



Franklin County's 1993 apple royalty are, left, Apple Princess Billie Jo Cheshier, Apple Queen Heidi Martin, and Apple Princess Meredith Pratt.

## Franklin County Selects Apple Queen, Princesses

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EDENVILLE (Franklin Co.) — "Apples are one of the best foods you can possibly eat," Heidi Martin told the audience shortly before she was crowned 1993 Franklin County Apple Queen. "I'm passionate about the apple industry."

Heidi was crowned March 20 at the Franklin County Horticultural Society's Fruitgrowers Banquet, held at the Edenville Community Center.

Heidi, 17, is the daughter of Randy and Sandy Martin of Chambersburg. She is a senior at Greencastle-Antrim High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, and is on the yearbook staff. She was sponsored by her grandfather, Ralph Tracey of Tracey's Orchard, where she helped in the sales shed since she was a child.

"I grew up around apples," she said.

In the interview portion of the contest, emcee Robert Thomas of WKSL radio station asked Heidi, "What is the most important issue facing today's teens — drug and alcohol abuse, staying in school, pregnancy, or AIDS?" Heidi replied, "AIDS. You can't just go around and not worry about it. You have to be careful and responsible."

The new Queen said that during her reign she wants to work with elementary school children to teach them about apples. She wants to impress upon them how versatile apples are, both for nutritious eating and for crafts. "Picking up an apple is easier than making a batch of cookies," she added.

Also crowned at the pageant were 1993 Apple Princesses Meredith Pratt and Billie Jo Cheshier. Meredith, 16, is the daughter of Jim and Bonnie Pratt of Waynesboro. A junior at Waynesboro High School, she was sponsored by Five Forks Fruit.

The daughter of Ken and Mary Cheshier, Waynesboro, Billie Jo is a senior at Waynesboro High School. She is 19, and was sponsored by Fusting Farms Orchard.

Judges for the event were Sandy Kime, chairperson of the Adams County Apple Queen contest; Wayne Golladay of Adams County; and Linda Ordway of Chambersburg.

Jennifer Witmer, 1992 Franklin County Apple Queen and Pennsylvania Apple Queen, crowned her successor. "I've had a wonderful year," she told the audience in

her farewell remarks. "It was fun and exciting, and a real learning experience." She said she educated people about the nutritional, economic and environmental aspects of apples. Her favorite activity was visiting elementary schools and sharing with the children how important the apple is.

She participated in the Greencastle Old Home Week parade, Farm Show, and the Franklin County Fair, and worked with local radio stations for Apple Month.

"The experience was priceless," she concluded.

Jennifer was assisted in her apple-promoting activities by 1992 Princesses Tonia Horst and Brandi Tracey.

Coordinator of the contest, Carole Tracey of Greencastle, reported that Jennifer, Tonia, and Brandi handed out 3,000 samples of apple juice and sold 126 gallons of cider in three days of promotions during Ag Weekend at the Chambersburg Mall.



Jennifer Witmer, 1992 Franklin County Apple Queen, crowns her successor, Heidi Martin.

## Apple Museum Opens

**BIGLERVILLE** (Adams Co.) — The National Apple Museum will open to the general public weekends beginning Saturday, April 24, 10 to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 25, noon to 5 p.m., other days and times by appointment.

To emphasize the importance of freight train service to the apple industry, members of the Waynesboro Miniature Train Builders Association and friends will bring their marvelous train display to the museum for opening weekend. There will be no admission to the Train Show. There will be a charge to tour the display on the second level. Tour guides will be on duty. The gift shop will be open. Members of The Biglerville

Historical and Preservation Society are admitted free.

The first section of a Diorama depicting Pennsylvania's Apple Capital USA will be included in the displays on the upper level, a new addition. Consisting of miniature orchards, round barn, processing plants, Country Store, National Apple Museum.

Reservations for tour groups, birthday or anniversary parties or other special events can be made by calling chairman of Tours and Admissions Jean Fohl Slaybaugh at (717) 677-8728 or writing The National Apple Museum at 154 W. Hanover St., P.O. Box 656, Biglerville, Pa., 17307.

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