

Fair Association Selects Queen, Fairperson Of Year

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Lanius, a dairy farmer from York who continued the operation that was started by his grandfather, has been involved with agriculture and county fairs almost all his life.

In announcing the award, Bruce Koppenhaver, association secretary/treasurer, said Lanius's involvement in agricultural and rural community organizations has included serving with the local Farm Bureau, the state and local Guernsey breeder association, as past president of the Dairy Shrine, past president of the rural development association, with the Pa. Council of Farm Organizations, a member of the state Milk Marketing Board of Directors, and numerous other involvements.

In accepting the award, Donald said he credited his wife with helping with chores so that he could attend meetings and conventions, and with supporting his efforts to contribute to the betterment of the community.

He said he will continue to do all he can to help with the success of county fairs. "Fair are something that we need to bring us together," he said.

The newly crowned queen, Randall, 18, is the daughter of Charles and Kathryn Randall, and is a graduate of Rockwood High School. She currently attends Millersville University, pursuing a degree in marine biology.

According to a booklet on the queens, Jennifer's goal is to pursue a career in shark research. In high school, she graduated 10th in her class with a grade point average of 3.5, and was involved in various academic and leadership organizations, in addition to participating 4-H and other community activities.

Randall was one of 43 fair queen contestants whom had won their positions as queens of their respective home county fairs this past summer.

In preparation for the coronation luncheon when the panel of judges does their final selection of a new queen, all the contestant queens spend almost two days of the convention being interviewed, attending a seminar, competing in an evening gown competition, and having themselves photographed.

During the luncheon, held in the convention ballroom, the association officers and queen judges sit at an elevated head table, midway along the long, north wall.

Directly opposite the head table against the south wall is a large stage, that during the convention is used frequently by various entertainers who get the chance to showcase their acts in hopes of getting work at county fairs. For the coronation luncheon, the stage is provided with risers and chairs for the contestants to sit, as well as a large queen's chair.

In between the head table and stage, for the length and width of the floor, are round tables where the queens and their families and county fair board representatives sit.

A tuxedo-ed Brad Hicks, television news reporter for WGAL TV8, served as master of ceremonies again this year.

The judges were Jean Arcurio, of Airville, a former central Pennsylvania Miss Pennsylvania and runnerup Miss Pennsylvania with a degree in performing arts and who teaches music to elementary students; Pat Suek, who with her husband ran a large farrow to finish operation, but recently got out because of the bankrupt-level price



All 43 contestants for 1995 state fair queen sit on stage awaiting the selection of finalists, while outgoing state Fair

Queen Beth Ann Paul talks to master of ceremonies Brad Hicks about her experiences as queen.

of hogs and market trends, and who is involved with various ag organizations and ag in the classroom; and Kenneth Nale, of Hershey, an agricultural science teacher at the Milton Hershey School for 16 years.

After Hicks announced the five finalists — Butler Fair Queen Tanya Campbell, Clearfield County Fair Queen Shannon Curry, Luzerne County Fair Queen Amy O'Boyle, Elizabethtown Fair Queen Kimberly Horting, and Somerset County Fair Queen Randall — he sent them out of the room, to be secluded until they were brought back on stage to be asked a question.

The question was, "What do you feel are the kinds of values that fair queens and local fairs represent?" All answers were, to a varying degree, capsulized in what Randall said about fair and fair queens representing a community effort to create a more enjoyable time, better education and mutual understanding: "A good sense of community is one of the most important values."

After the questioning, the judges left the room to confer and select the queen and runnerup.

In the meantime, the special honor of Miss Congeniality went to Spartansburg Community Fair Queen Stephannie Kay Root, and Beth Ann Paul, outgoing state fair queen, gave her goodbye address.

After recounting last year's win and her nervousness, she highlighted some of the events she attended while, queen, such as serving as a judge in a Memorial Day beautiful baby contest, attending a Penn State University science fair, her hometown Denver Fair, the Lebanon County Farm-City Week Banquet, the state Farm Show and activities there.

She then thanked the people of the Denver Fair for the opportunity and said, "I hope I made those people as proud of me as I am of my home town."



Jennifer Marie Randall of Somerset is named the 1995 Pennsylvania Fair Queen and, with outstretched hand that blocks the view of master of ceremonies Brad Hicks' face, thanks judges and the audience of the annual state queen coronation of the Pa. State Association of County Fairs. On the left are the four other finalists, who are, from the left, Tanya Campbell, Shannon Curry, Kimberly Horting, and Amy O'Boyle, state queen runnerup.

And then she reflected on the personal effects of being a fair queen.

"I've grown to appreciate people more during my reign," she said, adding that while traveling around, she especially got a better sense for the backbone of community effort that agriculture provides.

Paul received a standing ovation from the crowd, when she ended with a quote from Dr. Seuss, "With brains in your head, and feet in your shoes, you can go anywhere you choose!"

Selected as runnerup state fair queen was Luzerne County Fair Queen Amy O'Boyle, 19, daughter of John and Phyllis O'Boyle, of DuPont. A student at Wilkes University, she is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in biology and pre-optometry, with a minor in chemistry. Her goal is to open her

own practice as an optometrist.

In other news, the associated reorganized and Frederick Trump, of Bloomsburg (Bloomsburg Fair), was named president. Franklin Long, of Tyrone (Sinking Valley Fair), was named vice president, while Bruce Koppenhaver, of Gratz (Gratz Fair), was named secretary/treasurer.

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mitteeperson or representative who can either provide information directly or how to contact one of the 20 state directors.

Five new directors for 1995 were also announced. They are Luke Bruckhart, of Manheim, Rick Marchione, of Newfoundland, Lee Robinson, of McDonald, Arthur Knauf, of Harmony, and Kathy Mosier, of Kersey.



The three judges discuss the merits of finalists in making their selection of the 1995 state fair queen. The judges are, from the left, Ken Nale, Jean Arcurio, and Pat Suek.



1994 state Fair Queen Beth Ann Paul, left, presents a bouquet of roses to Jennifer Marie Randall, and congratulates her on being selected 1995 state fair queen.