

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### — 2022 —

#### October 1

- Junior Fair Person of the Year apps. Due

#### October 15

- Showcase apps. Due

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

#### October 20

PSACF Board Meeting- Centre Hall

#### October 26

- PSACF Zone 4 Mtg. - Yoder's Banquet

#### October 27

- PSACF Zone 3 Mtg. - Williamsburg

#### October 28

PSACF Zone 1 Mtg - Jefferson County Fair

#### October 29

- PSACF Zone 2 Mtg. - Bloomsburg Fair

#### November 1

- Fair Person of the Year apps. Due

- Communications Competition apps due

- Queen Competition Applications due

#### November 15

- Reimbursement apps.—Fair Fund due

- Baking Contests Summaries due

#### November 27—30

- IAFE Convention and Trade Show Indianapolis IN

#### November 30

FAIRTALK material for December issue due

### —2023—

#### January 7—14

Pa. Farm Show

#### January 18- 21

Convention — Hershey



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## BRITTANY HODAK TO DELIVER KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

BY: Kevin D. Bieber

It is time to start making your plans to come to Hershey for the annual PSACF and PA State Showmen's convention. Once again a full line-up of seminars and table topics awaits your participation. The committee has been working hard in organizing these seminars and table topics.

Last year we tried a new way of presenting the table topics, there we no handouts, no power point presentations, just a simple conversation approach that led to many good ideas as well as exchange of ideas. I heard numerous comments on how much you appreciated this format. So, back by popular demand, we will once again follow that format. I also want to thank the many people who provided suggestions for seminars and table topics for this coming year. We have done our best to incorporate some of those suggestions, but as you know, there is only so much time available. If you do not see your suggestion presented this year, please feel free to offer it as a suggestion again for the following year.

The 2023 convention will kick off on Thursday morning with our Opening Ceremony and Keynote Presentation. I am excited to announce that Brittany Hodak will be our Keynote. I was introduced to Brittany by our agent and I could tell through our initial phone conversation that she would provide an inspiring, dynamic and upbeat message to us. Not only that, Brittany has agreed to stay with us that afternoon and provide an additional seminar as well. Stay tuned for additional information on that seminar.

Some of the other seminars that are included at the convention are a visit by our IAFE Speaker, Larry Berry, Larry will be coming to us from Florida. Why he would want to come to Hershey in January from Florida is beyond me. I told him to make sure he brings a winter coat! When reading the seminars Larry had to offer, I was really having trouble picking one out as there were two choices that really stood out to me. Thanks to Larry for making that decision easy as he is staying with us an extra day to present a second seminar.

See Presentation next page.....

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Our friend Tracy Barone will be presenting two seminars as well. Tracy felt it was important this year to speak to you about Fair Funding Program Requirements as well as Fair Fund Capital Improvement Grants. I would encourage you to make sure you have someone from your fair attend those seminars. In addition, we will continue to have the Food Safety Updates as well as Special Baking Contest Updates and Trucking Regulations. We will also have a few more seminars that details are still being worked out.

Also back by popular demand is Youth Day on Saturday. These details are also still being worked out with the PA State FFA Officers who will present during these sessions. For those of you who attended Youth Day last year, these PA State FFA Officers will be a new team with new topics. No need to worry that what you heard last year being repeated again.

So, as you can see, lots going on and still lots of moving parts being worked out in scheduling etc. In this issue of Fairtalk you will find a "tentative" convention schedule, you will find some seminars and table topics listed as to be determined. No worries, all the parts are in motion, we just may need to finalize a few things before we go with that official schedule in the December issue. One guarantee you have from our committee is that you will have plenty of choices to make as you attend convention. Bring along several people from your fair, split up and take in as much as you can, I know good ideas have been taken away from Hershey and implemented at your fair. See you in Hershey!

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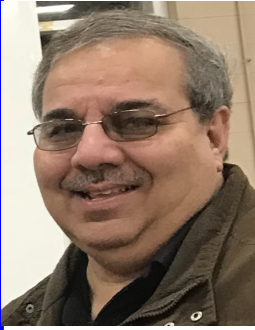
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## From our President



Pa Fair Season 2022...It seems it just started and now is almost over! Most fairs report successful fairs this year especially when the weather cooperated. I'd like to thank the fairs we visited for their hospitality, It has been great to see the many creative ways that our fairs have used our theme...from Premium Book covers, to advertising, to passes, to competitive exhibits and one fair even had it printed on yardsticks. It truly shows that it takes many people Working Together to Keep the Tradition Alive!

This is an election year. Each zone will be electing six directors to represent them on PSACF for 2023 and 2024. If you would like to serve on the Executive Committee, be sure to get your fair's nomination to your zone chairman.

Please be sure to join us in Hershey in January for our Annual Convention. Many committees have been working hard to bring you many educational and entertainment opportunities. This newsletter contains many convention updates. Many more updates will be presented at our zone meetings. Please plan to have your fair represented.

*Sam*





## PA Fairs On Parade

### A review of 2022 Pennsylvania Fairs A new Feature for the 2023 PSACF Convention

During the PSACF Banquet at the 2023 convention on Thursday January 19, 2023, we will present "PA Fairs on Parade", a picture review of our fairs. All fairs are invited to submit 7 photos from your 2022 fair. Tom from Lightning Audio has agreed to compile the photos and present them during dinner at the banquet.

Look for a good variety of high quality, high-resolution photos that best represent your fair. Submit 7 photos and a logo of your fair. Photos must be in .jpeg format. Tom will select your best 5 photos to include in the presentation. Your logo will precede your photos so that everyone will be able to identify your fair. **You do not have to attend the convention to participate.**

Please email your photos and logo to [Pafairson-parade@gmail.com](mailto:Pafairson-parade@gmail.com). In the subject line of your email please enter the name of your fair. To be included in the "Fairs on Parade", we must receive your photos no later than December 15, 2022, in order to allow time to produce the presentation. If you have any questions, please call Sam Zaffuto at 814-591-3485.



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**PA State Association of County Fairs and**  
**PA State Showmen's Association**  
**The Hershey Lodge & Convention Cen-**  
**ter, Hershey PA**



**Wednesday - Saturday, Jan. 18 – 21, 2023**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

2023 Convention reservations will now be accepted by the Hershey Lodge.  
 Deadline is December 23, 2022. For lodging:

Call Hershey Lodge Reservation office at 855-729-3108, and ask for the room block for the PA State Association of County Fairs, January 18 - 21, 2023.

Rooms will be available by 4:00pm and check out at 11:00am daily for all.

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION**

ADVANCE REGISTRATION is essential to the smooth operation of the convention. Registration is:

\$40 (received on or before December 15, 2022)

\$60 (received after December 15, 2022)

**MEALS**

Meal(s) that are purchased are not refundable; there will be a bulletin board near the registration area for you to place a "for sale" notice if you wish to resell them. A limited number will be available for purchase at convention.

**TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

**MEALS ON YOUR OWN-ALL**

9:00am-1:00PM "Serv-Safe" (see newsletter article for details - PA Showmen or fairs who are members of PA Showmen [1 person per fair may register; others to be considered after deadline if space available])

11:00am-5:00pm Registration Desk Open

12:30pm Judging School Orientation Session

1:20pm – 2:30pm First Session of Judging School

2:35pm – 3:55pm Second Session of Judging School

2:00pm-4:00pm Seminar – "Trucking Regulations Update"

3:00pm-4:00pm Table Topics

4:00pm-8:00pm Enter Communication Exhibits

Trade Show Set-up

4:45pm PSSA Board Meeting

4:45pm PSACF Board Meeting

6:30pm-10:00pm ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASE

**Thursday, January 19, 2023**

**MEALS ON YOUR OWN-BREAKFAST & LUNCH**

8:00am-5:00pm Registration Desk Open

8:00am-9:00am Enter Communication Exhibits

8:00am-10:30am Trade Show Set-up

8:30am-9:00am First-Timers Session

9:00am-9:30am Opening Entertainment

9:30am-10:45am Opening Ceremony

Keynote Speaker – Brittany Hodak

10:30am-4:00pm Trade Show Open

Communication Exhibits Open

(Badge Required)

10:30am-4:00pm PA Dept. of Agriculture display, etc.

1:00pm-2:00pm Table Topics

1:00pm-2:30pm Seminar – Animal Health

1:00pm-3:15pm Spouse Program - "Bag & Basket" Bingo

1:30pm-3:00pm Meeting – Sire & USTA

2:15pm-3:15pm Table Topics

3:00pm-4:30pm Seminar –

:30pm-4:30pm Table Topics

4:00pm Associates Gathering

5:30pm PSACF & PSSA Board

Group Photos

5:45pm Hospitality Time & Cash Bar

6:15pm PSACF ANNUAL BANQUET

6:45pm Dinner (reserved seating-ticket required-\$42)

**Friday, January 20, 2023**

**MEAL ON YOUR OWN-LUNCH**

7:30am-5:00pm Registration Desk Open

7:30am COMMUNICATIONS BREAKFAST

meal (served) 7:30am; awards 8:15am-9:00am  
 (ticket required-\$19)

9:15am -11:30am Memorial Service /

PSACF Annual Meeting

11:30am Fair Advisory Committee Meeting

11:00am – 12:30 YPI TBA

10:30am-4:00pm Trade Show Open

Communication Exhibits Open

(Badge Required)

10:30am-4:00pm PA Dept. of Agriculture display, etc.

1:00pm-2:00pm Table Topics

1:00pm -2:15pm Seminar-

2:00pm-3:30pm Seminar – "Special Baking Contests"

2:00pm-3:30pm Spouse Program – Valentine Wreath

2:15pm-3:15pm Table Topics

2:30pm-3:45pm Seminar –

3:30pm-4:30pm Table Topics

6:15pm Hospitality Time & Cash Bar

6:45pm PA SHOWMEN ANNUAL BANQUET

(Reserved seating-ticket required-\$52)

**Saturday, January 21, 2023**

**MEAL ON YOUR OWN-BREAKFAST**

7:30am-5:00pm Registration Desk Open

9:00am -10:30am Seminar –

9:00am-10:30am Seminar – Food Safety Updates

9:00am-10:00am Table Topics

9:00am-Noon Trade Show Open

Communication Exhibits Open

(Badge Required)

9:30am-11:00am Seminar –

9:30am-10:45am Spouse Program – TBA

10:30am-11:30am Table Topics

11:30am-12:30pm PSSA Annual Meeting

Noon-12:30pm Communication Exhibits Released

12:30pm Auction Drawings - Winner must be present

6:00pm QUEEN CORONATION BANQUET

(Reserved seating-ticket required-\$50)

**Saturday Youth Day, January 21, 2023**

To Be Announced

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## **Sunday, January 22, 2023**

8:00am PSACF Exec. / Conv. Breakfast

### **TABLE TOPICS**

#### **(Each of these topics will be ran twice through Convention)**

Is this the new normal?

Volunteer management, recruitment and training

Let's just talk

How to attract millennials to competitive exhibits

Producing a 30 second video using an I phone

Let's talk about campers getting bigger, space, and electric

Opening ceremonies – taking them to the next level

Livestock judging and trends

Social media – use it to your advantage

Sponsorships vs tough economic times for business's

Am I truly getting all the exhibitors and vendors I can get?

Just small fairs – attendance under 15,000, let's share ideas and problems

### **SEMINARS**

#### **Judging School**

Session choices for this year are as follows:

- Youth, 4-H, & Vocational • Needlecraft
- Baked Goods • Art & Photography
- Floral • Antique Farm Equipment

#### **Serv-Safe**

The Food Safety updates will be presented by Paster Training, Inc. Paster Training Inc.'s trainers are the best and most passionate in the business. We are thrilled about the opportunity to provide your association members with a 4 hour food safety review session and proctoring of the ServSafe examination.

#### **Trucking Regulations Update**

A representative from the Pa. Motor Truck Association, located in Camp Hill, Pa. will give the latest updates for the industry.

#### **Fairs 101**

*Presented by Tracy Barone*

Review of requirements under the Fair Act, state premium guideline book, fair reimbursements, and frequently asked question. Additionally, we'll open the floor to attendees to share their best management practices and good ideas.

#### **Fairs Capital Improvement Grants**

*Presented by Tracy Barone*

Information regarding planning, applying for and reporting on Capital Improvement Matching Funds Grants.

#### **Special Baking Contests**

*Presented by Kevin Bieber (Oley Valley Community Fair) and Karen Dobson (Kimberton Community Fair)*

This is the annual seminar to update everyone who runs any of the Special Baking Contests at your fairs. This is also the perfect time to come and ask questions regarding any of the contests.

#### **Food Safety Updates**

Changes and Updates from the PA Dept. of Agriculture.

#### **Animal Health Rules**

This presentation will cover the PA Department of Agriculture Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations, biosecurity considerations, and the Animal Exhibition and Sanitation Law. Information on the new exhibition swine and poultry quarantine orders will also be presented. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion for fair managers challenged with incorporating these requirements into their programs.

#### **Leadership – Finding the Leader in You**

*Presented by Larry Berry – IAFE speaker*

Nothing is more critical to the success of an operation than great leadership. The goal of this program is to help others discover leadership traits within themselves, as well as identifying effective leadership styles for success. This interactive workshop defines 13 leadership characteristics critical to successful leaders, and how each one plays a part in being the best leader you can be.

