

# Joanne Weidman wears Lebanon County crown

LEBANON — A crowd of close to 100 Lebanon County dairy folks sweated out the final decision of the judges during the Dairy Princess Pageant, held here last Saturday evening at the Fairgrounds. Although there was excitement in the air during the tough competition, most of the perspiration was the result of the hot humid weather enveloping the Dutch country's fair pavillion.

The final outcome of the pageant found 17-year-old Joanne Weidman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Weidman, wearing the royal tiara. Tearfully ecstatic, Joanne kept her composure as she received congratulations and hugs

from her court, consisting of alternate dairy princess Theresa Tyson, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Tyson; Bonnie Bollinger, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Bollinger; and Brenda Lentz, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lentz.

"It's so exciting — I didn't feel I could win," she confessed. "It must have been the new heifer calf that was born today." Joanne is the proud owner of four registered Holsteins.

On the way to winning the competition, the 1981 graduate of Northern Lebanon High School demonstrated her acting skills by delivering a well-rehearsed dairy

promotion presentation. Using a fish bowl stuffed with material as a prop, and donning a kerchief to complete her costume, the dairy princess contestant was transformed right before the crowds' eyes into a fortune teller.

Joanne foretold the future of the dairy industry while gazing into her 'crystal ball'. Her premonitions on milk consumption and her forewarnings on the hazards that could befall those who don't drink enough milk were revealed convincingly by the 'clairvoyant' contestant.

Joanne convinced the crowd that milk and its products were beneficial in an almost flawless performance. After it was all over, Joanne confessed to a case of stage fright. She explained she had forgotten her note cards and had to give her presentation without the aid of any crutches or cue cards.

But her crystal ball didn't give the attractive brunette a clue when it came to the judges' decision. Her surprise was no secret as she heard Master of Ceremonies Ken Mase read her name as the Lebanon County Dairy Princess for 1981.

Making the selection were Jay Howes of Legacy Holsteins, Warriors Mark; Joan McCulloh, an English teacher at Annville-Cleona High School; and Betty Hudson, the former Home Economist for Lebanon County Extension Service. Chairing the contest was Kathy Bomberger.

Along with the sparkling crown and bundle of roses, Joanne received a \$300 wardrobe gift certificate from Bernard Morrisey, Agway Insurance to wear when making appearances as Lebanon County Dairy Princess for the coming year.



Joanne Weidman, Lebanon, is crowned 1981 Lebanon County Dairy Princess by last year's princess Bev Burkholder, during the pageant on Saturday evening. Alternate dairy princess is Theresa Tyson, R2 Palmyra. Other contestants include Brenda Lentz, left, R6 Lebanon and Bonnie Bollinger, R1 Fredericksburg.



In her milk promotion presentation, Joanne gazes into a crystal ball (a transformed glass fish bowl) to foretell the dairy industry's future.

Before giving up her title, last year's Lebanon County Dairy Princess Beverly Burkholder shared many of her year's ex-

periences with the group. "I enjoyed working with the children in various schools," said

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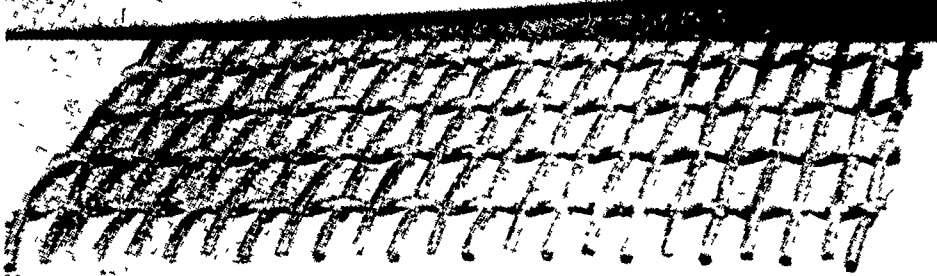
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