

# Six To Compete For Berks County Dairy Princess Title

LEESPORT — Six contestants will compete for the 1987 Berks County Dairy Princess title Saturday, May 16 at the County Agricultural Center.

The contestants are Kay Fessler, R1 Robeson; Linda Latshaw, R1 Alburdis; Clarinda Leatherman, R2 Hamburg; Shaun O'Neil, R2 Hamburg; Cathleen Ohlinger, R2 Mohrsville; and Heather Schlegel, R2 Fleetwood.

Prior to the 7 p.m. banquet, a panel of three judges will interview the contestants to test their knowledge of the dairy industry. Contestants will also give a promotional presentation about milk and/or other dairy products.

The contestants and their mothers were introduced to the program at an orientation luncheon held recently at the home of Carol Kurtz, the current Berks County dairy princess, and at several workshops held prior to the contest. The workshops included public speaking, poise, color analysis, dairy science and nutrition.

Contestant Kay Fessler is a junior at Conrad Weiser High School, where she is president of the FFA chapter. She is also active in the Conrad Weiser marching and concert bands, Hain's Church youth group, Junior Classical League, yearbook staff and prom committee.

Kay enjoys reading, animals, and working with people, especially children. Her future plans include studying nursing at

Penn State University. Kay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fessler, milk 83 Holsteins and farm alfalfa, corn and grain crops on their 600 acres at Robesonia R1.

Linda Latshaw, the daughter of Earl and Joyce Latshaw, R1 Alburdis, is a junior at Brandywine Heights High School. She is an officer in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America; a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, the Hereford Mennonite Church and youth group.

During her spare time, Linda can be found drawing, cross-stitching or working on a computer. The Latshaw family has been on their 171-acre farm for 51 years and milks 48 Holsteins.

The daughter of Dan and Nancy Leatherman of R2 Hamburg, Clarinda is a senior at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, where she is a school business assistant. She is president of her church youth group at Oley Mennonite Church and spends her late afternoons working part-time as a bookkeeper for the Harleysville National Bank.

A former home ec 4-H member and officer, she enjoys baking, house and yard chores, crafts as well as talking and skiing. Clarinda's parents own and operate a 147-acre dairy farm milking 60 Holsteins.

Shaun O'Neil, the daughter of Ronald O'Neil, R2 Hamburg, is a junior at Hamburg Area High School. She is an active member of the FFA, chorus, glee club and



Contestants competing for the 1987 Berks County dairy princess title are, standing from left, Linda Latshaw, Shaun O'Neil, Cathleen Ohlinger, Clarinda Leatherman and Kay Fessler. Heather Schlegel is not present. In front is 1986 Berks County Dairy Princess Carol Kurtz.

ensemble. In her spare time, she often helps her dad milk their 43 head of Holsteins and enjoys reading and singing. Shaun's family has been on their 140-acre farm growing corn and alfalfa for 22 years.

Cathleen, a 10-year 4-H member, is the 20-year-old daughter of Ruth and Elwood Ohlinger, R2 Mohrsville. Since graduating from Schuylkill Valley High School, she has worked both on and off the home farm helping to take care of

the family's 350 registered Holsteins and 450 acres.

While in school, she was active on the field hockey and track teams, and now she is a member in the Pa. Jr. Holstein Association, Ontelaunee Grange and the Berh Lutheran Church.

Some of Cathleen's favorite pasttimes include showing dairy cattle, riding horses, drawing, painting, reading, sewing, cooking, volleyball and some field work. Her future plans include studying commercial art and design.

Heather Schlegel is the daughter of Sharon and Kenneth Schlegel. A junior at Fleetwood Area High School, she plans to attend college. Heather participates in activities at the Fleetwood Grange and in other Grange activities at the state and national level.

Heather is a member of several 4-H clubs and takes dairy, sewing and food projects. She also finds time to help care for the 84 milking Holsteins on the family's 270-acre farm near Fleetwood.

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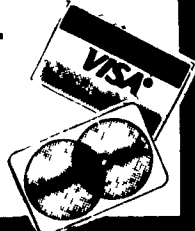
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