#### **Creating the Magic**

*Presented by Larry Berry – IAFE speaker*

Not all experiences we have with our teams or customers will be magical. Handling guest and team challenges it not about what you said or did, but how you make others feel in the end. How does creating magic with your team transfer to creating magic with your customers and guests? Having worked for Walt Disney Company, known for exceptional guest service, you will learn the importance of training others to handle guest challenges.

#### **Succession Planning**

*Presented by Kevin Koscill*

No other title or description given as of yet

#### **What to expect when you come to the trade show**

*Presented by to be announced*

We will be holding this seminar in one of the corners of the trade show. We will share with you what is expected when you come to the trade show and how to book your fairs entertainment and product and services. Note – This is the first time we will be doing this, please provide your feedback.

**SCTF – Ag Subcommittee Active Shooter & Reporting Suspicious Activity** Presented by the PA State Police

#### **To Be Announced**

Presented by our keynote speaker Brittany Hodak

#### **SEMINARS YOUTH DAY**

Agenda to be announced.

#### **YPI Event**

Agenda to be announced – Maria Zaffuto

## **2023 PA STATE FAIR QUEEN CONTEST SCHEDULE**

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023**

Raffle Table Set Up

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023**

12:00pm – 4:00pm Raffle Table Open to benefit Queen Program  
2023 Fair Queen Contest Packet Distribution (*near Raffle Table*)  
Contestants drop off Auction Gift Cards (*at Raffle Table*)  
2:45 – 3:15pm Queen Contestant Check-in for Orientation  
3:15pm – 4:00pm Queen Contestant Orientation  
6:00pm Line Up for Stage Introduction Competition  
6:15pm Stage Introduction Competition  
6:45pm PSACF Annual Banquet  
Immediately after Queen Contestants Group Photo  
Banquet

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023**

7:00am – 12:00pm Interviews - Morning Session  
10:00am – 4:00pm Raffle Table Open to benefit Queen Program  
11:00am – 12:00pm Seminar - Young Women's Leadership  
11:00am – 3:00pm 2023 Fair Queen Contest Packet Distribution (*near Raffle Table*)  
1:00pm – 5:00pm Interviews - Afternoon Session  
2:15pm – 3:15pm Seminar - Young Women's Leadership  
3:30pm – 4:30pm Round Table/Idea Exchange for Queen Coordinators  
2023 Fair Queen Contest Packet Distribution (*at Round Table*)  
5:30pm – 6:15pm Judges Reception with Contestants  
7:00pm – 9:00pm PA Fair Queen Anna Haldeman's Party with Contestants

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023**

7:30am – 12:00pm Speech Competition – Morning Session  
9:00am – 12:45pm Raffle Table Open to benefit Queen Program  
12:30pm Drawing for Raffle Table items  
1:15pm – 3:00pm Speech Competition – Afternoon Session  
4:30pm Rehearsal for Coronation  
6:00pm Coronation Banquet (*Reserved Seating - Ticket Required*)  
7:15pm Line Up for Coronation  
7:30 – 8:45pm Coronation Ceremony  
9:00pm Media Photos / 2023 PA Fair Queen Meeting with State Coordinator

Visit the PA Fair Queen Program's Basket Auction and Raffle Table in the Great Lobby.

A 50/50 cash raffle drawing will be held Wednesday through Saturday.

Tickets can be purchased as follows:

Wed, Thurs, and Sat. evenings - Chocolate Ballroom Lobby

Fri 10:00 am – 3:30 pm - Great Hall across from Trade Show entrance





## **Pennsylvania State Association Of County Fairs**

### **2022 PSACF FAIR PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATION REQUEST**

A "Fair Person of the Year" for 2022 will be selected and presented with an award at the 2023 Convention. The following criteria have been established as a guide in this selection. No previous year nomination will be considered. If you have a nominee, please submit the application and resume.

The rules for the award are:

- The candidate must be a living person at the time of the nomination.
- The person must be identified with the fair industry for a minimum of ten (10) years.
- The person shall have contributed to the fair industry in addition to his/her own fair or association of fairs, and something of value in the field of leadership preferably at the state association level.
- He/she shall have fairly consistently attended the meetings and conventions of PSACF.
- Each PSACF member fair is entitled to nominate one person. The person need NOT be from the fair making the nomination.

To submit a nomination, submit the name and a brief write-up of the person you are nominating by November 1, 2022 to: Bruce Koppenhaver 314 E. Market St., PO Box 217, Gratz, PA 17030

1. Submitting Fair's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Submitting Fair's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Contact Person's Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Fair Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Citation: A concise (approximately 50 words) supporting statement as to why the nominee should be selected as the recipient of the award (attach).

7. Supporting documentation: List and attach to this application any documents, such as magazine articles, special citations, designs, etc. that would support the worthiness of the nominee.

8. Attach a resume of the nominee on official fair letterhead.



The International Association of Fairs & Expositions (IAFE) announced in August that Anna Wilson has joined the staff in a newly created position of membership development coordinator. Resulting from the Association's 2022 Strategic Plan to grow membership, Wilson's primary role will be to engage new members for the Association and ensure their awareness and use of member benefits and services.

Wilson hails from Garnavillo, Iowa, which is in Northeast Iowa and in Clayton County. Anna has been a part of the fair industry since she was young. She started in the kiddie calf shows, growing up through 4-H/FFA exhibiting dairy cattle, poultry, and rabbits. After high school, Anna joined the Clayton County Fair Board where she has been a board member since. She started as the Clayton County Fair Queen coordinator and then a few years ago, was elected as the Clayton County Fair secretary. The fair has always been an important part of Anna's life. She continues to give back her knowledge to young 4-H/FFA members as they are exhibiting her dairy cattle.

A graduate of University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, she has been a sales specialist for New Generation Genetics in Midwestern and Western states, and also served four years as the assistant manager of the Red and White Dairy Cattle Association where she was responsible for memberships, advertising sales, coordination of trade show exhibits and meetings, as well as being the editor of Red Bloodlines magazine.

Anna and her husband, David, along with their son Lewis and Anna's parents, Mark and Rondee Troester, own and operate Rose-Maar Dairy where they milk 95 cows. In Anna's spare time, she enjoys baking, visiting with friends, being outdoors with her son, and attending local events.

Anna is very excited to join the IAFE team and family. She cannot wait to meet new people, learn more about the fair and expo industry, and gain new knowledge that will help develop the IAFE.

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This page lists all the hotels where you make reservations.

<https://www.iafeconvention.com/hotels>

The hotel map is linked from the page, but here is a direct link.

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This is the page where you would go to register. There are details on different registration options up there now.

<https://www.iafeconvention.com/register>

We are working on building an Ag Education Showcase. Fairs that might be driving, or ones that want to highlight their Ag Education programs, we will have an event space to set that up. We are exploring who might want to bring items now so that we can build the space. Here is a link to that information. IAFE members should be receiving a mailing about the convention that includes this information but this is a quick link.

