

Jessica Bailor Reigns In Juniata

MEXICO (Juniata Co.) — Seventeen-year old Jessica Bailor, daughter of Robert and Kathie Bailor of Honey Grove, was crowned the 1998-99 Juniata County Dairy Princess by 1997-98 Dairy Princess Judy Geissinger during a coronation ceremony on Sunday, May 3, at the Walker Grange Hall, Mexico.

Jessica lives with her family on a dairy farm where she helps with milking, feeding calves, and other chores. She is a junior at Juniata High School, where she is involved with SADD and tennis. Other activities include baby-sitting, working at the Port Royal Speedway, riding her horse, and involvement with Tuscarora Valley Heritage Days.

Bobbi Jo Dressler, the 17-year-old daughter of Russell and Patricia Dressler of McAlisterville was named the 1998-99 Alternate Dairy Princess. A junior at East Juniata High School, she is involved in the Four Square Club and the Bible Club. Bobbi is a member of the Brown's United Methodist Church Handbell Choir, the Juniata County 4-H Dairy Club, and the 4-H Dairy Judging Team. Other activities include showing her six registered Holstein cows and three heifers and playing the piano and guitar.

Serving as Dairy Maids will be Mindy Dressler, daughter of Russell and Patricia Dressler, McAlisterville; Jada Faulkner,

daughter of Jim and Pat Faulkner, Port Royal; Sara Hoover, daughter of Thomas and Brenda Hoover, Port Royal; Beth Pontius, daughter of Jeff and Donna Pontius, Port Royal; and Diana Stouffer, daughter of Charles and Martha Stouffer, Port Royal.

Serving as Dairy Misses will be Kallye Faulkner, daughter of Jim and Pat Faulkner, Port Royal; Emily Stouffer, daughter of Charles and Martha Stouffer, Port Royal; and Ashley Harshbarger, daughter of Sheldon and Ann Harshbarger, Mifflintown.

Serving as dairy ambassadors will be Joe and Dan Zug, sons of Art and Dina Zug, Mifflintown; Zach and Kelby Swartz, sons of James and Betty Jean Swartz, Port Royal; Justin Shearer, son of John and Karen Shearer, Port Royal; David Wilson, son of Steve and Barb Wilson, Port Royal; and Luke Hoover, son of Thomas and Brenda Hoover, Port Royal.

During the Sunday afternoon program, Jessica and Bobbi Jo each presented a speech and a skit. Jessica's speech, entitled "Calcium and Your Body" informed all of the importance of calcium in diets. She explained the benefits of milk's natural calcium over calcium supplements. Her skit was designed for pre-school children and depicted a tea (milk) party.

Bobbi Jo's speech, entitled "Lactose Intolerance" explained how lactose intolerance folks, including herself, can enjoy milk and milk products. Her skit, designed for elementary age children, found her talking about the importance of milk in our diets while her favorite cow, Flower was being milked.

Robert Hockenbrock served as master of ceremonies and greetings were received from Arlene Wilbur, associate director for Pennsylvania Dairy Princess & Promotion Services.

Former dairy princesses in attendance were recognized. Present were Karen (Shertzer) Diffenderfer (1986), Anita Faulkner (1992), and Melissa Hostler (1994).

Before the new crowning, Judy Geissinger 1997-98 Juniata County Dairy Princess and Casey Mumma 1997-98 Alternate Dairy Princess gave farewell speeches and shared highlights from their busy year. Judy and Jessica will work together as County Princesses until June 1 when Jessica will start her reign.

A meal preceded the ceremony while an ice cream social followed.

Booking arrangements for the Juniata County Dairy Princess and the Alternate Dairy Princess should be made by contacting Kathie Bailor at 717-734-3988.



Juniata County Dairy Princess crowns her successor Jessica Bailor during the recent pageant.

