# Happiness is being a dairy farm girl



Teresa Wolfskill

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Wolfskill truly enjoys her duties as Berks County's dairy princess. She first became enthused about the

the 1977 Berks County Dairy Princess Pagent and decided ROBESONIA - Teresa right then and there that she would enter the contest the following year.

Teresa not only entered the pageant held last June, idea after she had attended but also won the coveted

the 1977 Berks County Dairy Princess. Teresa knew what she was getting into and was well prepared.

Appearing before large audiences was nothing she had to become accustomed to. This talented young lady has previously been in musicals while attending Conrad Weiser High School where she graduated as the class historian in 1977. Teresa also performs in the English Hand-bell Choir of Saint Daniels Lutheran Church, Robesonia, and serves as the assistant organist there.

At 18, Teresa is very enthusiastic about promoting the dairy industry and it's primary product. Presently she lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wolfskill. Robesonia R1, where she also works, attending to the dairy herd of which 55 are now milking.

Teresa's duties include milking morning and evening, raising and registering the calves, keeping the records and mating the cows. She will also assist with many of the other aspects involved in the farming operation as help is needed.

The Wolfskills maintain a rolling herd average of 18,030 pounds of milk and 692

title, replacing Sandy Miller, pounds butterfat. The entire operation consists of approximately 625 acres, the dairy herd and a beef fattening operation numbering 200 head.

This dairy princess has three cows and a heifer of her own. The first cow was acquired from her father, because Teresa had saved ıt's lıfe. This happened several years ago when she had wandered in the dairy barn and unexpectedly found a cow giving birth to a calf that was positioned wrong. Teresa had to assist the cow by pulling the calf which would not have survived without her help. Because of this endeavor, the calf, named LuLu, was given to Teresa.

This year LuLu was classified 86-VG and of course, Teresa plans to keep her and continue to increase her herd. However, next Summer Teresa's cows will be moved to a new home: her fiance's farm, which is also a dairy.

With all of her duties at home and as the Berks County Dairy Princess, Teresa doesn't have very much for anything else besides her music.

As of October, she has already traveled 1282 miles and visited 600 elementary school children as Berks County Dairy Princess. Teresa has set a goal to see at least 1000 school children during her reign and will probably surpass that number.

Being the dairy princess for Berks County keeps this young dairywoman busy every week. She made 13 different appearances in October alone. She has been in parades, on radio and television, attended meetings and banquets, appeared in supermarkets and at local fairs, as well as at Ag Progress Days.

Best of all, Teresa enjoys the grade schools and finds them the most rewarding. "The kids ask funny questions," she remarked with a smile. "They are a big help in promoting milk too, because they go home and tell their parents." she

As part of her program aimed at the grade school

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children, the dairy princess 1 teaspoon salt passes a jar containing whipping cream around the room. Each child takes a turn at shaking the jar until butter is formed.

"Talking to people in supermarkets also helps to sell dairy products," Teresa remarked. "Everyone is very receptive, and interested in what I have to say." Dairy princesses let people know that the dairy industry exists, and handing out appealing recipes help to sell our products.

One recipe that Teresa has found to be good and easy to make is Cottage Noodle Bake. This dish is full of delicious dairy products and fits in well with leftovers such as ham, corned beef, or even turkey. The recipe is as follows:

#### **COTTAGE NOODLE BAKE** 6 servings

1 package (8 oz.) medium noodles 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter 1 cup chopped celery 1/2 cup minced onion 2 cups cottage cheese

1/2 cup dairy sour cream

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce Dash of pepper

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350° F. Cook noodles according to package directions; drain. Melt butter in a small skillet. Add celery and onion; saute 5 minutes. Combine noodles, sautéed vegetables, cottage cheese, sour cream, salt, Worcestershire and hot pepper sauces and pepper. Turn into a buttered 1 1/2quart casserole. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over top. Bake until top is golden, about 20 minutes. Excellent when served with ham.

When Teresa happens to find some free time from all of her many activities, she likes to participate in volleyball or softball games, bake or sing. She is looking anxiously towards her future in the dairy industry, and can not think of any happier or more fulfilling way of life.

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