<https://www.iafeconvention.com/ag-education-showcase>

Last highlight – I write blog posts, at least monthly with information about the convention. This would also be a place to check out what is new.

<https://www.iafeconvention.com/kate-s-korner>

## PSACF COMMUNICATIONS AWARD COMPETITION

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Premium Book & Tabloid	-Follow PSACF guidelines. Attractive cover design and binding; table of contents; includes judging schedule, premium list, entry form, list of officers, directors and/or department chairs; easy to read; overall appeal. Online premium books will be printed and enter in a three ring binder or bound.
Non-Premium Tabloid	-Follow PSACF guidelines. Attractive cover design and binding; overall layout; balance of ads and fair information; easy to read; overall appeal.
Video/Slide Show	-Entry must be on flash/thumb drive, and marked accordingly. No commercial entries, amateur only. Must be at least 3 minutes in length, no longer than 5 minutes and should include all areas of your fair, blending the agricultural and commercial aspects of your fair. Soundtrack, photos and or scenes should complement each other, be of good quality and narrated when appropriate.
Brochure	-Overall appearance, layout and flow of information, fair highlights and information, quality and use of graphics and photos, use of theme.
Power-Point Presentation	- <b>Flash/thumb drive</b> , with soundtrack; no commercial entries, amateur only; must be less than 5 minutes in length. Overall appearance, use of graphics, photos, animation, transition and use of fair theme.
Billboard	-Must be an 8X10 photo of your billboard; Judging on billboard, NOT photo - use of graphics, content, appearance, design and creativity.
Placemat	-Layout, content, use of graphics and/or photos, creativity, use of a theme, includes fair information and overall appearance
Website	-Website address and brief paragraph (max. 100 words) explaining usage and promotion of the site, to be submitted on letterhead with registration form prior to 11/ 1. Judged on overall appearance; use of graphics and how they affect load time; content; organization; purpose and promotion to the public (how to you direct people to your site).
Scrapbook cover	-Cover will be judged as a separate item and as part of the scrapbook entry. Identification of Fair, follows theme of fair; overall appeal; durability; creative use of materials.
Scrapbook – Traditional	-This is NOT a Photo Album. <b>Follows theme of your fair</b> ; covers all areas of the fair and blends ag, commercial and entertainment aspects; includes table of contents and list of fair officers; photos identified; layout, overall appearance and creativity.
Scrapbook – Digital	-Created digitally, you can use a professional company such as Shutterfly or Snapfish. Follows theme of your fair; covers all areas of the fair and blends ag, commercial and entertainment aspects; includes table of contents and list of fair officers; photos identified; layout, overall appearance and creativity.
Promotional Material	-Display of promotional items from your fair - <i>display should be neat and appealing, but the judging is of the promotional items, not the display itself</i> . All items follow common theme; variety and creativity of materials, use of media outlets - print, radio, TV and internet; fair name and dates prominent in appropriate items. All items are to be arranged by your fair personnel at the State Convention. One 6 ft table will be provided; maximum size for "uprights" or "proper" is 3 ft high and 6 ft wide and must be self-supporting. Any display that is not self-supporting will be disqualified. No ribbons or awards for promotional items should be displayed (i.e. past PSACF or IAFE competitions)
Fair Display	-Floor or table - specify on registration form. Floor display to be a maximum of 8 ft wide X 8 ft high X 4 ft deep. Table display to be a maximum of 6 ft wide X 4 ft high X 2 ft deep. Will be judged from distance of 3 ft - <b>use of current PSACF theme</b> , conveys a message, creativity, neatness and overall appearance. Tables at Hershey are 24". Deeper than 24", make set up difficult with available space.
Creative Fair Idea	Must be displayed on 11"x17" <b>black</b> paper. Include photos (Black/white or color) and narrative of 50 words or less detailing the idea and how it was used at your fair. Judged on design, creativity, layout, content and overall appearance.
Facebook Page	Include Facebook address and brief paragraph (max 100 words) description of how you use Facebook to promote your Fair and interact with community, to be submitted on letterhead prior to November 1st. Will be judged on overall appearance; use of graphics and photos, interaction with followers, frequency of posts and relevance to your Fair activities.



# PSACF COMMUNICATIONS AWARD COMPETITION

## Registration Form

All forms must be postmarked by **NOVEMBER 1, 2022.**  
Mail to Martha Ebersole 640 Dellville Road, Duncannon PA 17020

Fair: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

***The following entries must be submitted with this registration form before November 1.***

\_\_\_\_\_ PREMIUM BOOK

\_\_\_\_\_ PREMIUM TABLOID

\_\_\_\_\_ NON-PREMIUM TABLOID

\_\_\_\_\_ BROCHURE

\_\_\_\_\_ BILLBOARD (8X10 photo)

\_\_\_\_\_ POWERPOINT PRESENTATION (amateur)

\_\_\_\_\_ PLACEMAT

\_\_\_\_\_ VIDEO TAPE (amateur)

\_\_\_\_\_ WEBSITE (include web address & explanation of the site – typed, max. 100 words)

\_\_\_\_\_ FACEBOOK (include address and brief paragraph – typed, max. 100 words)

***The following entries should be brought to the convention, the registration form is still due by Nov. 1. Entries will be accepted at the convention on Wednesday from 4 to 8 pm and Thursday from 8 to 9 AM. (NO EXCEPTIONS). Judging will begin promptly at 9:00 AM.***

\_\_\_\_\_ PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

\_\_\_\_\_ SCRAPBOOK Traditional \_\_\_\_\_ Digital \_\_\_\_\_

**2022 PSACF Theme:**  
Pa. Fairs Working together to  
keep the Tradition Alive!

\_\_\_\_\_ SCRAPBOOK COVER Traditional \_\_\_\_\_ Digital \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FAIR DISPLAY - FLOOR (max. 8' high x 8' wide x 4' deep)

\_\_\_\_\_ FAIR DISPLAY - TABLE (max. 4' high x 8' wide x 2' [24"] deep)  
Please note the display tables are only 24" deep @ Hershey.

\_\_\_\_\_ CREATIVE FAIR IDEA

\_\_\_\_\_ BEST OF SHOW (Fair qualifies for this category if they've entered 5 other categories.)

***Questions should be directed to the following executive committee members:***

Martha Ebersole (717) 834-4435      Craig Lash (724) 872-8967      Glenn Stoltzfus (717) 405-0698  
Ben Haagen (814) 383-4428      Susan Hahn (610) 863-6816

## SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS

— Karen Dobson

The 2022 Fair season is winding down with just a few weeks left to go. Here are some reminders as we head towards the 2023 Farm Show.

Fairs are responsible for any ribbons for their PA Fairs Special Baking contests.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** The PA Fairs Special Baking contest committee is now responsible to send the official Certification Forms to each fair's winners so they can advance to the state competition at the 2023 PA Farm Show.