Volunteers Raise \$100,000 For Disaster Response

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MARTINSBURG (Blair Co) — With a lot of determination, hard work, and cooperation of the Brethren Church Middle Pennsylvania Ministries of Disaster Response & the Morrison's Cove Home, more than \$53,000 was raised last year for disaster

Held at the Morrison's Cove Memorial Park, co-chairman Jack and Marianna Baker hope, when the final tallies are in, that figure will double this year

Doubling was made easier by a huge donation of 10 tractor trailer loads of Rubber Maid products. Seven of those truckloads were sold over the winter months out of an empty Giant Eagle store in Martinsburg with no heat. "We raised \$60,000 before the auction even started,"

Marianna said

The idea for a Disaster Response auction/craft/quilt sale was born when Jack and Marianna were appointed chairman of the Middle Pennsylvania District Disaster Team

Disaster team members work alongside the Red Cross and Salvation Army when a disaster occurs anywhere in the country. "And we never want for a disaster," Marianna says

As chairmen, it was the Baker's job to find a team of volunteers to accompany them to a disaster site. "However," Marianna says, "We were only given \$6,000 to meet the expense of the entire group"

"This meant we had to ask volunteers to volunteer not only their time (usually vacation time from their jobs) but also all of the expense money including

transportation, meals, and lodging. It was virtually an impossible job"

"Jack and I decided we had to raise some money on our own and started looking around other areas." That's when they discovered the Disaster Auction in Shenandoah and two good friends, Carl and Hilda Ruff, who revealed not only what to do, but what not to do

"Knowing the mistakes that could be made up front was extremely valuable information," says Marianna. "It would have taken us years to learn by trial and error"

The fund raising consists of four separate events. Brethren farmers are asked to donate livestock for an auction which brings amazingly high bids. One tiny goat at this year's event brought \$465 when it was repeatedly resold.

It was finally purchased by state Representative Dick Hess who gave it to a little girl who had fallen in love with the playful kid.

In 1997, the livestock brought a total of \$18,000. "We can't come up with a final figure for 1998 until several months later," Marianna says. "Money keeps pouring in for several months following"

Livestock is sold on Friday and on Saturday, the big event is a quilt/craft auction

Eighty-five comforters, quilts, and wall hangings were donated by churches, church members, and friends from throughout the district. In addition, crafts from local craftsmen or businesses are also donated. Helen Ferry, Morrison's Cove, is in charge of the crafts

A third part of the event consists of craft vendors who donate a portion of their income back to

Disaster Response Churches and other nonprofit organizations offer food including hot soups, homemade pies and cakes, and various types of sandwiches. Tom and Joan Dibert of Bedford chair this division.

The Rubbermaid donation was like the icing on the cake. Learning of the Disaster efforts, last year Rubbermaid of Lancaster offered to donate all the Baker's could carry in their car for the sale

"These are discontinueds and seconds," Marianna explains. "But, we take the good with the bad and are quite grateful."

It was during the winter of 1997 that Rubbermaid called to offer an additional 10 tractor trailer loads of their products. Seven of those were sold over the winter months. Contents of one truckload was offered with the vendor items and two more will be sold at a future date.

Included are brooms, mops,

buckets, clothes hampers, waste cans, and various kitchen items. Since all items are donated, prices are attention getting.

Transportation for the Rubbermaid is largely and voluntarily provided by members of the Brethren Church.

Another generous donation comes from the Blank Book Company which donates large amounts of notebooks and paper to be sold at a nominal cost.

"It's a satisfying event for everyone concerned," Marianna says.

"We have a lot less trouble finding volunteers when they know their expenses will be paid. And, it's not too much to ask. Most of these people take time off work to go help someone in need."

The Middle District Disaster Response will be off to South Fork, North Dakota, in July where they are helping that flood-stricken community to rebuild.



Marianna and Jack Baker with Helen Ferry, crafts chairman, are setting up a turning rack for displaying quilts during the auction. The turning rack was another donated item.



Volunteers from the Bedford Church of the Brethren make pita sandwiches.