

Martinsburg teen is new Blair County dairy princess

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ROARING SPRING — Laurie Smith of Martinsburg R2 was crowned Blair County dairy princess April 25 during the annual pageant at the Spring Cove Junior High School.

Laurie, the daughter of Dennis and Margaret Smith, received her crown from 1985 princess Sheila Biddle.

During the event, contestants were asked questions to test their knowledge of the dairy industry. Laurie was asked: "How do you persuade a football player who thinks milk is for sissies that it is good for him?"

Laurie responded that it takes a big person to stand up to the crowd who is drinking soda pop and to be different by drinking milk. She would also tell him to look at the many major league athletes who drink milk.

Laurie is a junior at Central High School, where she is involved in the Girl's Athletic Association, Concert Chorus, Health Careers Club and National Honor Society. She is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Laurie lives with her parents on the family's 200-acre dairy farm and helps milk the 59 Holsteins.

Jenny Bigelow, Williamsburg, was named alternate princess. She is the daughter of William and June Bigelow. Jenny is a junior at Huntingdon Christian Academy, where she is a member of the volleyball and basketball teams. She plays the piano and organ at the Calvary Bible Church.

Jenny is a member of the 4-H dairy club, 4-H baby beef club and the Blair County dairy judging



Sheila Biddle crowns Blair County's new dairy princess Laurie Smith as alternate Jenny Bigelow looks on.

team. She helps milk 50 Holsteins and Brown Swiss on her family's 146-acre farm.

Sheila Biddle, 1985 Blair County dairy princess, showed a slide presentation of her very busy year. She wrote over 20 newspaper articles, recorded 43 radio spots and spoke to over 100 classes of school children. She also appeared in numerous parades in an old-fashioned milk wagon her family made for her.

Another highlight of the evening was a parade of future dairy

princesses. Over 20 girls aged 4 to 12 participated in the parade.

Pat Bowers of WKMC/WHPA Radio served as mistress of ceremonies. Judges for the contest were Dr. Donald Evans, assistant dean of Extension at Penn State; Mrs. Mary Ann Snider, Bedford County dairy farm wife, and Mrs. Judy Shade, a member of the Huntingdon County dairy promotion committee.

After the pageant, everyone adjourned to the cafeteria for a pie and ice cream social.

Bucks, Montgomery youth to attend PAFC Institute

CREAMERY — Five youths from the Bucks-Montgomery County area have been selected to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Farmers' Cooperatives Summer Institute, July 6 to 9, at Juniata College, Huntingdon.

The youths, representing their 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters, were selected from 14 participants attending the annual One-Day Institute of the Bucks-Montgomery PAFC Council. The event was

recently hosted by the Montgomery County Extension Service, Creamery.

Those to attend the Summer Institute are: Tricia McMahon, Green Lane, Montgomery County 4-H; Joe Fitzgerald, Philadelphia, W.B. Saul FFA Chapter; Beth Kent, Lansdale, Montgomery County 4-H; Renee Quigley, Pottstown, West Montgomery FFA; and Rick Troxel, Perkaspie, Bucks County 4-H. Alternates are Craig Kinsky, Lansdale, Montgomery County 4-H; and Chenita Thompson, Philadelphia, W.B.

Saul FFA Chapter.

Miss McMahon is a second-year PAFC scholar and will participate in the agribusiness explorers program. The remaining 4-H and FFA members are first-year scholars. Their selection was based on an activities report and a quiz on cooperatives.

The PAFC Summer Institute is held each year and is geared toward helping high school youth learn about cooperatives and the services they provide their members.



Selected to represent the Bucks-Montgomery Council at the PAFC Summer Institute are, front from left, Craig Kinsky, Rick Troxel and Joe Fitzgerald. Back from left, Glenn Wismer, Bucks-Montgomery PAFC president, Tricia McMahon, Beth Kent, Chenita Thompson, Renee Quigley and Jon Van Ingen, Bucks-Montgomery PAFC treasurer.

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