

Huntingdon Chooses Dairy Princess

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— The tradition of a strong dairy promotion program in Huntingdon County continued on Saturday, June 11, when sponsors, supporters, parents and others gathered at the Lincoln Grange Hall to see Monica Goshorn accept the 1994-1995 Huntingdon County Dairy Princess crown and sash.

Kara Tussey, last year's dairy princess, passed the honors and responsibilities on to Goshorn, a 17-year-old senior at Southern Huntingdon High School. Goshorn is the daughter of John and Jennifer Goshorn of Blairs Mills. She is president of the Southernette 4-H club, student council secretary, junior class secretary, FFA Chapter secretary, and is involved in SADD, St. Mary's Catholic Church Youth Group, band, chorus, and Jr. Class play. On September 24 she will compete in the state pageant in Harrisburg.

Goshorn's sole competitor was Crystal Couch of Huntingdon. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Bill and Anne Couch and a junior at Huntingdon Area High School. She serves as president of the Stone Valley 4-H Club, and is involved in the Spanish Club, the Grange as a Junior member, her youth and Sunday school classes. Crystal enjoys cooking, flower gardening, playing softball, and working with 4-H animals.

Couch presented "The Cow Corner" skit and Goshorn told about "The Six Breeds of Dairy Cows".

Emcee James Palmer, an agricultural education instructor at the Huntingdon Area High School, introduced what many hope is a strong continuation of the dairy princess program in Huntingdon County — the Dairy Maid, Dairy Miss, and Li'l Dairy Miss participants.

The 13-15-year-old Dairy Maids are Stephanie Couch, Apryle Hoover, Sherri Hoover, Lawanda Kling, Amber Lemin, and Emily Metz. Huntingdon County's Dairy Miss' are 8-12-year-old Jenny Barnett, Ash-

ley Carper, Kelly Clark, Lillian Couch, Jodi Heeter, Jodi Keith, and Melinda Kling. Serving as Li'l Dairy Miss' are 4-7-year-olds Stacie Keith and Stacy Lemin.

Kara Tussey, one of seven finalists at the State Pageant last year, presented her award-winning skit which features "Droplet", the life of a drop of milk from udder to consumption. Tussey won the state contest in Harrisburg with this skit. Tussey is a dairy and animal science student a Penn State and a distinguished junior member of the National Holstein Association.

In her farewell speech, Tussey said with the number of farmers declining to below 2%, it is easy to see how a lack of public knowledge about agriculture exists. Tussey said it is up to us to put forth the effort to educate, and that is exactly what a dairy princess does.

Couch and Goshorn presented their skits before three judges — dairy farmer Robert Gable of Newport, Perry County, and Dave and Kay Slusser of State College. Dave is general manager of DHIA and former dairy farmer and Kay is a former home economist.

Dairy Princess coordinator and vice-president of dairy promotion Shirley Heeter introduced the rest of the committee, co-coordinator Jennifer Goshorn, Cindy Lemin, and Brucette Metz. Tom Eberle serves as president of the Huntingdon County Dairy Promotion Program along with secretary Maurice Heffner and treasurer Leslie McGargle.

Earlier in the evening, Huntingdon County Extension Agent Terry Maddox welcomed the crowd and said the dairy princess program serves several important purposes including:

- to promote the consumption and use of dairy products,
- to create a better relationship between the urban and rural sectors,
- to have a one-on-one contact at the local level,
- to provide a competitive situation for participants with monetary rewards,
- to develop an educational program, and



The future of the Huntingdon County Dairy Princess Program looks promising as Dairy Maids, Dairy Miss' and Li'l Dairy Miss' line up for photos.

- to provide for the participants a chance to develop speaking skills and confidence while promoting the goodness of dairy products.

According to Maddox, the dairy promotion program began in 1956

by the Milk Dealers Association and included six regions in the state who sent contestants to compete for the title "Milk Maid". It continued that way for 11 years, disbanded for one or two years,

then was reorganized by the Pennsylvania Holstein Association in 1968 on a county level.

Stacey Knepper provided piano music for the evening and the Dairy Promotion Committee sponsored the milk bar.

Denise Heidorn Accepts Bedford County Crown

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BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) — Denise Heidorn, daughter of Rick and Marie Heidorn of Everett, has accepted the Bedford County Dairy Princess title.

The crowning was done at a special program held on Saturday evening, June 18, at the Northern Bedford County High School.

At 15, Denise will be too young to participate in state competition, but she is looking forward to a productive year serving as Bedford County's Dairy representative.

Denise's father is a herdsman for Rodney Hershberger, where he helps to milk 150 Holsteins.

A junior at Bedford High School, Denise is active in the National Honor Society, is a three-year member of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, serves on the Student Council, and is a member of the Environmental Team.

She is a member of the Bedford County 4-H Club, Friendly Moo Moo's 4-H Club, the Chestnut Ridge Horseman's Club, and volunteers at the Art Center.

Last summer, she was a Mountain Top Bible Camp junior counselor.

Denise likes all animals and has a Jersey cow, several sheep, and a riding horse. Last year, she won junior reserve champion with her Jersey cow.

The brown-eyed brunette says she agreed to be dairy princess

because "I believe in the dairy industry and wanted to do something for it."

Last year, dairy princess Amy Mearkle presented 32 school programs, wrote 35 newspaper articles, did 79 radio/television appearances, and went on 29 store/mall promotions. She distributed 3,370 recipes and 3,160 other pieces of promotional materials and attended 17 non-farm meetings, 12 farm meetings, and 17 special events.

Amy, who was also first runner-

up in the state, traveled a total of 4,386 miles.

She was assisted in her endeavors by Jennifer Brumbaugh, the Bedford County dairy miss.

Dairy maids accepting the honors for 1994 include Amber Clark and Lyneice Renee Chamberlain.

Amber is the 12-year-old daughter of Beth and Richard Clark of New Enterprise.

Lyneice is 14 and the daughter of Lynn and Genavie Chamberlain of Chamberlain's Fairview Farm at Clearville.



The new Huntingdon County Dairy Princess Monica Goshorn (left) and alternate Crystal Couch are joined by last year's princess Kara Tussey, center.



Denise Heidorn loves all kinds of animals. Because her Jersey cow was in the pasture on the day this photo was taken, she asked to pose with her horse.