Certification Forms will be sent based on the fair's contest summary information which is due by November 15 either through the online form or by the paper form located within the Fair Contest Packet

Download the hard copy packet at <https://www.pafairs.org/p/members/baking-contest> ).

**Online Form:** <https://forms.gle/1nFZs2yGb5okBnqUA>

If the first-place winner is unable to attend the state finals, the PA Fairs Special Baking committee will certify the next available winner.

Local winners should NOT register directly with the PA Farm Show to compete in the Farm Show special baking finals. The Certification Entry Form signed by the PA Fairs Special Baking committee is their "ticket" to enter. Instructions are listed on the Certification Entry Form.

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

Angel Food Cake and Apple Pie Contests –

**Kevin Bieber** (484-256-8009, email [Kevin.Bieber@truist.com](mailto:Kevin.Bieber@truist.com))

Junior Baking and Chocolate Cake Contests –

**Karen Dobson** (610-212-6180, email [kardob@msn.com](mailto:kardob@msn.com))



## From the PA State Fair Queen



The 2022 fair season has just a few weeks remaining, and my calendar only has a handful of upcoming fair visits. My reign as the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen has taken me all over the Commonwealth in just a few quick months. I never could have imagined that I would have had this opportunity, though I find it a bit ironic that I had

talked about traveling to fairs just three years ago as a member of the Manheim Community Farm Show Junior Board.

I have been able to experience fairs in a way that very few do. The attention that a crown and sash provide enables me to greet participants with an even bigger smile and shake hands with those who are behind the scenes. I have appreciated being able to meet with numerous board members, directors, and volunteers as they are the heart to keeping fairs functioning. The amount of time and resources that people give to make just a few days of the year possible for those in their surrounding community reminds me that there is so much in this world we have to be thankful for. The hospitality that I have felt at every single fair is amazing. Growing up, I always looked forward to the Manheim Community Farm Show because it was the best kind of geta-

way from 'real life' to share in joy; I have learned that many feel the same way. There is always a little bit of a rush of adrenaline at fairs, and that is because of the beauty to be found on the smiling faces of children when they hold a baby goat, in the patience to stand in a long concession line for that deep fried stromboli, and in the show ring each time an exhibitor brings their animal.

Through my travels, I have been able to attend many queen coronations, tour dozens of fairgrounds, and of course eat plenty of fair food. I am constantly amazed by the ideas that have been produced at fairs. If I am ever lacking an inspiration for creativity, I know it is never ceasing on the fairgrounds. I have seen the love for history as historic exhibits are becoming popular, and several fairs are constructing museums to showcase their antiquity. When asked about my journey I cannot select just one because none have ever been the same – which also leads to the truth that I will never tire of visiting fairs. I have new friends for life, and though they live on the other side of the state, we are separated by mere miles. They share the same love for agriculture that I do and care about the importance of having communities coming together. Pennsylvania is truly blessed with remarkable people who are working hard to keep the traditions of our fairs alive!

Blessings,  
Anna Haldeman

## HERSHEY CONVENTION ROOM REGISTRATION —NOW OPEN

Guests can reserve their room reservations by calling the [Hershey Lodge Reservation office at 855-729-3108](tel:855-729-3108), and asking for the room block for the **PA State Association of County Fairs, January 17 - 22, 2023**.

Your Group's Room rate is:

One person in Room: \$121.00 per room per night plus 11% taxes

Two or more persons in the Room: \$124.00 per room per night plus 11% taxes

Guests who call the Hershey Lodge Reservation Office to reserve their room reservations will be asked for their credit card number to guarantee their reservations, but NO advance deposits are being charged at the time the guest is booking their room reservation.

Cancellations must be received by the end of day, Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Any room reservation cancelled after this date, a cancellation fee of one night's room and tax will be charged to the guest's credit card.



## JUDGES SCHOOL SCHEDULED

On Wednesday, January 18, 2023 the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs and the Pennsylvania Farm Show will host a Judge's School during the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs Convention at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. You may choose two breakout sessions to attend.

The day starts at 12:30 PM with an orientation session on ethics in the judging process. This is followed by the six sessions.

Here are some thoughts on Sessions for this year:

Youth, 4-H, and Vocational  
Needlecraft  
Baked Goods  
Art & Photography  
Floral  
Antique Farm Equipment

The first session is from 1:20 - 2:30 PM and the second is from 2:35 - 3:55 PM.

The fee for the school is \$15.00 per person.

A certificate of attendance is given to all participants who complete the program.

By mid-February the "PSACF Suggested Judges List" is compiled and goes online on the Fair Association website, [www.pafairs.org](http://www.pafairs.org). Many fairs have found it very helpful in finding qualified judges.

If you are planning to participate in Judges School, you need to pre-register and send your payment by January 4, 2023. Send your name, address, phone number and e-mail to Jana Malot, 1432 Trails End Road Harrisonville, Pa. 17228. You may register via email at [auntjana@embarqmail.com](mailto:auntjana@embarqmail.com) with payment mailed. If paying at the convention please make those arrangements ahead of the school.

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### Judge's School Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*If affiliated with a fair, give name of fair:* \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (list additional names below)

Return form and check **payable to PSACF** • 1432 Trails End Road • Harrisonville, PA 17228

Registration may be called in. Phone 717-571-8637. Please register by January 4, 2023.

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## ATTENTION FOOD HANDLERS!

PSSA is hosting an educational seminar in conjunction with our annual Hershey Convention.

Paster Training will again be taking care of the instructional portion of the class as well as proctoring the exam on Wednesday January 18, 2023. Cost \$169 and includes study materials and test. The course is open to all PSSA and PSACF members. Class size is limited to 35 persons.

Study materials will be mailed directly to you and you will be able to study at your own pace and on your own schedule. A wrap-up session of materials review, current updates and questions and answers will be given at Hershey on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, and testing for your license will take place on site. The time allotted for the session is 4 hours after which you break for lunch on your own at the Lodge.

Registration deadline is November 18, 2022. (Registrations received after the deadline will be held on a waiting list pending any cancellations.)

