

Repertoire Ready For Dairy Promotion

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BELLEVILLE (Mifflin Co.)—
 Mifflin County's newest spokesperson for the dairy industry was chosen on Thursday, June 8, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Belleville.

Selected as 1995-1996 Mifflin County Dairy Princess after skit and speech presentations and impromptu questioning, Diane Yoder of McVeytown accepted the crown, sash, and responsibilities for promoting dairy products in this area.

The daughter of Gideon and Hazel Yoder, Diane competed against two others for the honors.

In her skit presentation, Diane took guests attending the competition on a journey into a cow's stomach and explained how milk is made. In her speech presentation, she emphasized how everyone in other occupations is able to function better because of the nutritional products farmers provide. She also read an essay entitled, "So God Made A Farmer."

Twenty-one years old, Diane Yoder graduated from Delaware Valley College with a degree in business administration and marketing. She served as Bucks/Montgomery County Dairy Princess in 1993-1994 and as one of Mifflin County's alternates in 1990. At Delaware Valley, she was a member of the National Agri-Marketing Association and was a Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives Scholar.

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Dairy Princess alternates were Cynthia Yoder and Bridget Gearhart, both of McVeytown.

The daughter of Lee and Joanne Yoder, Cindy is active in the State Holstein Association, the judging team, church youth group, and is president of the county Dairy 4-H Club. A senior at Lewistown Area High School, Cindy emphasized teamwork in her speech presentation and portrayed Holly, one of the cows in the herd, for her skit presentation.

Bridget Gearhart is the daughter of Donald and Eilene Gearhart. A senior at Mount Union Area High School, Bridget is active in many school and 4-H activities, including drama club, county band, chorus, student council, and the Wayne 4-H Club. Bridget emphasized the importance of forming good dairy nutritional habits as a child for her speech, and explained the farm-to-store process as told by a milk truck driver.

The girls were joined on stage by Dairy Maids Natalie Byler, Megan Goss, April Goss, Laura Peachey, Rachel Sellers, Marlene Smith, and Michelle Yoder; and Dairy Misses Candace Glick, Stephanie Meinnert, and Bethany Wingert.

In her farewell speech, 1994 Dairy Princess Erin Goss thanked each member of the Dairy Princess committee for their help. Cheryl Glick, Deb Rheam, Judy Goss, Marlene Smoker, Sandy King, Jen Stuck, and Caryn Peachey stepped forward to receive a gift from Goss. She also



Mifflin County Dairy Maids and Misses join 1994 Dairy Princess Erin Goss on stage during the 1995 pageant.

recognized district coordinator Wanda Yoder and her own parents, Larry and Judy Goss of Lewistown.

PA State Alternate Dairy Princess Rachel Tanis of State College said a few words and John Rheam served as emcee and auctioneer.

Diane Yoder will compete in the State Dairy Princess Pageant on September 23 in Harrisburg.

FFA HAPPENINGS

Bellwood-Antis Receives Grant

Agriculture Secretary Charles C. Brosius announced the Bellwood-Antis FFA of Bellwood has been awarded a \$2,500 direct grant through the department's

Agriculture and Rural Youth Organization Grant Program.

The grant will be used to sponsor 100 FFA members at the Western Pennsylvania Leadership Conference to be held July 27-28 at the University of Pittsburgh's Johnstown campus.

The objective of the conference is to develop agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship in members at the conference. Activities will include small group workshops, public speaking, and organized recreation.

An evaluation will be given to

all conference participants, and results will be shared with the planning committee for the upcoming conference. In addition to the survey, FFA chapter advisors will evaluate the motivational effect of the conference by observing attendees' participation in FFA events at the local, county, and state levels.

Under the Agriculture and Rural Youth Organization Grant Program, youth organizations such as 4-H and FFA apply for direct grants of up to \$2,500 and matching grants of up to \$15,000.

Southeastern Region Selects Fashion Revue Winners

READING (Berks Co.)—
 Seventy-two youth from seven southeast counties participated in the 4-H Fashion Revue at the Inn at Reading on June 27.

The purpose of 4-H Fashion Revue is to:

- Build self-confidence and poise
- Develop skills in planning, selecting and making clothing for different occasions
- Select appropriate accessories
- Develop good posture, grooming and punctuality habits
- Complete applications clearly and submit them on time
- Acquire knowledge and skills in planning, presenting and participating in fashion revues

Since community service is an important part of 4-H, the 4-H'ers used their sewing skills to make shoestring tote bags. They also filled the bags with tablets and Crayola crayons donated by Benney and Smith Co. Representatives Kay Meitrott and Barbara Meitrott from the Salvation Army of Reading accepted the totes for use at the Family Service Center for homeless children.

Other workshops which the 4-H'ers attended included modeling and judging. For judging, the participants were divided into junior (ages 8-12) and senior (ages

13-18) divisions. The senior winners have the opportunity to attend Pennsylvania State 4-H Fashion Revue at University Park on July 26. A fashion show open to the public was presented followed by presentation of awards. The winners were as follows:

Senior winners eligible to go to PA 4-H Fashion Revue include Richard Folk, Berks County; Melissa Kohler, Berks County; Amy Lichtenwalner, Lehigh County; Rebekah Moyer, Montgomery County; Laura Peiffer, Schuylkill County; Karina Price, Montgomery County; Dustin Putt, Berks County; Karen Savage, Berks County; and Stephanie Wojzswillo, Berks County.

Senior alternates are Vicky Hewitt, Chester County; Jennifer Koehler, Northampton County; Julie Lichtenwalner, Lehigh County; and Kristin Mattern, Lehigh County.

Junior honors group include Kara Brown, Chester County; Alexis Ferguson, Chester County; Amanda Gauker, Berks County; Sarah Geiger, Northampton County; Erin Lichtenwalner, Lehigh County; Ellen Nave, Montgomery County; Julie Price, Montgomery County; Katrina Shutt, Berks County; and Michelle Windle, Chester County.



Senior winners, from left front row are Melissa Kohler, Rebekah Moyer, and Amy Lichtenwalner. Back row: Karen Savage, Karina Price, Stephanie Wojzswillo, Dustin Putt, Laura Peiffer, and Rich Folk.



Junior honors group from left front are Amanda Gauker, Erin Lichtenwalner, Alexis Ferguson, Kara Brown, Sarah Geiger, Julie Price, Ellen Nave, Katrina Shutt, and Michelle Windle.