

Blair County Selects Heather Hoover

CURRYVILLE (Blair Co.)—The 1998 Blair County Dairy Princess Amanda Sollenberger crowned Heather Hoover of Tyrone Rd. as the 1999-2000 Blair County Dairy Princess on Saturday, May 29, at the Williamsburg Elementary School.

Angela Sollenberger of Curryville was crowned the Blair County Alternate Princess.

Heather is the 18-year-old daughter of D. Michael and Carol Hoover of C&M Rippling Run Dairy Farm of Tyrone and Angela is the 16-year-old daughter of Gerald and Jean Sollenberger of Sollenberger Farms in Curryville. Together these two young ladies, along with a team of dairy maids and dairy misses will spread the story of milk from farm to consumer and promote real dairy products throughout Blair County.

The evening began with a welcome from master of ceremonies Jake Snyder and the introduction of each of the contestants. Heather was escorted by her father, Mike Hoover, and Angela was escorted by her mother, Jean Sollenberger. The reigning Blair County Princess was introduced and welcomed to the stage. Both of the contestants were then dismissed to prepare for the creative presen-

tation portion of the competition.

Heather, who is a senior at Tyrone High School, gave a speech entitled "Osteoporosis" and Angela, a sophomore at Central High School, gave a creative skit entitled "Milk: Our Secret Weapon." Heather's speech was geared toward an adult female audience, while Angela's skit was geared toward elementary aged students.

During the break between presentations and the contestants return to the stage, the junior promoters were introduced and given their sashes. Then the popular "Parade of Future Dairy Princesses" featuring the little girls between the ages of 4-8, began. This year's parade included Danessa Bigelow, daughter of David and Patricia Bigelow, Sr. of Williamsburg; Kirstin Bigelow, daughter of Randy and Twila Bigelow of Williamsburg; Jessica Waltermire, daughter of Craig and Karen Waltermire of Williamsburg; Tara Brumbaugh, daughter of Martin and Diana Brumbaugh of Curryville, and Caroline Smith, daughter of Douglas and Veronica Smith of Martinsburg. Each "Future Princess" received a sunflower bouquet.

The Princess contestants



Blair County is well prepared for dairy promotion with this team. Kneeling from left are Tara Brumbaugh, Daness Bigelow, and Kristin Bigelow. Standing are Caroline Smith, Jessica Waltermire, and Blair County Dairy Princess Heather Hoover, and Danielle Bigelow. Back, from left, are Angela Sollenberger, Amanda Sollenberger, Diana Bigelow, and Tracy Bigelow.

then returned to the stage for an impromptu question. Heather's question was "What do you think is the greatest problem facing the youth of today?" She

responded that she felt that it was peer pressure and the kids need to be encouraged to stand up for what they believe is right, even if it is unpopular. And that

a true friend will stick by you no matter what.

Angela's question was "What do you think is your greatest accomplishment in life and why?" Angela responded that she felt her greatest accomplishment was her ability to tell people how she truly feels, gently but honestly. And that she feels people understand that she is a fair and honest person.

Following the contestants' impromptu questions, the three judges were dismissed to discuss their selection for princess and alternate. Kristin Russell, dairy princess coordinator, made comments about the activities of the Promotion Committee and the 1998 Dairy Princess and awarded Amanda with a gift from the committee. Amanda gave her teary farewell remarks, commenting that she had a great year and would greatly miss her activities as dairy princess.

When the judges returned, Jake Snyder introduced the crowd on hand to the 1999-2000 Blair County Alternate Dairy Princess, Angela Sollenberger and the 1999-2000 Blair County Dairy Princess, Heather Hoover.

After the crowning, Heather was given an opportunity to address the group. She thanked the judges for the opportunity to serve as dairy princess and promised to try to do her best to fulfill the role. Judges for the evening were Jan Itle, of Valewood Farms in Cambria County; Andrew Krug from Purina, also of Cambria County; and Mary Beth Lieb, member of the Cambria County Dairy Promotion Committee.

Assisting Heather and Angela in promotions this year will be two dairy maids and three dairy misses. Diana Bigelow, 15, and Tracy Bigelow, 13, both daughters of Richard and Cindy Bigelow of Dippy Acres Farm in Williamsburg will serve as dairy maids.

Dairy Misses are girls between the ages of 9-12 and this is the first year for the Blair County to have a dairy miss program. Serving in this capacity are: Emily Baker, daughter of James and Anita Baker of Martinsburg; Danielle Bigelow, daughter of Randy and Twila Bigelow of Williamsburg.

Summer Assistants Help Extension Programs

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Once again the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Offices are being invaded by college students filling positions of summer assistants. Over the summer as Cooperative Extension programs pick-up, extension agents rely on summer assistants to lighten the workload and help plan and coordinate events.

This summer four summer assistants are working with the Lancaster Cooperative Extension. Elizabeth Smith is returning this year as the 4-H Summer Assistant. Working with Katina Showman she will be helping with summer events such as 4-H Camp and 4-H Fair. Elizabeth attends Penn State Harrisburg and will be graduating in May majoring in communications.

Also returning this year is Paula Marshall, working as the 4-H Urban Summer Assistant with Nancy Wiker. Paula works with the youth of Lancaster County, centering her program around the different foods and cultures of the world. A star member of Lebanon Valley College field hockey team, Paula will be graduating in May 2001, with a psycho-biology degree. This year's animal science summer assistant is Suzanne Bishard. Suzanne just completed her junior year at Delaware Valley College and will be entering into Purdue University in the fall under their early acceptance program, majoring in veterinary sciences. Part of Suzanne's responsibilities this summer will be organizing skill-a-thons for the livestock and dairy programs and assisting Lori Little and Chet Hughes with other 4-H events. Filling the position of the horticulture



Helping out with Lancaster County Extension, from left, are Suzanne Bishard, Paula Marshall, Derek Stoner, and Elizabeth Smith.

summer assistant this year is Derek Stoner. Derek attends the University of Delaware majoring in Natural Resource

Management and will be graduating in Spring 2000. Working with Tim Elkner, Derek will be

assisting with various programs over the summer, such as strawberry research.

How Long Should Appliances Last?

While they don't get taxed, death is an eventualality even for faithful appliances. The following list shows the average useful life of major home appliances.

Appliance	Average Useful Life (years)
Garbage Disposal (in the sink)	12
Trash Compactor	14
Dehumidifier	11
Room Air Conditioner	12
Washer (front-load)	11
Dryer	13
Washer (top load)	14
Microwave Oven	9

Oven (built-in)	16
Range (slide-in single oven)	17
Range (double oven)	18
Dishwasher (portable)	11
Dishwasher (built-in under counter)	13
Refrigerator (compact)	5
Refrigerator (built-in)	14
Refrigerator (top-mount)	14
Refrigerator (side-by-side)	14
Refrigerator (bottom mount)	17
Refrigerator (one-door)	19
Freezer (upright)	15
Freezer (chest)	18