

# Harford Fair Queen Chosen From Nine Contestants

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**HARFORD** (Susquehanna Co.)  
— Nine contestants reached the finals of the first Harford Fair Queen competition. Judged to be the winner of the contest was April Beeman, daughter of William and Virginia Beeman, Kingsley.

The Pennsylvania State County Fair Queen, Cheryl Muraski of Matamoras, placed the tiara and band on the new Queen, and proclaimed her the honor that was due her. Alternate Harford Fair Queen was Rebecca Lopatofsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Lopatofsky of Uniondale.

To qualify for the prestigious position, the candidates submitted a written essay focusing on their special interest. Each candidate must undergo an extensive interview by the judges, who consider each girl's poise, appearance, and her ability to communicate. The final consideration is in a public forum, where each candidate must give a two- to three-minute talk on the subject, "Why You Should Come To My Fair." Following this, each contestant draws a random question which must be answered off-the-cuff, and the judges consider these answers as a part of the overall qualifications. It is also important that the successful Queen and her Alternate have knowledge of agriculture and of the Susquehanna County area.

Judges for the competition were Cheryl Muraski, the Pennsylvania State County Fair Queen; Michael Franceski, president of the Forest City Commercial Association; and Kenneth Lee, the region's

Representative in the State Legislature.

April Beeman is 17 years old, and is planning to attend college. She intends to earn a degree in Political Science and then pursue a broadcasting career, or perhaps go to law school, become an attorney, and work for agricultural lobbying.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, and the French Honor Society. In school she participated in many extracurricular activities, including girls' basketball, manager of the boys' basketball team, track and field events, the school band and chorus, the yearbook staff, the defense attorney team, as well as dramas, student council, and the prom committee.

April has earned many honors. These include the County Band and the County Chorus, the Marywood Youth Honors Band, the Cedarville Youth choir, and the Minico scholarship. She earned varsity letters in track and basketball, and placed first in a Talents for Christ contest.

She numbers among her community activities active membership in the 4-H Club, the Dairy Lee Young Peoples' Cooperative, and the Springville Baptist Church.

April is a 1992 graduate of the Mountain View High School. Her parents operate a dairy farm, with a milking herd of 70 cows, and a total of 130 head.



Contestants in the Harford Fair Queen contest included, from left, Beth Burchell, Alternate Fair Queen Rebecca Lopatofsky, Pa. Fair Queen Cheryl Muraski, Harford Fair Queen April Beeman, seated, Stacy Hunsinger, Dana Harvatine, and Barbara Ryan.

home and industry. Rebecca intends to become a surgeon. She won a scholarship to St. Vincent's College, in Latrobe, where she will begin her studies this fall. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

Her achievements while in school include expertise in music, and she has entertained in many local events. She was a Rotary Student of the Month. She performed as a member of the District Band and Chorus. Other extracur-

ricular activities were field hockey, basketball, and track and field sports.

Rebecca was a participant in the Harford Bicentennial which took place two years ago. She was a contestant in the Susquehanna County Dairy Princess Contest, and is a volunteer for the Clifford Fire Company Picnic.

Other candidates in the Fair Queen Pageant were: Beth Burchell, Susquehanna, daughter of James and Susan Burchell; An-

drea Lynn Daniels, New Milford, daughter of Robert and Judith Daniels; Dana Harvatine, Thompson, daughter of Carl and Nancy Harvatine; Kimberly Hayden, Hop Bottom, daughter of Jack and Susan Rookstool; Stacy Hunsinger, Brooklyn, daughter of Richard and Ruth Hunsinger; Barbara Ryan, Montrose, daughter of Anna May and Fred Krueberg; and Theresa Supancik, Uniondale, daughter of Frank and Betsy Supancik.

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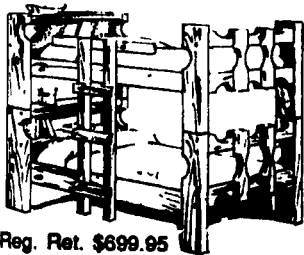
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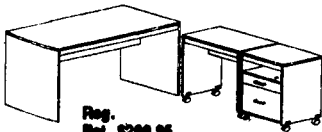
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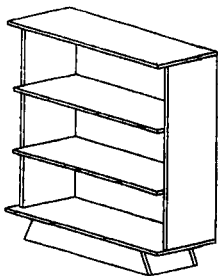
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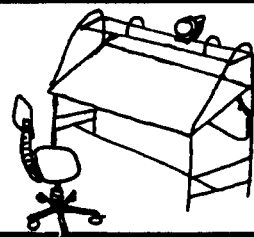
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