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## SERV SAFE EDUCATION/REGISTRATION

Sponsored by PSSA

*COURSE DATE:* Wednesday, January 18, 2023 (approximately 4 hours)

*COURSE TIME:* 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Check In @ 8:30 am

*LOCATION:* Hershey Lodge, 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033

*COST:* \$169.00

*PAYABLE TO:* PSSA Scholarship Account

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State. Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

**Email is required** for downloading your own ServSafe certificate upon successful completion/passing of the test.

Email\_\_\_\_\_

*MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION RESERVATION AND INCLUDE CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO PSSA TO:*

Donna M. Kramer  
Treasurer  
318 Vinemont Road  
Reinholds, PA 17569



# FY 2022-2023

## Fair Program Calendar Deadlines

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**November 1, 2022**

**Last day to submit Fair Poster Contest Entries**

**November 15, 2022**

**Fair Premium Reimbursement Applications Due**

**January 30, 2023**

**2022-2023 Capital Improvement Matching Funds Grants awarded**

**June 1, 2023**

**Friend of the Fair Award Nominations Due**

**June 30, 2023**

**FY 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Project Matching Funds Grant Applications Due**

**July 1, 2023**

**FY 2022-2023 Contract Extension Requests Due for Capital Improvement Matching Funds Grants**

**August 1, 2023**

**FY 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Matching Fund Grant Projects Complete**

**August 31, 2023**

**FY 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Matching Fund Grant Final Report/Certificates of Completion, Photos and Invoices/Proof of Payment Due**

You don't have to wait until the deadline to submit your reporting paperwork; you can file it with us well in advance. **It will help to speed up the payment process!**

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# M&G LEGISLATIVE UPDATE-PSACF

## HARRISBURG OVERVIEW:

The Pennsylvania General Assembly has about two months remaining in the current 2021-22 legislative cycle. All introduced bills have until the end of November (about 9 session days) to get through the legislative process and onto the Governor's desk. If a bill does not make it across the finish line, it's effectively dead and will have to be reintroduced in the following session.

## BUDGET

A week past the June 30<sup>th</sup> constitutional deadline, the House and Senate passed the 2022-23 budget package and shortly after, the Governor signed his eighth and final budget into law.

It is a \$45.2 billion plan and a nearly 3% increase in spending from last year's budget. Once again, we are pleased to report that there are *no* increases in the state's personal income or sales tax rates. While the plan relies on \$2.2 billion in federal COVID dollars, Republicans put another \$2.1 billion into the state's Rainy-Day Fund, bringing the total balance up to \$5 billion. Should the need arise, this level of funding would cover the state's general fund expenses for approximately 43 days.

Some expenditures of note:

- \$375 million to assist low-income homeowners and landlords with home projects;
  - \$250 million in onetime payments for long-term care facilities;
  - \$260 million in grants for law enforcement agencies to upgrade technology and prosecute gun violence; and
- \$100 million for the new Behavioral Health Commission for Adult Mental Health (This is in response to the uptick in gun related violence).

## ELECTIONS

Governor Tom Wolf is completing his second term this year. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Pennsylvanians will be voting for the new Governor of the Commonwealth.

On the Democratic side, Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro is the official nominee. On the Republican side, Senator Doug Mastriano (R-Franklin) prevailed from a crowded primary race and is now the official nominee.

According to a recent poll by Real Clear Politics, the gubernatorial race is a tight one. Josh Shapiro is leading by a slight margin at 46.7%; Mastriano at 40.7%. Another poll by Emerson indicates that it's even closer at 47% to 44%.

In addition to the gubernatorial race, all House district seats are up for election as well as half of the Senate districts (even numbered districts). Republicans currently hold the majority in both the House (113-89) and Senate (29-21).

Over 30 House members and 5 Senators will not be seeking reelection in November. And there is one retirement of particular interest to the fairs. After nearly two decades of service, House Tourism & Recreational Development Committee Chairman David Millard (R-Columbia) has announced that he will be retiring.

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We will keep you updated on the selection of the new Chair. When a new Chair is selected, we can introduce you to them (either virtually or in-person) and make sure they are familiar with you and any potential legislative concerns you may have.

## **BUDGET LINE ITEM**

**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.

## **LEGISLATION**

### Broadband Legislation

Broadband access has continued to be a top priority issue for a couple legislators this session and several legislators introduced bills to address expansion throughout rural areas of the state.

Of note, Representative Marty Causer (R-McKean) sponsored [HB 2071](#). This bill amends Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) to create a Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority, which would help create a state plan for addressing broadband expansion issues across the Commonwealth. The bill passed the House and Senate with unanimous votes and was signed into law as Act 96 of 2022.

Meanwhile, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 provided each state with at least \$100 million for broadband expansion. So now the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority can utilize these funds in their state plan.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It took effect on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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### Tourism Bills

One bill of interest is Representative Josh Kail's [HB 1484](#). It would allow county tourism promotion agencies to direct a portion of hotel tax revenues to municipal emergency service providers and police.

HB 1484 was introduced and referred to the House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee in May. However, several tourism agencies have noted their opposition to the bill.

At this point in the session, we are not aware of any upcoming voting meetings in the House or Senate Tourism Committees. We will keep you updated on any changes.



— Maria Zaffuto

It is hard to believe that the 2022 fair season has come to a close. I hope that each one of you had a successful and fulfilling fair season. It was so great to see all of our young professional's hard work and leadership at fairs across the state this year. I am sure that everyone enjoyed visiting YPI friends at neighboring fairs and meeting new young professional friends over the summer. Our next big event to look forward to is right around the corner! Soon, it will be time for us to be together in Hershey! Plans are in progress for many educational and networking sessions and events for those aged 21-40. Stay tuned for an official schedule. I hope that you will be able to join us! New for 2023 will be a mentor speed dating and networking session. The Young Professional Initiative will also be choosing, at random, a young person to receive a free convention registration for 2023! This free registration is made possible by our very gracious sponsors in support of furthering industry education among young people. To be eligible to win the free registration, you must be between the ages of 21 and 40 during the PSACF 2023 convention. To enter, please join the Pennsylvania YPI email list by emailing [mariazaffuto@gmail.com](mailto:mariazaffuto@gmail.com) no later than Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The drawing will take place live on the PSACF Young Professionals Initiative Facebook group page on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Wishing you all a fantastic Fall! Looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming zone meetings!

## *In Loving Memory*



Jody Lambert passed away on Friday, September 16, 2022.

Jody volunteered countless hours as the secretary of the Sullivan County Fair Association for 30 years. She was truly dedicated to the fair and passionate about keeping it going for all future generations of Sullivan County. She had served as a director of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. Jody attended the yearly PSACF State Convention, Zone meetings, and traveled to many fairs throughout the state.

# Update from The Zones

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## **Zone One –Sam Zaffuto**

Our Zone One fall meeting will be held on Friday October 28, 2022 at the Jefferson County fairgrounds,

which is just off I-80 near Brookville. Please be sure to have your fair represented because we will be electing six members to the Executive Committee of the PSACF. These six will represent our zone during 2023 and 2024. Nomination forms for directors and applications for the Zone Person and information for the Junior Fair Person have been sent to all fairs in our zone. During the meeting the Zone Person Award and Junior Fair Person awards will be presented. We look forward to our PSACF officers updating us on the state of our association as well as presenting information about our 2023 convention in Hershey. We anticipate that Tracy Barone, our Fair Fund Administrator will be in attendance to bring us up to date on the happenings of the PA Department of Agriculture.

The Mercer County Grange Fair will sponsor the raffle to support the Msgr. John Mignot Memorial Scholarship. Please plan to support this important program. As you can see, this will be an important meeting. Please plan to have your fair represented so that you are aware of everything that you need to know for your fair.

