

Bucks County Crowns Diane Moyer Dairy Princess

QUAKERTOWN — Dairy Princesses were center stage at the Richland Mall on June 7 for the 16th annual Bucks County Dairy Princess Pageant.

Diane Moyer, daughter of Mary and Dick Moyer, Perkasio, was crowned the 1986 Bucks County Dairy Princess. She received her crown from her sister Brenda, the 1984 Dairy Princess.

During school this Pennridge High School senior participates in volleyball. She also serves as the MYF secretary and is active on her church's softball team.

For her skit, Diane went to the "barn" singing. She reminisced about how her grandmother and her mother had also gone to the

barn singing. Diane then proceeded to praise dairy products in song by singing original words to a popular country tune.

Claudia Ulmer, daughter of Carole and Gerald Ulmer, was named Alternate Dairy Princess and Miss Congeniality.

She is a senior at Palisades High School. In addition to dance lessons, Claudia raises sheep and enjoys all types of sports.

Portraying an old-fashioned school teacher, Claudia made her point about dairy products by "teaching class." Using an easel and posters, she informed the group on dairy's nutritive values.

Vicky Beyer, daughter of Louise and Jim Beyer, Doylestown; and

Marian Bishop, daughter of Mary and Dick Moyer, Perkasio, were the other two contestants.

The girls performed their skits for the judges, and the evening's audience, on the stage erected for them by the Richland Mall. Both

performances were open for the shopping crowd's enjoyment. This contest was held in conjunction with "Dairy Day at the Mall."

Judges for the pageant were: Penrose Hallowell, former Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture;

Maxine Plummer, instructor in biology at Buck County Community College; and James Shoemaker, an insurance agent from Bucks County. John Plummer, professor at Delaware Valley College was the master of ceremonies.

Dairy Goats Kickoff 'Big Weekend'

BELLEFONTE — Earlier this week dairy goats in the state and nation received the attentions of the big men in politics.

President Reagan proclaimed next week as National Dairy Goat Awareness Week. Gov. Thornburgh proclaimed next week Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Week.

Thursday, the American Dairy Goat Association presented six goats, one of each major breed, to the Reagans.

Accepting the goats was Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng. "I'm pleased to accept this goats on behalf of the President. The President appreciates very much the thought that went behind this, and the goats will be known as the President's herd," Lyng commented.

These goats will travel to the Reagans' ranch in California and become the foundation for their new herd. Approximately 25 years ago the Reagans had goats on their ranch.

At the signing of the Pennsylvania proclamation, Thornburgh noted that two stuffed goats given to him by the Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association were one of the nicest gifts he has ever received. He also admitted his fondness for goat milk fudge.

The Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association kicked off this prestigious week with the opening of their annual "Big Weekend" at

the Huntingdon Fairgrounds. Over 500 entries from six state are expected for the three day show which concludes tomorrow.



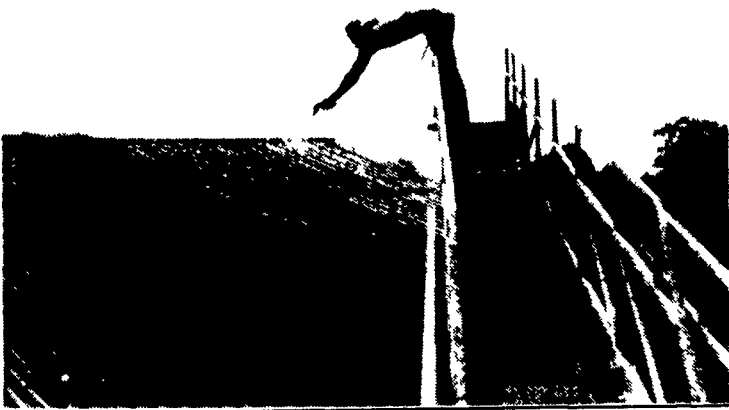
Diane Moyer is the 1986 Bucks County Dairy Princess.



President Reagan and Governor Thornburgh have designated next week, June 15 to 22, as a special week to increase the public's awareness of this member of the dairy industry.

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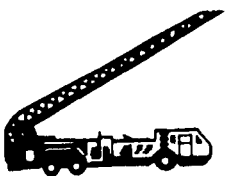
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Crickets, long the insomniac's enemy, have been considered fortunetellers, doctors, and athletes the world over. *International Wildlife* magazine reports that Europeans once thought the cricket bite cured warts; the Chinese placed bets on cricket fights; and, that Kayapa Indians in Brazil still believe the song of the cricket portends death.

Don't Bury Your Onions

Gardeners often regard the onion as a root crop. Actually, the onion bulb is 95 percent leaf tissue according to Jeff Jabco, Delaware County Cooperative Extension Agricultural Agent. The bulb has a wafer-thin stem, referred to as a "stem plate" because it is flat, much like a dinner plate. Roots grow downward from this compressed stem. The rest of the onion bulb is composed of the thickened bases of the leaves.

Gardeners frequently make the mistake of mounding soil over the onion bulb. When this is done, the bulb stops enlarging and decay organisms often invade the bulb tissue. The bulb must continue to be exposed to the sun; gardeners are advised to leave about two-thirds of the bulb exposed. For true root crops, such as carrots, the tops should be covered with soil.