didn't take something back home to your fair you really missed it. Our next Spring Meeting will be held at the Westmoreland County Fair on Thursday, April 20th. There will be a flyer coming out soon with all the details and one note that is very important to please keep in mind something that you are going to do new or different at your fair this year bring the idea with you. We are going to see what's happening around the Zone 3 fairs for 2023. Special shout out to the Bedford Fair for being the Zone 3 Fair of the Year!! I could not get the words out to describe it at the time of the award but was so excited for them! My apologies. Also to Harry for being the PSACF Person of the year!! Congratulations!! Also to our new President Martha Ebersole and Vice President Craig Lash congratulations and we all look forward to them being at our meetings. To our newly crowned State Fair Queen Chloe Bomgardner from the Lebanon Area Fair we wish you all the best in your travels to and from each and every event you attend. We are sure you will represent us well.

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And the outgoing State Fair Queen Anna Halderman what a great job you did representing us all year long and as you described your journey across this great state we could all envision the trip with you-a job well done! I hope each and every one of you have received your packet of baking contests that will be held at each of your fairs this year. If not contact Karen Dobson or Kevin Bieber they will be glad to assist you. As for our PSACF Directors we will once again be visiting your fairs and seeing what new and exciting events you have for your fairs this year we look forward to seeing each and every one of you. Good luck to all fairs this coming year!



Zone Four — Kevin Bieber

It was great to see many of you at Hershey as we all gathered amongst our fair family and friends. What a great place to meet, share ideas and just plain old “catch up” with each other.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our past State Fair Queen Anna Haldeman for a great year. Anna did an outstanding job in representing our organization. She travelled many miles, took part in many activities and certainly left lasting impressions to all.

On behalf of Zone 4, a huge congratulations to Lebanon Fair Queen Chloe Bomgardner who became the new Pennsylvania State Fair Queen. We are excited to see Chloe represent our organization and spread the good word about fairs and agriculture.

Additional congratulations to the Elizabethtown Fair for being named the Zone 4 Fair of the Year.

This fair continues to work hard at putting on a great event for their community. I would encourage you to visit their fair this year.

As we all prepare for another fair season, just a friendly reminder to invite your legislators to your fair. Show them how proud you are of what you do and hopefully they will become a “Superfan” of your fair.

Please mark your calendars for the Zone 4 Dinner Meeting which will be held on April 19th at Yoder’s Restaurant in Lancaster. We were there for our last meeting and many of you have expressed an interest in coming back there. Please join us as I am sure our Executive Team will have plenty to update us on. Yes, we will have another 50/50 raffle at the dinner.

The Zone 4 Director’s would like to wish all of you the best of luck and good weather for your fair this year. We also look forward to coming out and visit with you. If there is anything we can do for you, please reach out to us. Have a great fair season !

Modern Fairs

The core elements of those agricultural society events of the early 1800s – those early fairs – are at the heart of the agricultural fair in North America today. Competition for the best agricultural and domestic products of the county and/or community (or region or state), an annual celebrate for the community to come together, to share, to learn.

Today, about 2,000 fairs are held in North America each year. Additionally, agricultural fairs can be found throughout the United Kingdom, in Australia, Mexico and other countries. They provide industrial exhibits, demonstrations and competition aimed at the advancement of livestock, horticulture and agriculture with special emphasis placed on educational activities such as 4-H, FFA and similar youth development programs. Most fairs also provide exceptional educational activities to help today’s consumer understand the importance of farming and the source of the food on their plate. While enjoying these high-minded pursuits, fair visitors are also able to see, hear, touch, smell and taste the richness and variety of what the world has to offer.

Message from Our Associates

— Galla Higinbotham



Happy March everyone!

The 2023 PSACF/PSSA convention at Hershey was a success and it was great to see everyone that came. Welcome to all new associate members! I enjoyed meeting many of you and exchanging ideas.

The Wednesday evening showcase of talent, a highlight of the convention, offered a strong variety of styles of music, magic and comedy. Lightning Audio Productions provided great lights and sound for the evening, as well as for the rest of the week.

7 Mile Run was enjoyed during the Opening Celebration.

An added feature at the PSACF banquet was the "Pa Fairs on Parade". Fairs had provided pictures of their fair, which were then edited and compiled by Lightning Audio Productions, creating a colorful collage of fairs across PA.