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## **Zone Two— Roger Dirlam**

We are coming to the end of another Fair Season. It was hot and humid throughout the summer with very little rain. As I am writing this article, our weather seems to have turned around giving us some much needed rainfall. Fairs, overall, had good attendance. There is still a problem finding help and volunteers to run our fairs.

I want to thank the directors of Zone Two for getting around to our fairs.

We will now be getting our buildings and grounds ready for Old Man Winter.

Junior Fair Person applications are due September 30, 2022.

Fair Person of the Year nominations are due November 1, 2022.

Our Zone Two meeting will be in Bloomsburg on October 29, 2022. This year is election year. More information will follow with emails to each fair.

The Fair Convention is scheduled for January 18 – 21, 2023.

Everyone have a safe and healthy Fall.

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## **Zone Three — Debbie Stephenson**

As we are somewhat winding down I hope all of our fairs had a great fair season this year.

Seems like it was just yesterday it was March and we were all in the planning stages time does fly!!

Please remember to nominate the Jr Fair Person of the year for the award and Fair Person of the Year as well. Please remind your person that does the reservations for Hershey to do those quickly as rooms do fill up fast. Reminder that we are having our Zone 3 Fall Meeting on. October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Williamsburg Community Farm show. Please be sure to send at least one representative from your fair so they can bring back to your board something positive. We will also be electing officers for Zone 3 please send in your nominations. Until we see your smiling faces take care and be safe.

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## **Zone Four — Kevin Bieber**

It is certainly my hope that all of you had a great fair season. I know the fairs that I have visited to date have had great attendance, and other than some hot days, the weather seemed to cooperate. For the few fairs that still remain, we also wish you the best. Congratulations to all the fairs for making such a strong comeback within your community. In speaking with many people, it was very evident that fairs are still what our communities need in order to bring people together, have fun and enjoy that fair food that we all have become accustomed to. You play such a vital role in your community.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to our Zone 4 fall meeting. We will be having this meeting at Yoder's in Lancaster County. If you are not familiar with Yoder's, it is similar to Shady Maple. We will have our own private dining room to eat and have our meeting. Save the date, Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup>, Karen will be sending out additional information shortly. We certainly hope you can join us that evening. As part of the meeting, we will do something we have not done in a while, we will go around the room and allow you a minute to tell us about your fair.

Before long we will all be heading to Hershey for yet another PA Fair and PA Showmen Convention. However, before we do that, please consider nominating someone from your fair for the Zone 4 Fair Person of the Year as well as Zone 4 Junior Fair Person. I am sure we all have someone deserving of this award. Nomination forms can be found on the web site, but hurry, they are due to me by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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Finally, THANK YOU for all you do. Although "thank you" is such an easy word to say, not everyone does it. Please know that all your hard work does not go unnoticed, and if you are like me, that hard work certainly makes you feel a sense of pride when you see everyone having fun at your fair. When you see families having a great time at your fair, just know that your mission has been accomplished!



## Message from Our Associates

— Galla Higinbotham

Welcome new associates! And a big thank you to the associates who stayed during the pandemic or have rejoined since then.

Plans are moving along well for the 2023 PSACF/PSSA convention to be held in January on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

If you have not already done so, book your room now. In the past, some people were not able to get rooms as they waited too long. Call 1-800-437-7439, and to receive the convention rate, tell them that you are with the "PA Fairs and Showmen Convention." Go to [www.pafairs.org](http://www.pafairs.org); click on CONVENTION/Hotel Reservations for everything you need to know.

Acts who meet the criteria to showcase (two years off, then eligible in the third year) will be receiving applications in the mail to participate in the talent showcase. This will take place at 6:30 on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and typically features a top-notch array of entertainment: musical acts, tribute bands, magicians, jugglers, bands and more.

I encourage those of you who qualify, to send in an application. The Wednesday night showcase committee looks for diversity: juggling, magic/illusion and novelty stage acts as well as musical groups, bands and singers – for all sizes of venues. Out of approximately 50 acts, 17 acts are chosen. If you are selected, you will be performing for over 100 fairs and buyers from all over Pennsylvania (from Maryland and New Jersey too) who are actively looking for acts that will make their fair special. The showcase is a highlight of the convention, an excellent opportunity for fairs to experience acts/attractions/bands firsthand and book them early for the 2023 fair season.

Additionally, strolling acts/street musicians/grounds entertainers (roving acts who do not offer a stage show) may apply to perform in the Chocolate Ballroom lobby prior to the fair banquet on Thursday.

The applications for the showcase and strolling entertainment must be received by Sam Zaffuto by October 25<sup>th</sup>. ***A link to a short video of you performing 'live' is required as part of your packet.*** Video should be available on YouTube or a similar alternative.

You must be a paid-up member of the state association at the time you submit your application as well as at the time of the convention - January 2023.

Enjoy the cooler weather!

All the best,  
Galla [dangalla@uplink.net](mailto:dangalla@uplink.net)



# PA Fair Queen Program

By – Karen Dobson



## The State Competition Application is now open!

The 2023 PA State Fair Queen application is now available on the PSACF website. Note that all matters related to the state contest will be posted on the PSACF's **Convention** webpage under the heading "**Queen Contest**".

<https://www.pafairs.org/p/convention/queen-contest>

The application must be completed online. Queen Coordinators were contacted with instructions on how to access the webpage so that their contestants can complete the application forms. Completed applications and all required documents must be uploaded by **11:59 pm on November 15**.

Note that the Hotel Reservations for Contestants are **no longer part of the application process**. There is now a separate Hotel Room Form that can be downloaded using the link above. Forms must be submitted directly to Hershey Lodge. A block of rooms is set aside for contestants, but the reservation process is now the responsibility of the fair, queen coordinator and/or the contestant's family.

Be sure that your contestant is getting clear communication from your fair and queen coordinator about who is making her hotel reservation. Deadline is October 15. After that date, the hotel reserves the right to release any remaining contestant rooms to other convention guests.

There will be an **online "2023 State Contestant Application Tutorial"** on Thursday September 29. Coordinators were invited and encouraged to share the invitation with their queen contestant. The webinar will be recorded so anyone else interested in receiving a copy of the training can contact Karen Dobson at [kardob@msn.com](mailto:kardob@msn.com).

Supporting the PA Fair Queen Program is a great opportunity to invest in the next generation of PA's finest young women leaders. There are two opportunities:

- 1. Donations** - We are seeking items for our fundraising events at convention in January. Individuals, fairs, and businesses can help by donating gift baskets, live auction items or contributing a monetary donation. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details. Deadline to sign up: November 30.
- 2. Sponsorships** - The PA Fair Queen Program is also seeking sponsors for the upcoming state competition in January 2023. Sponsors are partners who maintain the high standards of excellence that has made us one of the top commodity programs in the Commonwealth. Sponsors receive great visibility and recognition with over 1300 delegates from fairs, showmen and associates who attend the annual convention. Won't you join us? Be part of this program that celebrates the young women who are dedicated to promoting PA fairs and agriculture. Contact Judy Kmetz for more details. Deadline is November 30.

