

# Jill Snyder crowned 1984 Beaver/Lawrence County Dairy Princess

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NEW CASTLE — Honors were bestowed for the second time to the Joseph W. Snyder family, Volant, as their second daughter, Jill, received the Beaver/Lawrence Dairy Princess banner and tiara Saturday, June 2.

The seventeen-year-old brunette accepted the crown and bouquet of

roses with tears in her hazel eyes as her sister Jolene Snyder Kroll, the 1982 Beaver/Lawrence and Pennsylvania Dairy Princess was among the first to greet her. This is the first time that sisters have won the coveted crown since the beginning of the dairy princess pageants in 1975.

She was also voted by the other contestants as 'Miss



Alternate Kristen Swick and the newly crowned 1984-85 Beaver/Lawrence Dairy Princess Jill Snyder, who was also voted by the contestant as Miss Congeniality.



Jill Snyder, 1984 Beaver/Lawrence Co. Dairy Princess, portrayed the "Hare" who runs the Susie's Super Dairy Spa and who was working to get in shape for the Marathon Milk Race. At the end of the finish line there was milk for everyone and the "Hare" passed out Marathon Cards to the audience.

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Jill has just completed her junior year at Wilmington Area High School where she was active in the girls basketball and volleyball teams and a member of the National Honor Society and Latin Club. She was also the high school sports reporter for the New Wilmington Globe News.

The family's 250-acre dairy farm with 76 Holsteins keeps Jill busy with the daily chores. She owns five head and is a junior member of the Holstein Association. As a Yankee 4-H Dairy Club member for eight years has had the opportunity to show her projects and to be on the Lawrence County dairy bowl team. Throughout her years in 4-H she has served on various committees.

Being employed as a waitress at Forbes Drive-In, a popular ice cream restaurant, Jill may help them increase their business! She is a member of the Plain Grove Presbyterian Church and her future plans are to become a physical therapist after graduation.

Jill as the "Hare" at Susie's Super Dairy Spa captured the audience's attention while she prepared and exercised for the MILK Marathon Race during her presentation. Making contact with the audience, she passed out Milk Marathon Race cards, adding the finishing touch to her skit.

Kristen Swick, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Swick, Beaver Falls, was selected as the alternate. Her family owns

over 100 head of registered Brown Swiss, five of which are hers. She also owns two registered Jerseys, and has been a member of the Jersey Association of the past seven years.

An eight-year member of the Beaver County 4-H Dairy Club, she recently won a Jersey calf from the Beaver County Kiwanis Club who sponsored a scrapbook contest for the county's dairy 4-H members. Showing her prize animals and milking on the farm are only a few of her many talents.

Her main school activities included track, cross country, Varsity R and Tri-Hi-Y. She just completed her junior year at Riverside High School.

She posed as Lerk from outer space and conducted a unique conversation with her Robot. Coming from the Planet Cola, Lerk states, "Who knows, they may even change the name to MILK Planet when I get back!"

Other contestants were Cindy Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fisher, Portersville, and Arletta Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Smith, Georgetown. Cindy's presentation was on "Gertrude the Guernsey Cow" on the Fisher Dairy Farm. Posing as "Bessie the Cow," Arletta concluded her skit by giving a summer cooler drink recipe.

Master of Ceremonies for the event was David Rynd, the regional program leader of agriculture in the western region of the Pennsylvania State University, Shenango Campus, Sharon. To celebrate the county's 10th anniversary each dairy princess received a long-stem red rose and spoke before all attending. Past county dairy princesses attending were 1975 princess Debbie Trotter Liggett, 1978 princess Kim Teets Sharpless, 1980 princess Renee Swick, 1981 princess Sharlene Reno, 1982 princess Jolene Snyder Kroll and the 1982 Pennsylvania Dairy Princess. Bidding farewell this year was April Kroll, who completed her last appearance by saying, "Whomever wins, it will be a very special thing in her life."

Judges were Mr. Mel Eckhaus, director of field services of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, Camp Hill; Miss Judy Wolford, writer for Farm and Dairy of Salem, Ohio; and Mr. William Phillips, Magoning County Ag. Extension Agent, Canfield, Ohio, who addressed the girls before the crowning saying, "There are winners and there is the rest of us! You have restored the faith in the youth of America!"

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