Susie McEntire Eaton, sponsored by Love Shine Agency, sang during dessert at the PSACF banquet and Karges (mentalist Craig Karges), sponsored by Variety Attractions, entertained the audience with his mind reading skills. Adam and the Armadillos, a popular regional Pennsylvania band, had everyone in the spirit at the PSSA banquet.

The Trade Show was bustling with fairs and associates doing business, especially during the time dedicated for Trade Show visitation (11 – 1 Thursday and Friday). Having this time to conduct business built into the convention schedule is of great value to associates and convention attendees alike.

On behalf of the associates, we thank everyone for your business. We are there for you and we thank everyone who came through picking up business cards, promotional materials and who selected from the very finest in professional goods and services.

A big thank you to Dick Horstman and his committee for all the work before, during and after the convention to make the trade show such a success. Wholesale distributor W. A. DeHart offered complimentary coffee (and more) daily to all exhibitors and everyone who came through the Trade Show. And thank you to the fair board for sponsoring the "Sticker Game", a popular tradition of recent years.

All associate members were mailed membership packets in February. If any associate member has not received his/her package, please contact Harry at hreffner@centurylink.net.

All the best! Galla dangalla@uplink.net

Welcome New Associates!

Associations

Randy Renard/Autumns Music

Box 606 Ridgley St Orbisonia PA 17243

Phone: (570) 898-6888 Phone 2: Fax:

WebSite: www.facebook.com/thebandpages E-

Mail: randyrenard@yahoo.com

Info: A cover variety band 50, 60, 70. Classic Southern rock, Elvis, county some 80's.

Attractions, Miscellaneous

American Excellence Wrestling (AXW)

PO Box 407 Hamburg PA 19526

Phone: (570) 982-0405 Phone 2: Fax:

WebSite: E-Mail: axw@americanwrestling.com

Info: Professional wrestling

Attractions, Thrill & Stunt Shows

Prospect Pro Wrestling c/o Sidekick Media Services

1619 Broadway Avenue Suite 100 Pittsburgh PA 15216

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WebSite: www.prospectprowrestling.com E-Mail:

missy@sidekickmediaservices.com

Info: Professional wrestling entertainment.

Welcome New Associates!

Sky High Skyler

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WebSite: E-Mail: skylerlight1@gmail.com
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Main Event Amusements

PO Box 587 Solvay NY 13209
Phone: (315) 488-9357 Phone 2: Fax:
WebSite: www.maineventamusements.com E-Mail: allen@maineventsamusements.com Info: We showcase an array of rides, with signature pieces such as the Music Fest and the Merry Go Round, as well as many food and game concessions.

Attractions, Animal/Zoo

Team Zoom Canine Entertainment

8892 Bunnel Hill Springboro OH 45066
Phone: (937) 607-4594 Phone 2: Fax:
WebSite: www.teamzoom.biz E-Mail: dan-ielle@teamzoom.biz
Info: Dog Show.

Attractions, Thrill & Stunt Shows

Prospect Pro Wrestling c/o Sidekick Media Services

1619 Broadway Avenue Suite 100 Pittsburgh PA 15216
Phone: (412) 392-8390 Phone 2: Fax:
WebSite: www.prospectprowrestling.com E-Mail: missy@sidekickmediaservices.com
Info: Professional wrestling entertainment.

Insurance

SN Hawley Insurance Agency & Notary

341 Main Street PO Box 128 Spartansburg PA 16434
Phone: (814) 654-7044 Phone 2: Fax:
WebSite: snhawleyinsurance.com E-Mail: snhawley@outlook.com
Info: Local PA insurance agency. Specializing in Agri-business, Farm & Fairs

Musical Attractions

Celtic Wood and Wires

915 W. Central Avenue South Williamsport PA 17702
Phone: (570) 419-9194 Phone 2: (717) 357-1820 Fax:
WebSite: www.celticwoodandwires.com E-Mail: celticwoodandwires@gmail.com
Info: A 5 member acoustic band playing songs & tunes from Ireland, Scotland & a bit of Appalachian.

Little Rock Productions

449 Vista Dr Hershey PA 17033
Phone: (717) 215-8719 Phone 2: Fax:
WebSite: www.littlerockcountry.com E-Mail: littlerock-productions1@gmail.com
Info: Country and Rock band entertainment and live sound production.

