

Butler County celebrates dairy month with recipe and ice cream eating contests

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BUTLER — The Butler County Milk Promotion Committee celebrated June Dairy Month with festivities at the Butler Mall from June 13 to 16. An ice cream eating contest and the annual recipe contest highlighted the festivities on June 14.

Mary Lorenzini, Butler, took the grand prize in the recipe contest with her "Zuppa Inglese," or English Soup, recipe. She competed with 30 other entrants for the "Best of Show" award and a \$35 bonus cash award.

Mary's finished product was a large, attractive pound cake that she said she makes for special occasions and holidays. She explained that the English people used a lot of rum in their cake recipe, giving it a soupy texture that required a spoon to eat. Mary uses only ½ cup of rum in her recipe, along with a variety of milk products. The cake also won the dessert division and a \$25 prize. While Mary has won other cooking contests in the past, this is the first time she competed in the Dairy Foods Recipe Contest.

Thirteen recipes competed in the dessert division, with second place going to Pat Campbell for her Pistachio Dessert recipe and third place going to Mrs. John S. Pawlowicz, Sr. for her Buttermilk Sherbet recipe.

Other categories in the contest included salads and main dish casseroles. In each category the first-place winner received \$25, the second-place winner \$15 and the third-place winner a Butler County Homemaker Cookbook.

In the Salad category, Sheila Slippey, Evans City, took first place with her Shrimp Salad and Zilda Graham, Connoquenessing, took second with her Cheese Pineapple Mold. Betty Jane Reno, Valencia, took third place with Garbozos Dip.

Cheeseasy ZUKE Surprise Casserole won over six other entries in the main dish casserole category. Martha Snider, Sarver, prepared this dish. Devonshire Sandwich, prepared by Pat Torso, Gibsonia, took second place and NBC Soup, made by Mrs. Jesse Raabe, took third.

Judges Helen Voegler and Jacqueline McIntyre, both home economists from Butler, tasted a sample of each recipe, each containing at least one cup of a dairy product.

Butler Extension Home Economist Delores Williams coordinated and planned this year's event with the help of the committee.

"The entries were up this year as the premiums were increased, making it much more worthwhile to enter," she said.

Copies of the recipes entered in the contest are available by contacting Mrs. Williams at the County Extension Office or by phoning 412-287-4761.

The Annual Ice Cream Eating Contest began at 1 p.m. with contestants randomly selected from a list of Butler County officials and area children and adults.

For the fourth consecutive year, 11 county officials and two local radio stations participated in the contest. Bob Brandon, WBUT radio, was the official announcer and gave live coverage of the contest in the mall.

Contestants were divided into four age divisions starting at four years. All participants indulged in Real ice cream from the Valley Dairy in the mall and received prizes of ½ gallon of chocolate milk, a pound of butter, ice cream cones, cheese, I Love MILK tote bags and dairy promotion T-shirts provided by the county committee and Valley Dairy.

Winners were: in the 6 and under category - Sharon Rader, Connoquenessing, and Sheriff Dennis C. Rickard, Butler, 7-10 years - Charrie Shipton, Evans City, and WBUT's Cathy Miler; 11-14 years - Dave Dickison, Butler and Prothonotary Glenna M. Walters; 15-? - Marie Grote, Evans City, and the Register and Recorder Jon W. Campbell.

Also participating in the event were Deputy Cornor John Look, Treasurer Joan T. Chew, District Magistrate 3-3 James H. Galbreath, Commissioner Huff's secretary, Irene Pflugh, State Senator Tim Shaffer, House of Representatives 12th Legal District and U.S. Representative Joseph P. Kolter; Joan Janaszek representing Howard L. Fargo of the 8th Legislative District. U.S. Representative Joseph P. Kolter was represented by Scooter Matuke along with WISR's Dave Malarkey.

Contestants drawn at random were Erin Moad, Nicky Ferrer, Joel Graham, Sereina Prowell, Brian Prowell, Mary Liberto, John



The Dairy Foods Recipe Contest winner Mary Lorenzini shows off her winning cake while the judges and contest chairman look on. From left to right are Helen Voegler, judge; Delores Williams, coordinator; Mary Lorenzini, contest winner; and Jacqueline McIntyre, judge.



Participants in the Annual Ice Cream Eating Contest at the Butler Mall, scoop spoonfuls of delicious ice cream into their partners' mouths. The contest was part of the Butler County's festivities for June dairy month.

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During the contest each contestant was bibbed, blind-folded and given a bowl of ice cream and

a spoon to feed each other across the table. The object, was to see who could finish their ice cream first.

The committee also held a calf

naming contest in conjunction during the dairy festivities as well as a cheese booth, a milk booth and a novelty shop where dairy items were sold.

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