See Application next page.....

The PA Fair Queen Program is more than “crowns and gowns”; it gives young women opportunities to travel, meet new people, and enhance their presentation skills while growing as ambassadors and advocates for our fair and agriculture industries. Here’s just a snippet of what our fair queens are up to!

- The 2022 Clearfield County Fair Queen Court participated in a local Conservation Celebration with other community members - [@clearfieldqueensforacause](#)
- The Troy Fair Queen and Court were invited to sing the National Anthem at a rodeo - [@troyfairqueen](#)
- Venango County held its first Fair Queen contest – welcome to the program! Their new queen will be attending “4-H in the Mall” as well as the downtown parade for “Light Up Night”
- The Derry Township Agricultural Fair Queen assisted with the Westmoreland County Farm Bureau Legislative Tour - [@DTAFQueen](#)

Thank you to all the fairs who are using social media to share how their queens are participating and volunteering at a variety of agricultural and community events. “Follow” our [@pafairqueen](#) Facebook and Instagram pages to keep up to date on 2022 PA Fair Queen Anna Haldeman’s and Alternate Rebecca Williamson’s activities, as well as updates about the upcoming 2023 state competition.

## Welcome New Associates!

### Attractions, Thrill & Stunt Shows

Zabo Circus

67-55 197 Street Fresh Meadows NY 11365

Phone: (646) 670-2051 Phone 2: Fax:

WebSite: [Zabocircus.com](#)

E-Mail: [circus.zabo@gmail.com](#)

Info: Traveling pop-up circus, thrill act, acrobatics, juggling, aerial, family entertainment

### Lights, Sound, Stage, Communications

Lightning Audio Productions

22 Wood Ave. Elysburg PA 17824

Phone: (570) 847-8185 Phone 2: Fax:

WebSite: [www.lightningaudiopro.com](#)

E-Mail: [ltaudio@aol.com](#)

Info: Sound and light stage company.

Studio 2000 Sound and Electronics

235 Center Church Rd McMurray PA 15317

Phone: (724) 941-2000 Phone 2: Fax:

WebSite: [www.studio2000sound.com](#)

E-Mail: [ken@studio2000sound.com](#)

Info: Sound system design, Installation, Service, and Upgrades; Live Sound Reinforcement.

### Musical Attractions

Michael Christopher Band

126 Bradford Square Drive Trafford PA 15085

Phone: (724) 422-4833 Phone 2: Fax:

WebSite: [michaelchristophercountry.com](#)

E-Mail: [carlsonchadb@gmail.com](#)

Info: Country rock band playing originals and covers across traditional and modern country music.

Chris Eckert Music

606 N Callahan Road Wellsboro PA 16901

Phone: (570) 730-8710 Phone 2: Fax:

WebSite: [www.chriseckertmusic.com](#)

E-Mail: [eckert@ptd.net](#)

Info: Professional MC Services

Union Overdrive

18224 Bertschy Rd Meadville PA 16335

Phone: (814) 337-1083 Phone 2: Fax:

WebSite: [www.unionoverdrive.com](#)

E-Mail: [jhillwig@zoominternet.net](#)

Info: Country music that's driven. On Facebook, first single is on YouTube.



# Pennsylvania Fair Queen Program 2022 Fundraising

**Great opportunities to invest in the  
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**Individuals, Fairs and Businesses can participate as follows:**

- ☐ Donate a **Gift Basket** for Convention
- ☐ Donate a **Live Auction** item for Coronation
- ☐ Contribute a **Monetary Donation**
- ☐ Help at the **50/50 Nightly Cash Raffle** Table  
     \_\_ Wed      \_\_ Thurs      \_\_ Fri      \_\_ Sat
- ☐ Help at the **Basket Raffle** Table at Convention  
     \_\_ Thurs      \_\_ Fri      \_\_ Sat



Please indicate your preference above and return form by November 30.

**Mail Form & Checks To: Amy Hawn, 9669 Kyper Road, Petersburg, PA 16669**

**FOR MONETARY DONATIONS – CHECKS PAYABLE TO “PA STATE FAIR QUEEN PROGRAM”**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FUNDRAISING NEEDS**

**Contact Amy Hawn at 814-386-1860 OR John Berne at 814-887-5396**

*PA State Fair Queen Program is a non-profit corporation with 501(c)3 tax exemption status*





# PSACF Association Update

## **Banquet Prices**

As we are all aware prices continue to rise. In the past increases to the banquet have been kept to a minimal, negotiations have been on going with Hershey since July with regards to the cost. From the original quotes we have been able to reduce some of them. As you will see all banquets have seen an increase.

## **Showcase**

Associate members eligible to showcase were mailed an application in mid-September. To be considered for the showcase, that application must be postmarked by October 25th to Sam Zaffuto. Showcase participation is my invitation only. Note: Dues must be paid in the year you received the application, and if selected, in the year you showcase.

## **Fair Person of the Year**

An application is available in the "Member Fairs Only" section of our website. Applications are also available in the convention packets to be picked up at your zone meeting. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than November 1st.

## **Communications Competition**

A Communications Competition criteria and registration form are also available in the "Members Fairs Only" section of our website, and will be in the convention packets at your zone meeting. Please take note for table sizes for the Table Display.

## **Fair Dates for 2023**

I will be mailing a request for the dates of your 2023 Fair and any changes that you may wish to make personnel, directions, etc. The dates are not only used for the Department of Agricultural Fair 2023 Fair Guides but our 2023 Directory. I will also be requesting these dates at your zone meeting. During the year please notify me of any personnel, date changes and I will note them in the next FairTalk issue.

## **Msgr. John W. Mignot/PSACF Scholarship**

Scholarship selection process is under way those selected will be notified by the Chairperson or the Zone Chairperson. At the Fall zone meetings, recipients will also be recognized.

## **Associates Members Convention**

Packets will be mailed in October, as well as invoices for membership. The invoice requests current information to be printed in the 2023PSACF directory. Information needs to be returned to the PSACF office no later than December 1, 2022 to appear in the 2023 directory.

## **Poster Contest Winners**

"Harvesting More" poster contest can be brought to your zone meeting and given to Tracy. Do not fold or bend posters, they must be flat and protected. Tracy will deliver them to the Farm Show.

## **Hershey Convention Rooms**

Book your rooms now, if plans change you can always cancel up to January 11, 2023 and no penalty. Save your anxiety of No Room at the Inn.

## **Judging Reference List**

Now that the Fair season is over, if you have found anyone listed that should be removed due to retirement, etc, please let Jana or myself know.

*Harry*