

Five To Vie For Berks Dairy Princess Title

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LEESPORT (Berks Co.) —
There's been a lot of excitement in Berks County this week in anticipation of the Dairy Princess pageant tonight at 8 here in the Agricultural Center auditorium.

"This is first time in a few years that we've had several contestants," said Robin Phillips, one of several people helping coordinate the event, sponsored by the Berks County Dairy Farmers Association.

Last year's dairy princess, Kelly Gelsing of Womelsdorf, was the only one to compete for the honor. She and Rachel Hartman, 6, of Hamburg and the Little Miss Dairy Princess, will turn over their crowns to new princesses after the presentations.

Moreover, seating for the

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The commodity programs include Sheep and Lamb Marketing, Apple Marketing, Vegetable Marketing/Research, Peach and Nectarine Research, and Potato Research.

The boards have the authority and responsibility to manage commodity promotion programs and to distribute funds.

pageant is sold out, said Debbie Dietrich, the 4-H extension agent.

Four contestants will vie for the Little Miss title and five for the main title.

They are as follows:

Tracey Lynn Borkey, Bemville R.D. 1, is a daughter of Franklin and Bonnie Borkey Jr. She is a senior at Hamburg Area High School and works full-time on the 400-acre family farm. Of the 60 milking Holsteins in the herd, Tracey owns three. She is active in FFA, 4-H, the Berks County Junior Holstein Association, and the Shartlesville Grange.

Sandra Gross, 16, is a daughter of David and Marilyn Gross, Hamburg R.D. 1. She attends Tulpehocken High School and wants to study child psychology when she attends college.

Currently a dairy ambassador,

Sandra is involved in FFA, 4-H, the Mohrville Church of the Brethren choir, and the Berks County Junior Holstein Association. In addition to helping milk the 50 Holsteins in the herd on the 350-acre farm, Sandra also babysits. Twelve of the herd are hers.

Carrie Lynn Hetrick is the 16-year-old daughter of Randall and Cynthia Hetrick of Oley R.D. 2. After attending classes at Oley Valley High School, she helps on the 400-acre family farm owned by her grandfather, which milks 135 Holsteins, two of which she owns.

She is involved in FFA, New Life Bible Fellowship youth group, church choir, and the Oley Valley Youth League Softball. She is also a school library aide.

Sarah Johnson, 18, is the daughter of Gerard and Jean Johnson of Limekiln. She was graduated from Oley Valley High School last year and studies agricultural economics and rural sociology at the Pennsylvania State University. She is involved in the Dairy Science Club, the Block and Bridle Club, the Junior Jersey Cattle Club, 4-H, and she is a soccer coach for the State College area youth soccer team.

Her 150-acre family farm is home to five jerseys, two of which she owns.

Rebecca Ann Riegel, 18, another current dairy ambassador, is the daughter of Bruce and Florence Riegel, Mohrsville R.D. 1. A 1991 graduate of Schuylkill Valley High School, she is studying horticulture at the Pennsylvania State University.

In addition to being employed



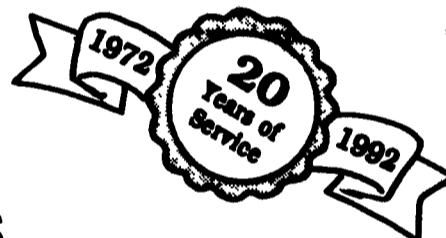
Berks County dairy princess contestants, from left, Rebecca Riegel, Tracey Borkey, Sarah Johnson, Sandra Gross, and Carrie Hetrick.

on the family farm, she is involved in the Agriculture Club, the National Honor Society, and her church youth group. Also a dairy ambassador, her family has 40 milking Holsteins on 140 acres.

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