

Highland County Fair Attends, Receives Honors at 2020 Virginia Association of Fairs Conference



The Highland County Fair had representation at the 2020 Virginia Association of Fairs Conference held at the Omni Homestead in early January 2020. Those attending were Kari Sponaule, Cindy Vrugtman, Fred Frye, Linda Frye, Thelma Chestnut, Kathy Beverage, and Dean Beverage. The attendees participated in educational sessions, a trade show and showcase of potential entertainment options, an annual board meeting, and an awards banquet. Guest speakers included Bettina Ring, Virginia's Secretary of Agriculture, and Dr. Ed Jones, Director of Virginia Cooperative Extension. Some also attended a Judges School for Home/Garden and Arts. Kari was

coordinator of the Youth Leadership Scholarship Interviews/Presentations, which awards \$7,000 in scholarships.

In the fairs with attendance under 7,000, the Highland County Fair won first place with the fair website, second place for the premium booklet, and third place for the fair poster.

