

Roxanne Gabel wins Perry crown

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NEWPORT — Perry County has a new dairy princess: Roxanne Lea Gabel, of Newport. Alternate princess is Patti Dum, of Elliottsburg, and other members of the dairy court are Brenda Hummel and Melinda Innerst.

Roxanne was crowned as the highlight of the annual pageant, held last Saturday evening at Newport Fairgrounds, in conjunction with the annual Perry County Arts and Crafts Heritage Day.

Although a downpour lashed the opening of the pageant on the fairgrounds stage, about 200 braved the summer storm to applaud the interviews and question-answer sessions emceed by county agent John Harris.

The new princess is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Gabel, of R1 Newport. She is a 1980 graduate of Newport High School and is currently employed as a clerk-typist at the Mechanicsburg Defense Depot.

Her 4-H activities have included dairy and cantaloupe club projects, and she was a member of the Wila Community Club. Roxanne participates in the Perry County Junior Holstein Club activities and is active with the Wila United Methodist Church, where she is church pianist, a Sunday School teacher and coordinates the youth fellowship.

In answer to her "fish-bowl" question on the biggest contribution that a dairy princess

makes, Roxanne said that a milk promotion spokesperson should not only promote dairy products, but also the positive image of the dairy farmer.

First-alternate Patti Dum is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dum, R1 Elliottsburg. A 1982 graduate of West Perry High School, she has completed one year of study at Harrisburg Area Community College. Majoring in banking and finance, Patti hopes to pursue a career with the Farm Credit system.

A member of the Perry County Junior Holstein Club, Patti's 4-H projects reflected her dairy interest and she completed projects in dairy and dairy goat clubs, plus sewing projects. An active member of Messiah Lutheran Church, she is a member of the church's volleyball team.

During the pageant program, outgoing princess Kimberly Kreibel reviewed her year representing Perry County's dairy farmers and expressed thanks for the widespread support given her reign.

Judges for the pageant were Kathy King, and Joyce Buyp, York county dairy farmers, and Lynn Tilton, senior editor of Pennsylvania Farmer magazine.

A cow milking contest pitted area celebrities against one another in filling the milk pails, and entries in a dairy dessert contest were sampled by the audience following the princess pageant ceremonies.



Perry County's dairy princess and her court will help promote the milk industry during the next year. Seated left is princess Roxanne Gabel, and alternate Patti Dum. Standing, left, is Brenda Hummel and Melinda Innerst.

Schuylkill Co. crowns Reichwein

POTTSVILLE — Meladee Reichwein, R1 Ashland, was crowned 1983 Schuylkill County Dairy Princess, here, at Boscov's Auditorium, Fairlane Village Mall, recently.

Meladee, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reichwein, is a senior at North Schuylkill High School where she is active in the band front, chorus, ecology club, F.B.L.A. and National Honor Society. Meladee will participate in the State Dairy Princess Pageant during September at Harrisburg.

Dawn Spiece, R1., Zion Grove, was named Alternate Dairy Princess. Dawn attends West Hazelton High School and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Spiece. She is a member of advanced chorus and church choir, a Sunday School teacher, and

president of Nuremberg 4-H.

Both girls will attend a training seminar, July 11-13, at Lycoming College, Williamsport.

Ernest Miller, Berks Co. dairy farmer, served as master of ceremonies.

Anne Daubert, 1982 Schuylkill County Dairy Princess, gave her farewell address. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Daubert, R1., Pine Grove, Anne was escorted by Kent Heffner, also of Pine Grove.

Melanie Brown, Pine Grove, provided music for the pageant.

Judges included: Phoebe Bitler, Berks Co. home economist; Ronald Dietz, associate professor, Penn State University, Schuylkill Campus; Josephine Rosenberger, former assistant to dean of student affairs, Penn State University, Schuylkill Campus.

4-H'ers renovate Schuylkill Co. farm

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN — The "old" Schuylkill County Farm located aside of the Penn State Schuylkill Campus is undergoing a face-lift. County 4-H'ers, leaders, and other volunteers are staging a massive renovation effort to turn the "old" farm into a "new" fairgrounds. Their efforts will be rewarded with the first Schuylkill County 4-H Fair on August 5, 6, and 7.

The last time the 4-H Clubs were involved in a Schuylkill County Fair was in the 1930s. The fairgrounds were located where Cressona Aluminum now stands. In an effort to revive the County Fair in Schuylkill, the 4-H Clubs have taken their first step this year in preparing for their first 4-H

Fair. Over the next few years, various classes will be open to the public in an effort to qualify for Pennsylvania Fair Funds. Twenty-five percent of the total classes must be open to the public to qualify. The Fair funds will then be received only after a three-year waiting period.

The 4-H Clubs are seeking agriculture related exhibits for display indoors or outdoors such as: Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America, Grange, farm equipment, etc. Educational exhibit set-up is free. Commercial exhibits cost will be \$25, plus 10 percent of any profits. To date, the Schuylkill Conservation District, Soil Conservation Service, Cressona

Biesecker wins Franklin dairy crown

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CHAMBERSBURG — Allison Biesecker, 17, was recently crowned the 1983 Franklin County Dairy Princess at Kauffman's Community Center, Kauffman.

Allison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Biesecker, Waynesboro. She is a 1983 graduate of Waynesboro Area Senior High School. Presently the new princess is working on the family farm, but this fall will enter Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, where she plans to major in either animal or dairy husbandry.

Allison was crowned by Michelle Martin, last year's princess. Upon relinquishing her title, Michelle plans to attend Shippensburg State University as an elementary education major.

A first for the Dairy Princess Contest was the presentation of the Earl Strine Memorial Award for the best onstage performance in honor and remembrance of the late Earl Strine, who served on numerous agricultural committees including Farm-City Week, Franklin County Fair Board, and master of ceremonies for the dairy princess contest.

Allison won the first annual Earl Strine Memorial Award for her onstage performance and presen-

Agway, Koch's Farm Supply, PA Department of Agriculture, Berks-Lehigh Farm Credit, and the Schuylkill County Dairy Association have reserved indoor booths. About 10 additional indoor 10' x 10' spaces with electricity are still available. Outdoor space is virtually limitless. Call Craig R. Morgan, 4-H agent, at 385-3431 to reserve your space today.

The schedule of events for the Fair is all but finalized. The 4-H Fair will open at noon on Friday, August 5.



Allison Biesecker, center, is the new 1983 Franklin County Dairy Princess. April Martin, right, is the first runner-up and to the left, Deborah Cashell was crowned the second runner-up. The Princess and her court were recently crowned at the 16th annual Franklin County Dairy Princess Contest held at the Kauffman Community Center.

tation about the versatility of milk.

Chosen as first runner-up was April Martin, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Martin of Chambersburg.

Another first at the dairy princess competition was the selection of a second runner-up. Winning the title of second runner-up was Deborah Cashell, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cashell, Chambersburg.

A second runner-up was chosen due to the responsibilities and travelling involved for the dairy princess. Miss Cashell will share alternative duties with Miss Martin.

Other contestants for the title were Kimberly Timmons, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Timmons, Greencastle and Sandra Offutt, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Offutt, Dry Run.