

# Adams County celebrates apple blossom season

**BY CURT HARLER**  
**ARENDSVILLE** — Like spring snow, the white of apple blossoms blanketed the orchards of Adams County last Sunday, decorating trees and promising an abundance of fruit.

As always in the heart of Pennsylvania's fruit belt, the first weekend in May this year marked the celebration of the apple blossom festival in the orchards of Adams County.

Sunday saw the crowning of the new county apple

queen, Tammy Lobaugh, R1 Gardners; and the judging and auctioning of the finest apple pies the county's best cooks could produce.

There was the traditional odor of barbecued chicken floating over the South Mountain Fairgrounds along the Conewago Creek and the sticky-lipped smiles of the youngsters enjoying their eats.

The 'scrunch' of apples could be heard throughout the Fairground, accompanied by the 'glug' of cider sold by the county fruitgrowers' association.

The South Mountain Fairground is the heart of the apple blossom festival. But the beauty of the occasion was to be found in the countryside along the Apple Blossom Trail.

Thousands of cars and buses wound their ways slowly through the hills around Arendtsville, Biglerville, Idaville, Gardners and all of the other towns whose names are synonymous with the apple industry in Pennsylvania.

There was spectacle everywhere as the weather cooperated providing a day of crystal blue sky as a backdrop for the blossoms

which will develop into this fall's crop.

The several hundred guests who ventured indoors for an hour or so at the Fairgrounds auditorium were treated to the crowning of the new Adams County Apple Queen.

Tammy Lobaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lobaugh, was crowned by James Beattie, Dean of the College of Agriculture at Penn State.

Tammy's reign is supported by first runner-up Christen Rice, Biglerville.

Second runner-up was Joyce Starner, R1 Aspers.

Tammy follows Kris Shutt, Orrtanna, as the County Apple Queen. Kris also is rounding out her term as the Pennsylvania Apple Queen.

The outcome of the County apple pie baking contest

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Julie Taylor made it three in a row in her division of the apple pie baking contest. Auctioneer C. David Redding sold her pie for a tidy \$12.



The apple blossom—in Adams County the first weekend in May is given over to celebration of the tiny white flower which heralds the coming of another fine crop. These trees are in the Oyler Orchards.

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