

Kids Korner



Word searches intrigue Melissa and she is always looking for a new one to do.

December Rings In More Than Christmas For Melissa

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LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — Every child is eager for Christmas, but Melissa Bashore has another reason for being excited about the season—her birthday.

Both she and her sister Andrea celebrate their birthdays on Dec. 22.

The girls' parents (Ricki and Roberta) recall that doctors told them that they could never have another baby after Andrea was born. When Andrea was 8 years old, she insisted all she wanted was a baby sister.

"Surprise!" Melissa was born on her birthday and came home from the hospital on Christmas Eve—just in time to fulfill Andrea's wish.

Ever since then the girls share a lot of interests despite their age difference. Their mother said, "Ever since then we also say when faced with difficulties: Pray a lot and believe in miracles."

The family needed another miracle when their mother was diagnosed with a brain tumor last year. After surgery, she is doing great (more on that in an upcoming article on the family).

The family lives on Udder-Valley Farm in Lebanon County. Melissa helps with the farm chores. They milk 100 cows.

"I dip, scrape grates, and bed cows before milking," Melissa said.

Melissa and Andrea show Brown Swiss cattle at shows.

"I like Brown Swiss because they are cute when babies and are calmer to show," Melissa said.

Both girls are members of the Junior Holstein Club and the Brown Swiss Club.

Missy loves to work on word searches. She runs some out on the computer at school so that she can work on them at home.

The two girls also have an older sister Jennifer and an older brother Ricki, who is married and has two

Here is a recipe that Melissa and Andrea like to make and eat. They are sure you will enjoy it, too.

WELSH RABBIT

- ¼ cup butter
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
- ¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups shredded cheese
- 4 to 6 slices toast

Melt butter in medium size pan over low heat. Blend in flour and seasonings. Cook over low heat, stirring until mixture is smooth and bubbly. Remove from heat and stir in milk. Heat to a boil, while stirring constantly. Boil and stir one minute. Stir in cheese; heat over low heat, stirring constantly until cheese is melted. Serve over toast.

children.

All the siblings share something in common—dairy promotion. Andrea is the Lebanon County Dairy Princess. Five years ago, her sister Jennifer held that title. Amazingly, brother Ricki married a former Lebanon County Dairy Princess—Stacy Krall.

Melissa isn't old enough to be a dairy princess, but that's in her wish of things to happen. She is well on her way. Last year, she was crowned the Lebanon County Little Dairy Miss. She helped the dairy princess hand out cheese and recipes.

Now that her sister is the dairy princess, Melissa helps her mix up milk punch and other little things to help Melissa's job to be easier. Their mom is dairy promotion chairperson. Their dad said that someone must stay home and milk the cows while they women are convincing others to drink more milk.

When the girls are home, they love to bake Christmas cookies.

Melissa is in fourth grade at Jonestown Elementary School.

Melissa loves to play with Tig-



Melissa and her sister Lebanon County Dairy Princess Andrea Bashore enjoy serving cookies and milk punch to guests. Both girls will celebrate their birthdays on Dec. 22.



Melissa's favorite cat is Tigger. The pampered cat never wants to go outside to play with the 10-15 cats around the farm.

ger, a house cat. Outside she has 10-15 more cats and two dogs to play with. She's hoping for snow so that she can go sledding.

This year on Christmas Day, the Bashores will milk the cows, change their clothes, and open their presents while eating Christmas cookies and sticky buns

before enjoying a family dinner. What does Melissa want for Christmas?

"An 8-ball," she said. "She isn't hard to please," her mom said. "We never believed in giving a lot of presents. We think Christmas should be a birthday party for Jesus."

Wanted!

Boys & Girls
Ages 9-15 for a

4-H TRACTOR SAFETY CLUB

When The club runs from January until March on Tuesday evenings
Time Usually the club elects to hold meetings from 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
Location Meetings held at the Lebanon County Agricultural Center located on the corner of Rocherty and Cornwall Roads. Some shop tours will be offered to see the production, service and repair of machinery at local businesses.

Topics will include:

- Lawn Mower Safety
- Fuels and Lubricants
- Hydraulic Systems
- Reaching Emergency Services
- Harvesting Equipment and Safety
- PTO and Hitching
- ATV Safety
- Electrical Systems
- Drive Train
- Tools for Breaking the Soil
- Service Record Keeping
- Cooling Systems
- Emergency First Aid
- How An Engine Runs
- Cutters For Crops
- Pesticide Safety

Note After completing the three stages of the course and a written test 14 & 15 year olds will receive a certificate to drive equipment on farms.

Registration If you are interested please call the Lebanon County Extension Office at 270-4391. Give your name and address so that we can alert you to the exact start date, time and place. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 60 KIDS