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Cooperatives Deliver Power

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Today's rural electric cooperatives are involved in more than just distributing affordable, reliable electricity to their owner-members. Most are involved in political action to assure there is a strong voice in the halls of government for rural areas.

Many electric cooperatives are involved in a variety of community and economic development initiatives, including improving fire protection in rural areas, support for local schools, and providing low cost financing for civic and community organizations.

All of these efforts are seen as integral parts of providing modern electric service and are necessary for advancing cooperative business principles.

Electric cooperative members, directors, and employees recognize that the rural electric program was born in politics and can die in politics. Maintaining a strong, grassroots role in the political process is critical to the long-term success of electric cooperatives.

Helping offset the high cost of political campaigns for candidates who back rural electrification is the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE), the non-partisan political arm of electric cooperatives.

ACRE members — which includes cooperative board directors, managers, employees, their spouses and members — routinely write letters and visit legislators in district offices to voice concerns in person. They also receive information on important electric cooperative issues through political education workshops and publications.

Cooperative presidents and CEOs, directors and employees stay on top of critical issues affecting the electric cooperative program and improve their working skills through continuing education. Each year, co-op officials and employees attend a series of training courses to further their knowledge and skills.

The safety and well being of cooperative employees, consumer-members and the general public is an ongoing task. By participating in risk management activities sponsored by the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA), employees of Pennsylvania and New Jersey electric cooperatives can learn how to avoid injury on the job. PREA provides field surveys and safety audits of cooperative facilities, plus hands-on training for line workers.

One of the most successful educational endeavors for electric cooperatives is the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour. Since 1964, hundreds of high school juniors from cooperative served households in Pennsylvania have attended this weeklong excursion to Washington, D.C., visiting historical sites, meeting with congressional officials and learning about rural electrification in general.

By their very nature, electric cooperatives are integral parts of the communities they serve. With more than 60 years of experience in providing affordable and reliable electric service, cooperatives are a ready-made delivery system for boosting rural economic growth.

As a result, cooperatives aggressively work to attract new businesses to rural areas and help existing enterprises expand. In addition, cooperatives undertake projects that improve rural quality of life — cornerstones to economic development and job creation.

Cooperatives work with their state and national trade associations in developing comprehensive local development strategies and seek out states and federal economic development assistance, such as zero-interest loans for businesses. These associations have assisted local cooperatives in establishing nationally acclaimed distance learning and telemedicine networks — links that allow rural schools and hospitals to access information and specialized available only in urban areas.

The economic development efforts of cooperatives are an extension of the rural electrification program's original goal — to provide a quality of life for all citizens, no matter where they may live.

The flagship of cooperative member education and communications efforts is Penn Lines, which first rolled off the presses October 1966. The magazine was first used to rally support from cooperative consumers during the long battle for passage of territorial integrity legislation.

Today, Penn Lines provides readers with cutting-edge analysis on how major issues of our time — such as health care, environmental concerns; education and demographic trends — affect Pennsylvania's rural communities. These main features are packaged with articles on electrical use and safety information, news and commentary, legislative matters affecting rural electrification as well as ever-popular cooking, classifieds, and reader photos columns.

The most important part of the magazine however is found right in the middle — each electric cooperative's local news page section. Here, cooperative consumers can learn about activities taking place at their local cooperative.

Since its first issue, Penn Lines has allowed cooperative consumers to express their voice — as owners and members of electric distribution system — in an informed manner.

Pennsylvania's electric cooperatives — as well as all electric utilities in the state — entered a new world on Dec. 3, 1996, when Governor Tom Ridge signed the Electricity Generation Customer Choice and Competition Act (Act 138). Act 138 lets consumers choose their electricity supplier — essentially shop for power.

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3 P.M. - REAL ESTATE 4 P.M.

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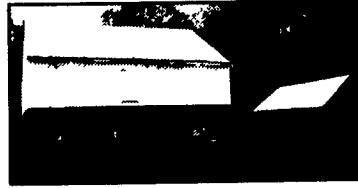


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Firestine Takes Center Stage At KILE



Participating in the opening ceremonies were several Pennsylvania beef breed representatives. From left, Angus leadsman Mark Davis; Kate Livingston, Pennsylvania Angus Sweetheart; Katrina Frey, Pennsylvania Angus Sweetheart; Amanda Thompson, Pennsylvania Angus Sweetheart; Margeaux Firestine, National Polled Hereford Queen; Jennifer Shultz, Pennsylvania Hereford Princess; Kate Shultz, Pennsylvania Hereford Sweetheart; and Lonnie Engle, Hereford leadsman.

CHARLENE M. SHUPP
Lancaster Farming Staff
HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The 2003 Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) opened with the announcement of the newest inductee into the Pennsylvania Livestock Association's (PLA's) Hall of Fame here in the Small Arena of the Farm Show Complex.

This year's inductee maintains an active role in Pennsylvania's Livestock Industry — Michael Firestine of Womelsdorf.

Firestine is a senior vice president and senior agriculture lending officer at Fulton Bank/Lebanon Valley Farmer's Bank.

In addition to his work in agribusiness, Firestine and his wife Martene and daughters Morgan and Margeaux reside on their farm, MAP Farm, where they raise registered Hereford and Polled Hereford cattle.

In his acceptance speech, this award represents another high in what has been a roller-coaster year for the Firestine family.

"The year 2003 has been an up and down, roller-coaster kind of year for me," said Firestine. "This is one of the most prestigious awards I have ever received. I hope I am worthy of it."

Firestine quickly recapped his relation in January as his daughter, Margeaux, was selected as the 2003 National Hereford Queen — to challenges facing his

family after they lost their house in a fire in May — to receiving this honor.

"But you know what, maybe that was a blessing also," said Firestine in regards to the fire. "Because I found out I had a lot of friends, a lot of friends that helped me through that ordeal."

Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff was also on hand for the opening ceremonies, welcoming the exhibitors to the Farm Show Complex.

PLA presented youth awards to Hannah Etzler of Beavertown, Andrew Stein of Red Lion, Jill Gevin of Cochranton, and Nathan Tice of Lebanon.

Morgan Firestine, Pennsylvania Beef Ambassador, delivered a presentation recognizing this year's feature species, beef, with the assistance of several breed queens.



Mike Firestine, far right — joined by his family, Martene, Morgan, and Margeaux — was recognized as the 2003 PLA Hall of Fame Award winner. Photos by Charlene Shupp

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THURS., NOVEMBER 6, 2003

4 P.M.

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