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Another week of snow and ice has caused many picturesque scenes to appear in the farm community. Fluffy-coated tree limbs, outlined with reflective ice bands, added to dark roofline angles and cylindrical silos create artistically contrasting black and white picture compositions that give real photographers goosebumps when they look through the viewfinder. But for farmers, this weather is a pain, just trying to get the feed and milk truck in the lane and to keep electric motors running and the water pipes from freezing.

In the photo, David Brandt is using the snow plow in the lane of the family's dairy farm, located long Route 322 east of Hershey near Annville in Lebanon County. Brandt had the lane open before the photographer arrived but was on his way to help a neighbor plow out of isolation.

For the last number of years, many older people told their children we don't have winter cold and snow like "the good old days." But one farmer said he told his children this week they should remember how it is now, because in 30 years they will tell their children about the blizzards of 1994.

And spring isn't here yet. According to an official of the Pennsylvania Transportation Emergency Management Agency in Harrisburg, as of press time, they are preparing for another blast of snow and ice that could take down power lines and tree limbs. If the weatherman's predictions come true, by the time you read this, Brandt and every other farmer in the area may be in the process of reopening farm lanes that have already been opened several times in the last several weeks. Happy plowing! *Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.*

## Fair Person Of The Year Named

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**HERSHEY** (Dauphin Co.) — Paulene Poggi, a longtime volunteer for her home county West-End County Fair in Union County was honored as "Fairperson of The Year," on Saturday during the annual convention of the Pa. State Association of County Fairs at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

And while not revealing her age, Poggi, of Mifflinburg, she said is one of the oldest people involved with the fair association.

And she said one of the main reasons she stays involved with the fair association, though retired from full-time work for years, is

because of the special nature of the other members of the fair association.

The annual mid-winter convention affords fair operators and organizers the opportunity to meet and discuss problems, share ideas and stories, provide for mutual support, and also provides a forum for them to meet with entertainers of all sorts who seek working engagements.

Held for four days, the convention is held in conjunction with the meeting of the Pa. State Showmen's Association. The showmen are the entertainers.

Despite a statewide winter storm emergency, turnout was not down, according to Beverly Grub-

er, spokesperson for the group.

In the lobby of the convention center normal is this:

Blinking lights on baseball hats and people wearing them passing out cards and fliers to representatives of fairs, and discussing the attraction of them at fairs.

The same holds true with daredevils, country and folk music representatives.

The convention is also a huge business transaction and meeting place.

Hotel rooms served as presentation rooms for a variety of acts and talents, and hundreds of association members visit talk, are entertained and discuss the next fair and

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## Special This Issue

The annual Pennsylvania Corn Conference, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association and Penn State University College of Agricultural Sciences, is scheduled for Friday, February 4, at the Lancaster Host Resort in Lancaster. A special "Corn Talk" section with this issue has this meeting schedule; the Pennsylvania Commercial Hybrid Corn Tests Reports; and other features, stories, and advertising messages of special interest to all farmers who grow corn.

In addition, the Pennsylvania Vegetable Conference and Trade Show, and State Horti-

cultural Association of Pennsylvania annual meeting, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association; Penn State University College Of Agricultural Sciences; Horticultural Societies of Maryland and New Jersey; and the Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Rutgers Cooperative Extension is scheduled to be held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center Tuesday, February 1, through Thursday, February 3. Pages related to this event include stories, the full meeting schedule, and messages from advertisers. This feature starts on Page C2.