

Joyce Freehling wears Armstrong County Dairy Princess crown



1984 Armstrong County Dairy Princess Joyce Freehling (center) and her court from left, are Carol Aden, Bonnie Wilson, Pamela Grooms, Joyce Freehling, Susan Houser, Lara Wilson and Becky Stewart.

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FORD CITY — Joyce Freehling was crowned 1984 Armstrong County Dairy Princess during a pageant at the Lenape Vocational-Technical School in Ford City last Saturday night. Joyce is the county's first dairy princess in five years and competed for the title with six other contestants, who honored her as Miss Congeniality.

Joyce is the daughter of Lester and Janet Freehling. The large family farm, Star-Lite Acres, consists of 275 acres and an additional 325 rented acres. Milking 80 head of Holsteins with well over 120 calves and heifers keeps the 18-year-old princess busy. Joyce also helps with the feeding, harvesting and anything else that needs done.

She has been a member of the Worthington 4-H Dairy Club for the past four years and is treasurer this year. She is also a junior Holstein member. Joyce and her family are members of the Worthington Evangelical Lutheran Church.

A June graduate of Kittanning Senior High School, Joyce also

attended the Lenape Vo-Tech School, majoring in cosmetology, and served as secretary of the Cosmetology Club. She will begin school in September at the Kittanning Beauty School on a scholarship.

Alternate Dairy Princess is Pamela Grooms, the 16-year-old daughter of Thomas and Mary Jean Grooms, who own a 175-acre dairy farm in Dayton. Teg Mag Acres has 120 head of registered and grade Holsteins with 50 milking. Pam said she does a variety of chores on the dairy farm.

She has been a member of the Dayton 4-H Dairy Club for four years and was the club's vice president last year. She is a six-year member of the Dayton 4-H Livestock Club, where she participates in hog and Holstein projects. She also is a member of 4-H, taking part in sewing and cooking.

Pam recently completed her junior year at Dayton High School, where she was on the decorating committee for the prom and was a basketball player. Pam is a member of the Concord Presbyterian Church and helps with their Bible school.

The school auditorium, simply decorated for the pageant, was filled with countains waiting to see who would become the first dairy princess since Barb Stitt relinquished her crown five years ago.

Master of Ceremonies Larry Rupp asked each girl a randomly-selected question during the first round of eliminations. Judges Hap Nicholas of WACB Radio, and Eugene and Carol Schurman from the Indiana County Extension Office, had the job of selecting four semi-finalists. Joyce and Pam were joined by Lara Wilson, the daughter of Donald and Shirley Wilson of Worthington, and Susan House, the daughter of Robert and Lois Hourse, Templeton. The girls answered another round of questions before the judges made their final decision.

Entertainment was provided by magician James Wingard. Former Armstrong Dairy Princesses Charlene Ruffaner, 1973; Kay Cornish Thomas, 1974; and Janet Flemming Walker and runner-up Shirley Goodheart Walker, 1975; were recognized. More recent dairy princesses Susan Steward Kreutzer, 1977; Karen Alcorn, 1978; and Barb Stitt, 1979; were also honored.

A reception for the new princess and her court followed the ceremony.

Angie Colyer

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Angie is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Colyer of R2 Mifflintown. Angie has completed her junior year at Juniata High School, where she is very active in musical organizations. She plans to continue her formal education in the area of agriculture after graduation from high school.

Alternates Marlene Book and Debbie Dressler will assist Angie in her milk promotion activities. Marlene is the 19-year-old daughter of Janet Davis of R2 Mifflintown, and Mr. and Mrs. C. George Book of Mexico. Marlene is a 1983 graduate of Juniata High School, where she is very active in various musical organizations. She is presently employed by the Rite-Aid company at Camp Hill.

Debbie is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dressler of R1 Thompsontown. Debbie will be a senior at East Juniata High School in September. She is a member of the National Honor Society and plans to pursue a career in food preparation and nutrition after graduating from high school.



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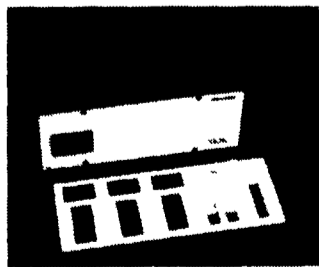
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