

County Fair Queens To Compete For State Title

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Thirty young women representing their hometown fair will compete for the Pennsylvania Fair Queen title during the January 17 to 19 convention held by the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.

The fair convention meets in conjunction with the Pen-

sylvania State Showmen's Association held at the Lancaster Sheraton.

Beverly Snyder, secretary of the fair association, said they expect 1,400 participants with more than 80 fairs represented.

The purpose of the fair queen competition is to encourage the promotion of

agricultural fairs and to create better relations between youth and adults in both rural and urban settings.

Contestants for the state title must have already been chosen as the 1989 winner of the fair she represents. The contestants are between 16 and 20 years.

Participants will be judged

on poise, appearance, neatness, speaking ability, knowledge of the fair industry and on a written essay: "What my fair means to me."

Each contestant will give a three to five minute presentation on "Why you should come to my fair."

The coronation will take place at the Thursday lunch

on January 18. Tickets are required. For more information, call (412) 867-2472.

Judges for the competition are Charley Wismer, Michael Firestein, and Mim Kauffman.

The state fair queen competition was established in 1987. Membership to the state organization includes 110 fairs.

Jan A. Berdine



Jan A. Berdine of Holbrook will represent the **Jacktown Fair**. She is the daughter of John R. and Martha H. Berdine. Jan is 18 years old and attends Waynesburg College majoring in Elementary Education.

She has been listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. Various activities include softball, FFA, SADD, Business Club, Chorus, Band, and Student Council. Jan's hobbies include playing the piano, horseback riding, riding 4-wheelers, softball, and collecting stamps.

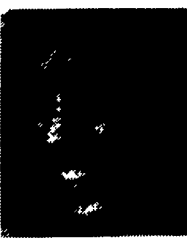
Andrea R. Keller



Andrea Renee Keller is the representative for the **Fayette County Fair**. She is the daughter of Regina and Raymond Keller Jr. of Smock, PA. Andrea is 18 years old and is enrolled at Laurel Business Institute majoring in banking and retail management.

Her activities center around her interest in horses. She has held offices in the Dawson 4-H Horse Club, Fayette County Horse Owners' Assn., and the Buena Vista Horse Club. She likes to read, exercise, and ride horses.

Kara L. Delacour



The **McKean County Fair** will be represented by 17-year-old Kara L. Delacour. Kara is the daughter of Richard & Ruth Delacour of Port Allegany. She plans to attend the University of North Carolina majoring in Marketing/Retailing Film Studies.

Her activities include Student Council V-Pres., SADD, Chorus, drama, yearbook editor, and senior class president. She is a volunteer for Chamber of Commerce activities and is a member of the church choir. Her hobbies are community theater, down-hill skiing, singing, and playing the piano.

Denise J. Sustrik

Representing the **Washington County Fair** is 18-year-old Denise Jean Sustrik of West Finley, PA. She is the daughter of Mrs. Priscella Sustrik. Denise attends West Liberty State College and plans to major in Art Education.

Her activities include 4-H where she has been an officer for six years, Junior church leader, campus life, dance instructor, teaching piano lessons, and 4-H teen leader. Denise's hobbies are reading, dancing, playing the piano, drawing, painting, and aerobics.

Sally Reibson



The **Sullivan County Fair** will be represented by Sally Reibson of Forksville. Sally is 16 years old and is the daughter of Milo and Betty Reibson. She attends Sullivan County High School and is planning a

career in either engineering or forensics. Sally is a member of the National Honor Society and has held leadership positions throughout her school years. She has been involved in 4-H for nine years and has held leadership positions within the 4-H group. Sally enjoys reading, ballet, jazz, sports, and attending leadership seminars.

Allison Pleva

Allison Pleva of RD 1 Vanderbilt will be representing the **Dawson Grange Fair**. She is the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond R. Pleva.

Allison attends Frazier High School and is planning to attend college to major in social work. Allison's activities center around horses having been an active member of the Dawson 4-H Horse & Pony Club and the Tri-State Junior Quarter Horse Association. Her hobbies include reading, crochet, cross-stitch, sewing, and, of course, riding and showing horses.

Jennifer Martinek

Jennifer Martinek of Greentown will represent the **Greene-Dreher Sterling Fair**. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Donna Martinek. Jennifer is 17 years old and attends Wallenpaupack Area High School. She plans to attend college and major in foreign language.

She has participated in Drama Club, cheerleading, track and field, community softball, and the yearbook staff. She was also active in the Girl Scouts. Jennifer enjoys water-skiing, snow-skiing, roller skating, running, and occasional painting and drawing.

Dawn Hawryluk

Dawn Marie Hawryluk will represent the **Lebanon Area Fair**. She is 18 years old and the daughter of Peter and Judy Hawryluk of Lebanon, PA. Dawn is enrolled at Messiah College where she will major in biology education.

Dawn has earned various academic scholarships. She has been involved in the National Honor Society, SADD, Cross-country track, musical productions, student tutoring, 4-H activities, and church leadership to name a few. Her hobbies include animals, music, and sports.

Heather Knarr



The **Jefferson County Fair** will be represented by Heather Knarr. Heather is the daughter of Denny & Diane Knarr of Troutville, Pa. She is a student of DuBois Area High School and is interested in a career in retail management.

Heather is president of the Jefferson County Livestock 4-H Club and is a volunteer helper for the Special Olympics. Heather has won several awards from the State 4-H Horse Shows from 1983 to 1987. She likes classic cars, dancing, and skating. She is a cashier at a local Super Market and for the family business.

Jeanette Walter



From the **Warren County Fair** is 17-year-old Jeanette Walter. Jeanette is the daughter of Arden and Mollie Walter of Sugar Grove, PA. She has chosen to attend Grove City College where she will major in Elementary Education.

