



Centre County Board of Commissioners, from left, Sue Mascolo, Vicie Wedler, and Keith Bierly present a proclamation to Centre County Dairy Princess Billie Jo Bird proclaiming June Dairy Month in Centre County. Later, Bird presented a tray full of dairy products to the commissioners.

## Centre County Crowns Princess

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PLEASANT GAP (Centre Co.) — On June 5, three contestants vied for the 1999 Centre County Dairy Princess title. Lori Connelly of Pennsylvania Furnace, was crowned as the 1999 Centre County Dairy Princess. Connelly resides on Fairbrook Farms with her parents Ronald and Denise Connelly. Lori recently graduated from State College Area High School and is enrolled in Penn State University majoring in animal sciences. Her activities in school included The Dance Marathon for Cerebral Palsy, High Academic Honor Roll, and she is a Power of PAWS award recipient.

In addition to her activities in school, she has served in numerous offices of the Mt. Nittany 4-H Dairy Club, The Centre Hall 4-H Ag Club, president of the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Executive Committee, Centre Co./PA Dairy Quiz Bowl, and has shown Holstien dairy cattle for nine years. She also served as a Pennsylvania representative for the National 4-H Dairy Leadership Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. Lori enjoys showing dairy cattle and market swine and spending time with friends and family.

In Connelly's acceptance speech, she stated, "I am honored to represent such a strong group of industry leaders in Centre County. I will do my best to represent you, the dairy farmers well throughout my reign."

The pageant, led by Master of Ceremonies John Ishler was held at the Logan Grange Hall in Pleasant Gap. The panel of judges for the evening including Cheryl Glick of Mifflin County, Charles Schillings of Huntingdon County, and Lisa Shaw of Franklin County, had their work cut out for them as all the contestants gave strong presentations.

Each contestant presented both a 3-5 minute speech and skit for the audience. The judges also held interview sessions prior to the pageant and each contestant was given an impromptu question.

While the judges made their decision, the 1998 Centre Co.

Dairy Princess, Billie Jo Bird gave her heartfelt farewell, closing her reign.

As the night came to a close, the judges named Emily Cloninger of Centre Hall, the 1999 First Alternate Princess. Emily is the 17-year-old daughter of Dr. Robert and Ellen Cloninger, also of Centre Hall. She will be a senior this year at Penns Valley Area High School where she is involved in Marching Band, Student Council and managing the track team. She has also been involved in Dairy Quiz Bowl, Centre Hall 4-H Ag Club, Mt. Nittany 4-H Dairy Club, Penns Valley 4-H Beef Club, and Pa. Junior Holstein Executive Committee.

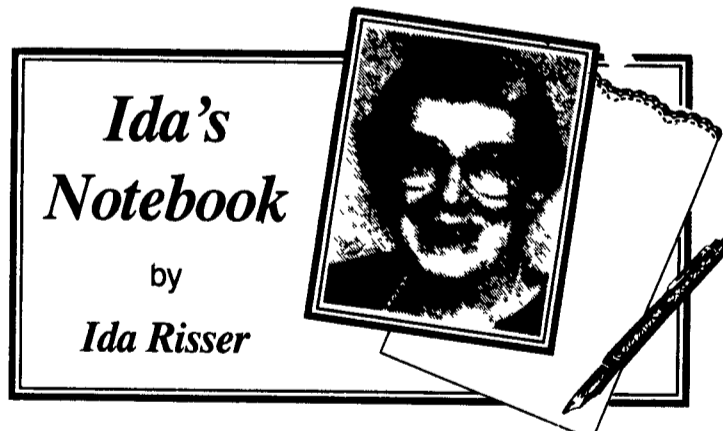
In her spare time she enjoys

reading, working with animals and Dairy Bowl. Emily presented a speech entitled, "The Dairy Farmer." Her skit, accompanied by stuffed animals and tea sets was entitled, "Noontime Milk Party."

Helping the princesses to promote this year will be a number of Dairy Maids, Misses and Ambassadors including Amanda Gates, Mandee Bierly, Ashley Bird, Amanda Corl, Rebecca Cloninger, Courtney Klingler, Miranda Ullmer, Naomi Ullmer, Bethany Wasson, Krystal Wasson, and Nicole Wasson.

The evening concluded with an ice cream social for all to enjoy.

To book the princesses, contact Candy Wasson at (814) 237-2339.



In eight days it will be the fourth of July. Summer is here with it's picnics and family gatherings. Today July 4th does not create the excitement that it did when I was a child.

My six sisters and I looked forward to the fourth as a time when we could play a little more. Usually, our parents kept us very busy either in the kitchen or in the fields. But on this day, they allowed us to sit in the tall grass along the road and shoot our cap pistols. We imagined we were scaring the passing motorists.

In the evening our 1923 Overland car carried us to a place called Owl Hill where we could view the fireworks from a nearby town. Other cars also came to view the bursts of light in the heavens. One evening we parked along the road as usual

but apparently too close to a ditch. You see, when we tried to go home, we discovered that we were stuck. As our car was lightweight, several men simply picked it up and put it on the road again. Of course, we children considered this quite an adventure. However, our father was embarrassed and angry all at the same time.

The excitement of the holiday dims as the years go by. In fact, our enthusiasm for many holidays takes on a different meaning as we grow older. Christmas is not a dash downstairs to check our long brown stockings hung along the wall. And, Thanksgiving isn't a day to visit Grandparents as they are long gone. But, with some grandchildren living nearby, we can latch on to a bit of their fervor for the coming holidays.

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