

# Contestants Prepare For Poultry Queen Pageant

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**LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)** — Three contestants will vie for the Pennsylvania and Lancaster County Poultry Queen title during the annual pageant scheduled for August 6 at the Farm and Home Center.

The contestants are Mindy Lee Dullio, Manheim; Heather Lynn Fox, Lancaster; and Melissa Kay Stauffer, Ephrata.

Mindy is the 17-year-old daughter of David and Darlene Yeager. She will be a senior at Manheim Central High School and is attending vo-tech for cosmetology. At school, Mindy is active in cheerleading and the junior achievement program. She completed every available art course offered by her high school and has earned an honorable mention in scholastics.

In her spare time, Mindy enjoys swimming, roller skating, and spending time with friends.

Mindy became interested in the poultry industry because of her mother, who is employed by Pennfield in the broiler-grower department.

Heather Lynn Fox is the 17-year-old daughter of Thomas and Margaret Fox. In the fall, she will be a senior at Conestoga Valley High School, where she is active in cheerleading, yearbook staff, Against Drugs Club, and Prom Club.

Heather has not decided what she would like to do after college. In her spare time, Heather enjoys spending time with friends, relaxing, and traveling.

Heather's ties to the poultry industry are through her job at Sauder Eggs as a case packer and through her father who works as a quality control inspector at Sauder's.

Melissa Kay Stauffer is the 18-year-old daughter of Clark and Lucy Stauffer.

Melissa attends the Lancaster Campus of Harrisburg Area Community College, where she is studying business administration.

Melissa had graduated from Ephrata High School where she was on the National Honor Society, a member of the girls' volleyball team, and secretary of the Future Business Leaders of America.

Melissa helps on her family's 65-acre farm with its 22,000 broilers, 15 acres of produce, and hog operation. She also works as a waitress at the Cloister Restaurant. In her spare time, Melissa enjoys volleyball, tennis, cooking, and spending time with friends and family.

During a recent get-together with the contestants, current Poultry Queen Melissa Yoder told them about the duties of the candidates. These include interviews with judges, a presentation promoting poultry products, and impromptu questioning during the pageant.

Applicants must have a knowledge or sincere interest in the poultry industry, and participate in parades, banquets, school promotions, and Farm Show activities.

This year, the contestant selected as the Lancaster County Poultry Queen will also serve as the Pennsylvania Poultry Queen.

She will receive a \$750 scholarship or cash. Two alternate queens will be chosen to assist in poultry promotions and will receive a

scholarship or cash.

Tickets are \$14 for the pageant dinner held on August 6 at 6:15 p.m. For tickets, contact any Lan-

caster County Poultry Association board member or call Guy Martin at (717) 626-2074 or (717) 397-7820.



Melissa Kay Stauffer



Heather Lynn Fox



Mindy Lee Dullio

## Delco 4-H Receives Grants

**MEDIA (Delaware Co.)** — Delaware County 4-H has received two youth organization grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture totaling \$17,500.

The general purpose of this grant program is to increase knowledge and awareness of agriculture among the youth of the state. In Delaware County, the grants will be used to support the educational programs and renovations at the 4-H Farm and Educational Center on the property of the Garrett-Williamson Foundation on Bishop Hollow Road, Newtown Square.

More than four thousand youth

participate in the educational programs conducted from this location each year, according to Bud Bryan, Delaware County 4-H coordinator.

The grants consist of a \$2,500 direct grant for educational programs relating to agriculture and a matching grant of \$15,000 for capital expenditures and equipment related to agricultural education for youth. Volunteers in 4-H are working hard this year to raise the necessary funds to match this grant. No money from tax sources can be used for the match.

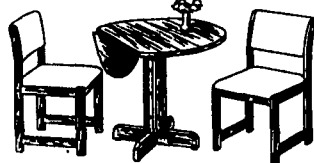
A recent visit from Boyd E. Wolff, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, included a tour of the

4-H Center and a presentation celebrating the state support of 4-H in Delaware County. 4-H members from throughout Delaware County showed Wolff the animals and poultry they are raising at the farm and discussed some of the educational programs they participate in there. Parents and adult volunteers also had an opportunity to discuss 4-H programs with the secretary.

Membership in 4-H is open to any youth age 8 through 19, regardless of where they live, race, creed, or handicap. Information on 4-H can be obtained from cooperative extension at (215) 565-9070.

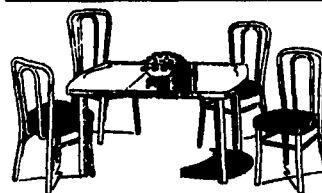
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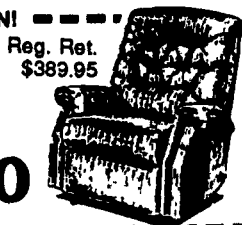
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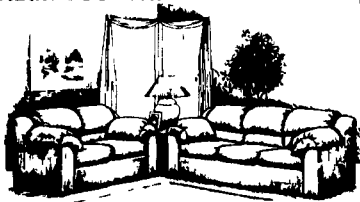
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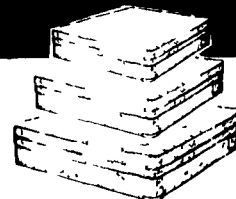
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