

Hanover's Karen Hobaugh is new Adams Dairy Princess

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BIGLERVILLE — Karen Hobaugh, 18, daughter of Bruce and Jean Reeve of Hanover was chosen the 1981 Adams County Dairy Princess. Jennifer Behney, 18, daughter of James and Jean Behney of York Springs, was selected as the county's alternate dairy princess.

A 1981 graduate of Spring Grove High School, Karen will be attending Delaware Valley College this fall where she will major in dairy science. She works on both her grandparents' farms milking Holstein and Guernsey cows. Karen also is a member of the Adams County 4-H Dairy Club and the immediate past president of the county 4-H senate.

"I'm proud and honored to represent the county's dairy industry," noted the new princess, "and I know a lot of nice people are standing behind me."

One of those people, Karen's mother stated she felt terrific that her daughter had won the contest.

"It's something she's always wanted to do. She is so involved in other activities that this will be a new territory. She'll be busier than usual," she exclaimed.

During the pageant Karen was asked what is the woman's role on today's farm and if the woman's lot is improving.

"I feel that a farm woman must help and do whatever she can. Whether it be driving tractors or keeping the records straight," she replied and added that modern equipment has helped to make jobs easier.

Other contestants included:

Kathy Holtzinger, 17, daughter of Roy and Olive Holtzinger, East Berlin; Faye Messinger, 16, daughter of Wilbert and Janet Messinger, Littlestown; and Peg Murren, daughter of Thomas and Marion Murren of Hanover.

Crowning Karen Hobaugh was the 1980 county dairy princess Ann Murren, formerly of Hanover but currently residing in Clearwater, Florida where she is employed by Best Western Inc. She performed the skit she presented at the state pageant last year and shared her year's experiences with the audience. She said she has made new friends, had new experiences and gained more knowledge.

She added she had completed the recommended list of activities for a dairy princess. The list included 15 school programs, 10 supermarket or mall appearances, 12 radio advertising spots, three farm meetings, 10 newspaper articles, six non-farm meetings and three special events. She concluded by thanking the people in Adams County, the dairy farmers and her parents.

The master of ceremonies for the contest, which was sponsored by the Adams County Holstein Association, was Arthur Michael, Jr. president of TAM Services, Inc. Hanover.

The judges were Sandy Kling, who lives with her husband and daughter on a dairy farm in Landisburg; Debra Brubaker, 1974 Pennsylvania Dairy Princess who is married to a dairy farmer in Manheim; and E. Wayne Beshore, a dairy farmer in partnership with his son Jed in New Cumberland.



Adams County's new Dairy Princess, Karen Hobaugh, was crowned Saturday night at Biglerville. To Karen's left is Ann Murren, 1980 Dairy Princess, and to her right sits Jennifer Behney, Alternate Dairy Princess.

Lancaster's dairy herds due for TB testing

HARRISBURG — Dairy farmers in a seven county area will soon be due for tuberculosis testing of their dairy herds to comply with state regulations, according to State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell.

The seven counties which will be due are Bedford, Chester, Erie, Lancaster, Tioga, Wayne and Westmoreland.

The last statewide tuberculosis testing program was conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to evaluate dairy herd health progress. The testing began in these seven counties in April 1977, concluding during the fall of 1980.

Dairy herds in these counties will be due for testing within the next twelve months to comply with pending regulations. Dairy farmers will be responsible for having their herds tested at their own expense. Herds tested most recently must be retested by 1985.

"Pennsylvania, which once had a serious bovine tuberculosis problem, has been free of the disease for two years," Hallowell said. "The last Pennsylvania dairy herd was removed from quarantine in April 1979. To be declared a certified Tuberculosis Free State, we must remain free of the disease for five years."

"Under our regulations, milk may not be sold for human or animal consumption unless all dairy cattle in the herd which have freshened or are 24 months of age or older have been tested for the tuberculosis bacteria (mycobacterium Bovis) every three years," Hallowell noted. "The test must be conducted by an

accredited veterinarian. All raw milk sold for consumption must come from animals tested annually through an individual herd plan."

New regulations proposed by the Agriculture Department would change the current three-year testing requirement to a five-year program.

According to Dr. Max A. Buskirk, Jr., Director of the Department's Bureau of Animal Industry, bovine tuberculosis is a chronic disease which attacks the lymphatic system of cattle. It may localize in the lungs or cause lesions in the mammary glands. Although bovine tuberculosis is communicable to humans, the pasteurization process kills the tuberculosis organisms in milk before it is sold to consumers.

Van Buskirk noted that it is illegal to sell raw milk from a quarantined tuberculosis herd or from an individual cow that has tested positive for bovine tuberculosis.



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