Special Services

Fairology

355 N Park St Sykesville PA 15865
Phone: (814) 771-6791 Phone 2: Fax:
WebSite: fairology.com E-Mail: mariazaffuto@gmail.com
Info: Management Solutions - Social media, website design, email marketing, entertainment booking, video production, vendor/sponsorship management.

Special Services

Ruby ATM

3720 Spruce St. Suite #463 Philadelphia PA 19184
Phone: (215) 703-7148 Phone 2: Fax:
WebSite: rubyatm.com E-Mail: justink@rubyatm.com
Info: Full service ATM provider.

Talent/Booking

Cox Entertainment

152 Douglas Drive New Castle PA 16101
Phone: (724) 971-2240 Phone 2: Fax:
WebSite: E-Mail: coxentertainmentpa@gmail.com
Info: Entertainment Booking Agency

Events

Tower Porter Old Home Week

9 North Hand Street Tower City PA 17980
Phone: (717) 460-5988 Phone 2: Fax:
WebSite: tpoldhomeweek.org E-Mail: blaster1@epix.net
Info: Annual Carnival with rides, games, great food, fireworks and entertainment. Fairgrounds located 1 Midway Road Tower City.

Directory Change

Honky Tonk Twins

PO Box 1368
Frederick, MD 21702
E-Mail: TheHonkyTonkTwins@gmail.com



PSACF Association Update

110th PSACF/PSSA Convention

The theme "PA County Fairs: Growing the Future" opened the Convention held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center January 18th – 21st. Registration for this year's event was 1386. The trade show had 139 booths, 58 participants in the Queen Contest, the spouse's program which aids the Scholarship fund saw an increase from last year in their fund raising, the PSACF banquet Thursday night had 660 in attendance, the Queen banquet Saturday night had 780 in attendance. Workshops, seminars, and table topics were held all 4 days. Spouse's programs had the Bag & Basket bingo, Valentine Wreath, and a Paint & Sip Mobile Party. Wednesday night the Talent Showcase had 16 acts performing. A new feature of the Convention was Parade of Fairs during the Thursday night banquet. Youth Day on Saturday was in its 2nd year and plans our meeting made for the 111th Convention. The YPI program also in its 2nd year was successful and continues to grow. Thursday prior to the opening celebration 7 Mile Run entertained the audience followed by Brittany Hodak our keynote speaker sponsored by Full Pull Productions. During desert at the PSACF banquet Susie McEntire Eaton had entertainment. Secretary Russell Redding and former House Representative David Millard were recognized. 5 outgoing State directors were given plaques for their service. The 4 Zone awards were presented. Presentation of symbolic checks was given to the recipients of the Msgr. Scholarship. The installation of our new President Martha Ebersole, and a presentation to the outgoing Sam Zaffuto followed. The 2022 Fair Person, Harry Reffner was announced. Craig Karges provided by Variety Attractions magical entertainment. Friday had the Communication breakfast and the winners for the various categories were announced. The Memorial Service had Ben Haagen conducting the service, where 130 were remembered. Dan & Galla providing back ground music during the service. The Annual Meeting was held Friday with 67 fairs in attendance, the Farm Show baking awards were presented. The PSSA banquet held in the evening had Adam and the Armadillos perform for the banquet. Saturday drawings took place for the trade show, PSACF, and PSSA. In the evening the Coronation Banquet took place, 58 young ladies vied for the title of 2023 Pennsylvania Fair Queen. Chloe Bomgardner from the Lebanon Area Fair was crowned with the title. Preparations are under way for the 111th annual convention January 17-20, 2024 at Hershey, be sure to mark your calendars. We wish to Thank our longtime sponsors and welcome 2 new ones West Media Group and Indiana Ticket.

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. Due notices to Fairs were mailed earlier this month. If your Fair has not received the due notice please contact me.

Judging School

Attendance at the school was 90. The 2023 Judging Reference List will be made available shortly.

Fair Persons

Junior Fair applications are due October 1st, applications will be available April 1st on our website. Senior Fair applications are due November 1st.

Iafe Zone 1 Meeting

Early registrations are still open at this time through April 2nd. See information on page 8.

North East Community Fair

I was notified that the Fair will not be joining PSACF. This brings our total Fairs to 107.

Harry