

Lancaster Dairy Princess Pamela Kindig Receives A Hearty Welcome

BY SUZANNE KEENE
LANCASTER — Many of Lancaster County's former dairy princesses were on hand to congratulate the newly-crowned 1986-87 county dairy princess Pamela Kindig last Saturday evening. Pamela, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Kindig, Conestoga, received her crown during the annual pageant at the Farm and Home Center.

In honor of the 50th anniversary celebration of June Dairy Month, 17 of the county's past princesses were welcomed to the stage, where each lighted a candle on a giant birthday cake. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the new princess ignited the remaining candle on

the top layer of the cake. "This is such an honor for me," Pamela said soon after receiving her crown. "Ever since I was a child, I wanted to be in this position."

In the coming year, Pamela will represent the county's dairymen at promotional events, in classrooms and shopping malls. She will also compete for the State Dairy Princess title this fall.

"I want to do the best I personally can do," Pamela said of her goals for the coming year.

A junior at Penn Manor High School, Pamela plans to enroll in college and study the physical sciences. She is secretary of the junior class, a member of the



1986-87 Lancaster County Dairy Princess Pamela Kindig, center, will be assisted by alternate princesses Lorri Rutt, left, and Mary Witmer, right.



1972 Lancaster County Dairy Princess Donna Book Cook lights a candle on the cake as part of the county's celebration of the 50th anniversary of June Dairy Month. At left, 1985 Dairy Princess Janae Martin watches.

National Honor Society and is on the student council.

Pamela also plays field hockey, basketball and is on the swim team. She is an assistant leader in the 4-H photography project and enjoys playing the piano and photography. Her family has 55 milking Holsteins.

Pamela will be assisted in her promotional activities by alternate princesses Lorri Rutt and Mary Witmer.

First alternate Lorri is the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rutt of Quarryville. Lorri also received an award for giving

the outstanding presentation.

For her presentation, Lorri appeared on stage as the Statue of Liberty, who explained that her body was deteriorated and took much effort to repair. However, she told the audience, humans can more easily maintain their healthy bodies by eating right and including dairy products in their diets.

Mary Witmer, the second alternate, is the 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Witmer, Willow Street.

Other contestants competing for

the crown were Jodi Bixler, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bixler, Marietta; and Jeannie Ginder, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ginder, Elizabethtown. Jeannie was selected Miss Congeniality by the other contestants.

Judges for the event were Phoebe Bitler, a home economist from Lebanon County and a former Berks County Dairy Princess; Robert Eckstine, a Mercersburg farmer; and Betty Rode, a retired Pennsylvania Department of Ag employee. Grover Gouker served as emcee.

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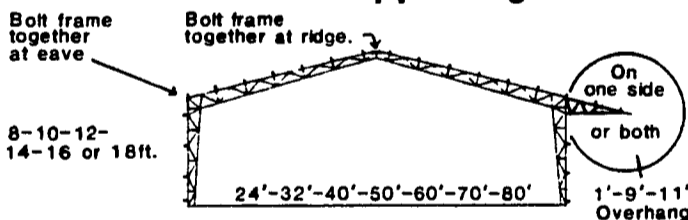
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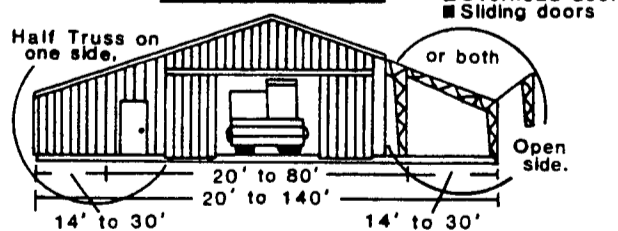
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