

## New Lebanon Co. dairy princess loves farm

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LEBANON — Beverly Burkholder, the seventeen year old daughter of Ivan and Gloria Burkholder of R4 Lebanon, was crowned the Lebanon County Dairy Princess last Saturday evening.

Last year's princess, Diane Maulfair, placed the sparkling tiara atop Bev's blonde curls to make her one of the happiest young women in the county.

The 5 feet 8 inches tall, blue-eyed princess brings to the crown an air of elegance mingled with a country girl's love for the dairy industry.

According to Bev, being this year's Lebanon County Dairy Princess will add a lot

of hustle to her already active life. But, she added with a smile, it will be her chance to promote milk to as many people as she can.

"I like working with children," she said, "and cows and dairy princesses interest kids. They seem to remember each year's princess."

Bev recalled one time when her mother's Sunday School class at the Lebanon Valley Bible Church came to the family farm. She remarked how much the children learned and enjoyed the visit.

Bev's dairy princess responsibilities will be a new addition to her schedule, but



The royal court at last Saturday evening's Lebanon Co. Dairy Princess Pageant includes, from left: Kathy Kettering, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry S. Kettering, Lebanon; Debra Berger, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Berger, R1 Fredericksburg; Elaine Maulfair, 17, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maulfair, R1 Jonestown, first alternate; Beverly Burkholder, 1980 Lebanon Co. Dairy Princess; Diane Maulfair, 1979 Lebanon Co. Dairy Princess and Elaine's sister; and Melody Bomgardner, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Bomgardner, Anville.

she said she is excited about the work.

She'll be squeezing in her promotions work with Freddy, her milk carton, and her bagfull of dairy product surprises, between farm and school work.

A typical day for Bev begins around 7:30 a.m. when she wakes up. She grinned and admitted she doesn't have to help with the early morning milking.

In the morning, Bev's chores around the farmhouse include cooking, cleaning, and helping to do the yardwork.

In the Summer, she said, she also is privileged enough to be one her dad's

right-hand assistants when it comes to unloading hay and straw.

That's a job Bev confessed she isn't too crazy about. "I get all scratched up — and the hay is so heavy, I get blisters from the twine."

Then she chuckled and said, "My dad was getting help from the church to help put straw away. We told him that we'll do the straw — get the guys for making hay."

Other field work that Bev gets to help out with

whenever her dad needs an extra hand include discing, or as she calls it, "making the ground look pretty", and "rolling" hay.

Digging back in her memories, Bev remembered

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Smiling happily, Bev receives her crown from last year's princess Diane Maulfair.

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