## Eight Women Vie For Somerset Fair Queen

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MEYERSDALE (Somerset Co.) — Eight young women sought the title of Somerset County fair queen and throughout the week folks were commenting that seldom has there been a field of contestants with greater poise.

When all was said and done, the honor fell upon 16-year-old Natalie Foxwell of Meyersdale. Overall, she scored highest and in so doing, also received a \$1,000 educational scholarship, plus a smaller one of \$100 for the poise and appearance award.

Natalie is the daughter of Gary and Bonnie Foxwell.

A week paced with shows, games and awards found her admitting with a huge smile on the final day, "I'm a little tired."

Natalie hadn't missed a thing, but with unfailing charm and grace, demonstrated to the public, the genuine pride she has in the Somerset County Fair and in agriculture.

There were photos with champion sheep, swine, beef and dairy animals. There were grandstand introductions, late nights and early mornings, but she loved every minute.

Melissa Schrock, Berlin, the 16-year-old daughter of Ron and Michelle Schrock, as first-runner-up received a \$350 scholarship and won the speech award.

Melissa was almost as busy the as the fair queen and industriously helped wherever a princess was needed.

The second runner-up and winner of a \$250 scholarship, was Jessica Darr, the 18-yearold daughter of Scott and Susan Darr of Somerset.

Sara Hillegas of Fairhope won the interview award. She is



the 19-year-old daughter of Ronald and Connie Hillegas.

The remaining contestants were Mindi Countryman, Becky Ray, Juliana Hillegass and Jessica Lynch. Their parents are David and Linda Countryman, Berlin; James and Bonnie Ray, Somerset; Kirk and Tine Hillegass, Berlin and Gary and Nancy Lynch, Friedens.

Mary Will, Berlin, who puts the fair queen contest together, said she asked the three judges to bring questions for the girls with them. After meeting one another and comparing notes, the panel agreed on two questions the girls would be asked.

The fair queen contest was the only time that male fair directors appeared in suits and ties.

The 1998 Somerset County fair queen Julie Sechler who continues to reign as the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen, made numerous appearances



Natalie Foxwell, right, the Somerset County Fair Queen, is pictured with the other contestants just before the contest at the Somerset County Fair. Julie Sechler center, outgoing queen later bequeathed the tiara and sash to her successor. From left, Melissa Schrock, Mindi Countryman, Jessica Darr, Juliana Hillegass, Sechler, Becky Ray, Sara Hillegas, Jessica Lynch, and Foxwell.

during the week. On hand also was State

Secretary of Agriculture, Samuel Hayes who was introduced to a near capacity grandstand crowd.



### **Berks Executive Board**

Berks County Society of Farm Women's executive board held its August meeting at the Berks County Ag Center. Twenty-two members answered roll call to the question, "What is your favorite most cherished memory of the summer of 1999."

Devotions were by Betty Kissling of Group 7.

President Betsy Sattazahn reported she received a directory of state services for Women and Families from State Representative Sheila Miller. Janet Schlegel reporated on upcoming agribusiness events. A candidates' night will be held September 30, from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at the Ag Center. The Farm City banquet will be held Nov. 4. The executive board will donate a fruit basket for this event.

Members were reminded of Berks Heim Fest to be held Sept. 11. at the Berks Heim Annex, where members from various groups will serve food.

Berks County Society of Farm Women will hold its annual county convention on Sat. Oct. 2, at the Ag Center.

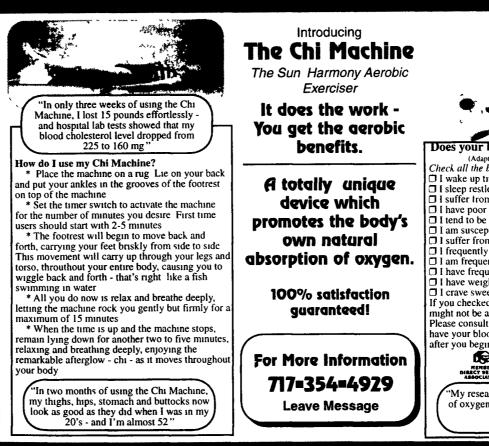
# York Society 26

York County Society of Farm Women #26 held its August meeting at Country Buffet Restaurant, York. Sixteen members and three guests attended.

After lunch, Martha Huston, president, conducted a business meeting. Donations were made to Fairview, Lewisberry, Goldsboro, and Newberrytown fire companies.

Musical selections were played by Lauren Conley and Laura Goodlander for the youth meeting of the year. Cathy Sholly won the door prize.







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I crave sweets, alcohol or soda If you checked more than three boxes, your body might not be assimilating sufficient oxygen Please consult your physician You may wish to have your blood oxygen levels tested - before and after you begin to use the Chi Machine My research has convinced me that lack of oxygen is the root of most or perhaps even all disease - Dr Shizuo Inoue