



PSATS Executive Board Chairman Tim Horner, left, a supervisor for Chapman Township in Clinton County, presents the 20th Annual Outstanding Citizen Communication Award to Township Engineer Thomas Zeglin, Vice Chairman John Curtaccio, Chairman Dennis E. Nichols and Manager Bryan K. Dehart.

Brighton Township was presented with the award at the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' (PSATS) 89th Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show in Hershey this past April for its exceptional efforts to communicate with its residents. PSATS presents the award each year as part of its Annual Township Citizen Communication Contest to recognize one township for its overall achievement and commitment to citizen communication.

Brighton Township won awards in three categories. The township tied for first place in the websites category, second place for its newsletter and third place in the category of electronic newsletters. The contest is judged by members of the association's Publications-Public Relations Committee, representatives from the Governor's Center for Local Government Services and staff members of the *Pennsylvania Township News*, the association's monthly magazine. Entries were judged on the usefulness of the information presented and how well the information is communicated. Publications were also judged on their overall attractiveness and readability.

PSATS represents Pennsylvania's 1,455 townships of the second class. Townships of the second class represent more residents – 5.5 million Pennsylvanians – than any other type of political subdivision in the commonwealth.



The Day Roy Rogers Visited Brighton Township

The following newspaper article appeared May 1, 1945 in "The Daily Times".

Cowboy movie star Roy Rogers paid an unexpected visit Monday afternoon to the Sim Holmes farm on Tuscarawas Road, near Beaver, to look at a registered Palomino stallion he wants to buy as an understudy for his famous horse "Trigger." Rogers, who is appearing in a Pittsburgh rodeo show this week, telephoned Holmes at noon on Monday and expressed desire to see the horse. Holmes drove to Pittsburgh and returned with the cowboy star. Rogers made an offer to buy



the local stallion, a four year old, three-gaited Palomino named "Sunny Gold" but Holmes is still undecided about selling. He has been using the horse for breeding purposes. Because of his dark gold body color and thick, light-colored mane and tail, "Sunny Gold" would photograph well in the movies. Many light colored Palominos appear to be white on the screen. Rogers is considering an understudy for "Trigger" because the famous horse is now eight years old.

Before returning to Pittsburgh, Holmes stopped at the Stokes School, Brighton Township, to pick up his son Timmie, 8. Young Timmie got the biggest surprise of his life when he discovered Rogers was in the car.

On the way back to Pittsburgh Rogers entertained with many of his famous cowboy songs. "He can really sing," Holmes declared, revealing that Rogers was wearing a bright blue Western costume with orange pleats in the sleeves.

In Pittsburgh, Rogers invited Holmes to watch one of "Trigger's" workouts and then let the local horse-breeder ride the famous animal. "Trigger certainly is a good trick horse," Holmes said today.

This article is presented by the Brighton Township Historical Society as an interesting footnote to Brighton Township history.

Historical Society General Membership Meeting

Mark your calendar! The next general membership meeting is September 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Shultz Lodge, Two Mile Run Park, 1925 Gypsy Glen Road. The program is entitled "Life in a Box," presented by Willie Frankfort.