Her activities include several years of music participation with Marching Concert and jazz band. Jeanette has been listed in *Who's Who in American High School Students*. Her hobbies consist of photography, babysitting, and spending time with her friends.

Gretchen E. Gross

Representing the **Venango County Fair** is 18-year-old Gretchen Elaine Gross. Gretchen is the daughter of Glenn and Barbara Gross of Eminton, PA. She is enrolled at Elizabethtown College where she will major in occupational therapy.

Her high school years have included the National Honor Society, cheerleading, SADD, and the Yearbook Club and Staff. Gretchen has been an active 4-H member for eight years through which she has been awarded trips to the National 4-H Club Congress, Citizenship Washington Focus, and State Capital Days in Harrisburg. Beside the 4-H she has been active in Grange & her hobbies include quilting, counted cross-stitching, sewing, reading, cooking, woodworking, exercising, and dancing.

Connie F. Carney

Connie Faith Carney, age 17 of Homer City will represent the **Indiana County Fair**. She is the daughter of John L. and Carole S. Carney. Connie attends Homer Center High School and has been selected to attend Pennsylvania State University, New Kensington Campus where she plans to major in horticulture and someday create her own greenhouse.

She is a National Honor Society member. Her activities include the Principal's Student Advisory Council, Sr. High Student Council, Yearbook Editor, and various choral functions. She is involved in many different facets of 4-H. She is a Member of Rainbow Girls Church Youth Group and many others. In her free time she enjoys singing, gardening, working with her poodles, meeting people, and traveling.

Theresa Shade



The **Spartansburg Community Fair** representative is 17-year-old Theresa Shade. She is the daughter of Leslie and Eva Shade of Spartansburg. Theresa attends Corry Area High School and plans to attend Erie Business Center to study travel and tourism or pursue a career as a medical assistant.

She has been chosen as Corry Business and Professional Women's Girl of the Month whose qualifications consist of outstanding leadership, citizenship, and scholarship. She attends church and is a member of her church's teen group. Theresa lists her hobbies as dancing, hiking, reading, working, and spending time with friends and family.

Susan McElhaney



Suann Marie McElhaney, 18-year-old daughter of Donald and Mary Lee McElhaney of Hookstown, is the representative for the **Hookstown Fair**. Suann is a graduate of South Side High School majoring in business. Her future plans are to become successful in the travel business and would like to work for an airline.

Suann's activities include her church where she has taught Bible School and is involved in the youth group and the church bowling league. She has been a Grange Camp Counselor, is active in 4-H, and has held offices with the Hookstown Fair. Her hobbies include square dancing, bowling, camping, horseback riding, volleyball, and swimming.

Jennifer A. Welch



Jennifer Ann Welch, 17-year-old daughter of David and Connie Welch of Berlin, will represent the **Somerset County Fair**. She attends Berlin Brothersvalley High School and is planning a career in biochemistry.

Jennifer is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and is a member of the National Honor Society. Her activities include band, cheerleading, SADD, and chorus. She is an active 4-H member and has held leadership positions in 4-H and the Jr. Holstein Association. She is involved in her church where she teaches Sunday School. Jennifer enjoys meeting people, being with friends, swimming, skiing, reading, sewing, and playing soccer.

Heather Hand

Representing the **Luzerne County Fair** is Heather Hand of Dallas, PA. She is 20 years old and is the daughter of Joseph R. and Sue Hand. Heather attends Wilkes College and is majoring in communications.

She has been inducted into Pi Kappa Delta, a national honorary forensic society. She has won several awards with the speech and debate team. Her activities include volunteer work for WRGN Radio, treasurer for the Accounting and Business Club, member of the Wyoming Valley Art League, and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Heather enjoys stenciling and quilting, cross-stitch.

Erin Trimmer

Erin Trimmer of Lewisberry, PA will be the **Dillsburg Community Fair** representative. Erin is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Jay Trimmer. After the completion of Northern York County High School she would like to attend a four-year college and major in a health-related career.

Erin is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and holds the office of President in Benjamin and Indoor Guard. She is involved in church, participates in recycling campaigns, and in the preservation of wildlife. Erin's hobbies include reading, snow skiing, swimming, and spending time with her family.

Julie Smeltzer

Julie Smeltzer, daughter of Ken & Joyce Smeltzer of Manheim will represent the **Manheim Farm Show**. Julie is 18 years old and attends Manheim Central High School. She is considering a possible career in archaeology, pharmacy, or psychology.

Julie has been a 4-H member for 10 years and is musically inclined, playing the cello and singing in concert choir. She also has athletic interests in tennis and track. She is a member of the National Honor Society, County Orchestra, and Lebanon Valley String Honors. Her hobbies are photography, running, cycling, woodworking, and basketweaving.

Linette Ansel



The **Denver Fair** will be represented by Linette Ansel of Reamstown, PA. Linette is the 17-year-old daughter of Douglas and Patricia Ansel. She is a student at Cocalico High School and plans to pursue a

career in psychology. Linette has been a member of the choral program for four years and is the historian for the Future Business of America group. She is an active member of the Girl Scouts of America and has served in a leadership capacity for the Brownies. Her hobbies include calligraphy, hunting, archery, counted cross-stitch, reading, and music.

Tracey L. Rouse



The **Tioga County Fair** is represented this year by 19-year-old Tracey Lynne Rouse. Tracey is the daughter of Leland & Laura Rouse of Little Marsh, PA. She is enrolled at Lock Haven University where she is majoring in political science in preparation for a career in law.

Tracey's activities include high school basketball and track which earned her an athletic scholarship. She has been a member of the Girl Scouts for 13 years and has recently attained the Gold Award. Needlepoint, cooking, and a thrilling Agatha Christie murder mystery are among her hobbies.