



From the left, in front, Beth Ann Paul, of Stevens, cries in happiness at being selected Pennsylvania Fair Queen, while runner-up Vicki Lynn Stahl, of Somerset, smiles broadly. Standing between, but behind, is Marci Harnish, of Manheim, one of the five finalists.

PSACF Names Denver Woman Pa. State Fair Queen

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HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — Beth Ann Paul, 17, of Stevens, was named 1994 Pennsylvania State Fair Queen on Saturday during the annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs (PSACF) at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

Selected from a court of 42 contestants from across the state, Paul is the first Lancaster Countian to be selected queen.

With tears in her eyes, she was crowned, on a coronation stage festooned with lights and balloons, by outgoing queen Amy Anderson, of Greene County.

Brad Hicks, a television news reporter and weekend newscaster for a Lancaster station, served as master of ceremonies.

The daughter of Larry and the late Linda Paul, Beth Ann is a member of the National Honor Society, a class officer, cheerleader, a member of the school Weightlifting Club, AIDS Awareness Group, SADD, Cocalico Chronicles, and she serves as a Peer Mediator.

She is also involved in intramural athletics, and has competed in the Miss Pa. Teen USA Pageant, the 1993 Lancaster County Junior Miss Pageant, and she also does some modeling.

Among her awards are those she received for student council, Student of the Month, Who's Who Among American Students, Teen of the Week, and she received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award.

She also has been involved as coordinator of the Christmas Food Drive for Ephrata Area Social Services, and worked with the Cystic Fibrosis Bowl-a-thon, Swim for

Cancer, and she has been a volunteer at the Ephrata Community Hospital.

She has also worked as a life-guard and swim instructor and she said she enjoys jogging and hiking.

As winner of the contest, Paul received a \$1,000 scholarship.

The runner-up state fair queen was Angela Marie Everly, 17, daughter of Beverly Everly, of Slippery Rock, in Butler County. A student of Moniteau High School, she said she plans to pursue a career in nursing, specializing in life-flight trauma. She has been a two-year member of her high school's Academic Decathlon Team and has been on its honor roll.

She is also involved as head student athletic trainer, and works with the organizations Kids That Care, SADD, cheerleading, track and field, and in Spanish dance and basketball.

She has place first for two years in regional and state competitions in the Pa. Junior Academy of Science, and is currently grand recorder for the Pa. Rainbow Girls.

Her involvements also extend to 4-H clubs, Catholic Youth Organization and in making public announcements. She has also assisted the Slippery Rock Borough with various clerical and administrative duties.

Everly said her hobbies include horseback riding, basketball, read-

ing and dancing.

As runner-up, Everly received a \$500 cash award, in addition to the title.

The competition for state fair queen actually began this past year with more than 300 young women competing for the title of queen of their local fairs.

Of those local fair winners, 42 were selected to compete for the state contest.

For two days during the PSAFC convention, a team of three judges reviewed the actions of and answers given by the women.

On Saturday, following a banquet during which contestants sat at tables with family, or representatives of the contestant's local fair, all 42 were on stage and introduced.

All were declared winners, because of the fact that they took it upon themselves to be involved and were already elected local fair queen.

Then the five finalists were announced and stepped forward.

Other finalists include another Lancaster Countian, Marci Harnish, currently alternate state dairy princess, who is the daughter of Bob and Marti Harnish, of Manheim; Vicki Stahl, 19, daughter of George and Audrey Stahl, of Somerset; and Carmen Ann Welker, 18, daughter of David and Alberta Welker, of Export, in Westmoreland County.

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