

Rebecca Sonnen Named Lebanon County Dairy Princess

ANNVILLE — Rebecca Sonnen became the latest ambassador for the Lebanon County dairy industry June 13 at the county's annual dairy princess pageant.

Angela Bollinger received the alternate dairy princess title at ceremonies held at the Anville Elementary School.

The 1987 dairy princess will be a senior at Conrad Weiser High School this fall where she belongs to the Future Farmers of America and works on the school

newspaper. Rebecca is a member of the concert band, marching band and the National Honor Society.

In the future the 17-year-old daughter of Paul M. and Marilyn Sonnen, Richland, plans to attend college to major in communications and public relations. The Sonnens raise a herd of 80 Holsteins on their 200-acre farm.

As part of her presentation, the newly crowned princess portrayed Little Red Riding Hood carrying a basket of dairy products to her

Grandmother's house. She explained the facts of and need for each dairy product in her basket. 'Little Red Riding Hood' noted that Grandmother always said, "A dinner without cheese is like a kiss without a squeeze."

The alternate princess is the 16-year-old daughter of Donald and Rosene Bollinger, Newmanstown. Angela will be a senior at Elco High School this fall. In high school she is active in the FFA Chapter and the National Honor Society.

She is a member of the Elco 4-H dairy club and the county's junior Holstein club.

Upon graduation, Angela plans to enter college and major in dairy science. She presently lives with her family on their 130-acre, 100-head Holstein farm.

Also competing for the title were Marcy Barnhart, Sherry Donmoyer, Sheila Hostetter and Laura

Harding.

Judges for the event were Phoebe Bitler, coordinator for Berks County Dairy Farmers Association; Cecilia Deck, senior home economist in the test kitchens at Hershey Foods; and J. Harold Bare, Chester County dairy farmer. Mike Firestine of Lebanon Valley Bank served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



Recently I attended "Craft Days" at the Landis Valley Museum near Lancaster. I went with several of my children — in fact our milk tank driver said our place looked like a lot for used cars. Considering the fact that I purchased a new one not so long ago that statement didn't make me too happy. One was a rented car as our daughter flew from Atlanta as a consultant for her recent employer.

But back to the craft show at the museum. There were some 30 volunteers demonstrating their particular interests. I'd guess we saw only half of them as they were scattered over the grounds.

Many brought back memories. Broom making was in process and I remembered that my grandfather grew broom corn and then

had it made into child-sized brooms for his grandchildren.

The blacksmith shop reminded me of the times that I led our two work horses, Ben and Fred, to the shop five miles away. No, I wasn't allowed to ride them. I had to lead them to the shop.

The most interesting demonstration to me was the flax and wool processing. I'm always amazed at the time consumed in making a small amount of thread. And, then when I considered that it had yet to be woven into cloth. Even the preparation of the flax plants, before spinning could begin, was tremendously time consuming. When I grew flax in my garden, I always enjoyed the beautiful small blue flowers that it had.

This year I didn't notice that

Broken Bit Horse And Pony 4-H Club

The Broken Bit Horse and Pony 4-H Club will hold a horse show June 21 at the Lower Hopewell Horse Center. The show is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

The show will offer 31 classes, including adult's and children's equitation, pleasure and racing classes. There will also be adult, children and racing championships.

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they showed filling "chaff bags" with straw. However, I well remember spending my youth sleeping on a bag stuffed with straw. It was fine at first but after a few months it surely flattened out. Ah, memories!



Rebecca Sonnen (right) was crowned in the 1987 Lebanon County dairy princess in ceremonies held last weekend. Angela Bollinger will serve as alternate dairy princess.

Red Meat Production

HARRISBURG — Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during April 1987 totaled 82.8 million pounds dressed weight basis. This is down eight percent from last April according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef slaughter at 106 million pounds liveweight was down 12 percent from April 1986. Total head slaughtered was 89,100, down 14 percent. The liveweight averaged 1,189 pounds, up 29 pounds. Veal slaughter was down 16 percent to 3.5 million pounds liveweight. Calf slaughter of 19,400 head was down 17 percent, and the average liveweight increased five pounds to 179.

Hog slaughter at 30.4 million pounds liveweight was down three percent from last year. Total head slaughtered at 127,200 was down five percent but the average liveweight was up four pounds to 239. Lamb and mutton slaughter was 1.3 million pounds liveweight, up 12 percent. The number slaughtered was 13,500, up 12 percent from last April. The average liveweight was unchanged at 99 pounds.

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