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Eight year old Carly., shot her first buck November 2, 2018. She was hunting with a crossbow in Harford Township. This seven pointer was harvested on her grandparents farm. She was hunting with her Pop-Pop Tiger Paolucci under the mentor program. Congratulations Carly!





Family Night Out

By: Don Klinger, PTA Secretary

**Be Responsible!
Be Respectful!
Be Ethical!**

I have been a proud member of the Pennsylvania Trappers Association since the age of thirteen and have seen the many great things that can be accomplished with a good group of hard-working volunteers. One of these accomplishments is the annual PTA State Banquet. (March 23rd, 2019 at the Red Fern in St Marys, PA.)

This is one of the three major fund raisers for the PTA. It has a family friendly atmosphere that will be enjoyed by all. You would be mistaken to think that you need to be a trapper, or even a sportsman, to attend the banquet. There are prizes for everyone, with special emphasis on the children and the ladies. The night usually starts out with lots of good conversation as wishful thinkers play games of chance to win that shiny new gun or huge flat screen TV, or they

browse the silent auction tables to place a bid on their favorite sporting event or piece of art work. Who knows, it may be you that wins!

The chef at the Red Fern will then provide an extravagant buffet style meal for you to sit down and enjoy with friends and family. Not enough can be said about the ambiance of the Red Fern Banquet Center as everyone dines in the large log cabin

style dining area in front of a huge stone fire place, under timber rafters and antler chandeliers.

After a great meal, the fun begins again with a live auction and the friendly competition to outbid others for your favorite item. Maybe you will want to try your luck at the 50/50 raffle or one of the other walk around games of chance that present themselves. After all, someone has to win and it might as well be you.

The next item on the agenda is the Chinese auction. The youth pay particular attention to the children's auction in hopes of winning that new fishing rod or maybe even the BB gun. All will leave with something, including smiles and memories. My wife always sits up and pays attention when they start giving away the spa treatments and bottles of wine off the ladies tables. The main tables have something for everyone and people sit anxiously waiting for their number to be called.

As the evening winds down on the fun with friends and family, a lot more has been accomplished than just a good night out. I am always very proud of the outreach the PTA does for the public and especially the youth. The proceeds of this event will help fund many projects, such as the coloring book program and youth trapper education.

The coloring book program distributed 36,000 coloring books to children in the last year, teaching them about Pennsylvania furbearers. The number of youth reached by the PTA through ➔



Photos from last year's banquet

trapper training schools and youth field days numbers in the 10's of thousands every year. Students leave with a better understanding of trapping, and the importance of sportsmanship and ethics.

If you are interested in supporting the PTA in its efforts by attending the PTA Banquet March 23rd, 2019 in St Marys, please contact Rob Daniels at (814) 781-6664. Tickets cost \$30 a piece and \$50 a

couple, with free admission for those under 16 so you can bring the whole family.

If you would like to donate to the banquet, please contact Jeff Dornisch (814) 781-7539. I hope to see you all there!
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PENNSYLVANIA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION

State Banquet Hosted by PTA District #4



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
All Outdoorsmen, Women, and Children Welcome!

Saturday, March 23, 2019

The Red Fern Banquet and Conference Center
421 Old Kersey Rd. Kersey, PA 15846
www.the-red-fern.com

Doors Open at 4:30 pm
Dinner Served at 6:00 pm

You're invited!!! Come out for an evening of games, raffles, auction, food and good ol' fashion fun. There will be many prizes from traps to guns. Bring the whole family; there will also be prizes for the kids and ladies!!

**Banquet Tickets are \$30 per person OR \$50 per couple
Children 12 and under FREE**

**For more information or to order tickets please contact:
Rob Daniels
169 Benzinger Rd, St. Marys, PA 15857
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