

Dairy Princess Teaches 'Cowdergarten' Class

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MUNCY (Lycoming Co.) —
"I'm your teacher," said Lycoming
County Dairy Princess candidate
Melissa Daly as she prepared to
give her presentation to the crowd.

During her skit, she told the
story of milk to all of her "cowder-
garten" class members. "Cows are
useful to the dairy farmers because
they produce milk," she said.

After performing her skit and
answering impromptu questions
posed by Master of Ceremonies
Todd Stewart, Melissa Daly
accepted the Lycoming County
Dairy Princess Crown at a pageant

held June 12 at the Lycoming
Mall.

The daughter of Richard and
Wenda Daly, Melissa will be head-
ing to Penn State University in the
fall where she will major in dairy
and animal science. She is active in
the National Ski Patrol, Earth
Watch Patrol, and the 118 Ag 4-H
Club in which she serves as presi-
dent. She also lends a helping hand
on her family's Wen-Rich farm
where she owns and shows one
Holstein cow.

Outgoing Dairy Princess Mel-
anie Harris presented the crown to
Daly, who also served the county
as the 1997 alternate dairy

princess.

Harris offered thanks to every-
one who helped her throughout her
reign.

"Last year my ag teacher came
up to me and asked if I had ever
thought about running for dairy
princess. I decided it was a risk I
had to take," she said. "So I went
for it!"

Also promoting the dairy indus-
try in Lycoming County are four
dairy maids. Donnica and Vanessa
Greider, daughters of Jeffrey and
Donna Greider of Linden; Janele
Hearn, daughter of Rodney and
Crystal Hearn; and Shelly Van-
dine, daughter of Wayne and Ruth
Vandine of Muncy.



Newly crowned Lycoming County Dairy Princess Melissa Daly is surrounded by other Lycoming County dairy promoters. Shown, from left, are Dairy Maid Donnica Greider, Dairy Maid Vanessa Greider, 1997 Dairy Princess Melanie Harris, Dairy Maid Shelly Vandine, and Dairy Maid Janele Hearn

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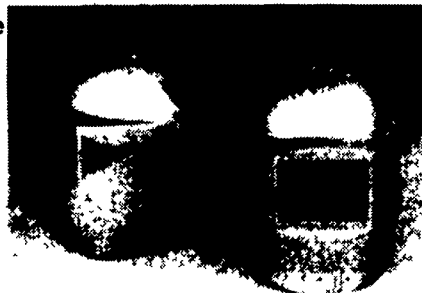
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Vanessa Greider is also a member of the Bottle Run 4-H Club. In the fall, she will be a 7th grade student at Jersey Shore Junior High School.

Janele Hearn in an 11th grade student at Hughesville High School where she is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and plays soccer. She is a member of the 118 Ag 4-H Club.

Shelly Vandine is a 10th grade student at Muncy High School where she is a member of the girls soccer team. She also is a member of the Pioneer Valley 4-H Club.



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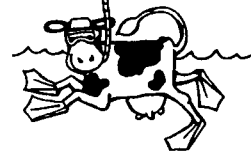
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