

# Proud To Represent

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"Although my reign as dairy princess may be over, you will always be able to find me promoting the industry and the products I love. I was, and always will be, proud to say that I am a dairy farmer's daughter."

Although not all of the 32 contestants received an award, Dotterer reminded them, "Each of you are a winner just by being here. You are our foundation. Without you, we couldn't do our job."

Jan Harding, PPDPS executive director, said that each year, the state princess and alternates

become like daughters to her.

Judges for the event not only scored contestants during pageant festivities but also during the two days before the banquet. In addition to personal interviews, the contestants are observed during informal meetings with judges.

To encourage impartial judging, judges are required to be from a state other than Pennsylvania. This year's judges included Chip Pratt, N.Y.; Jace Cadwallader, N.J.; Dawn Downey, Md.; and Norma Koch, Ind.

Speech judges included Pat Miller, Harrisburg; Brad Jones,



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Harrisburg; and Gordon Hiller, Williamsport.

Scrapbook judges were Deborah Mathers, N.Y., and Debra Summerall, Harrisburg.

Grover Gouker, Lancaster, served as master of ceremonies.

Prospective princesses must come from a dairy farm or dairy-related background, own dairy animals, or they or their parents must be employed in the dairy industry or an agribusiness that serves it. Contestants must be single, between the ages of 16 and 24. They must possess knowledge, poise, and speaking ability to fulfill the duties of being spokespersons for the industry.

After selected at the county level, dairy princesses received intensive instructions on the dairy industry and nutrition, public speaking, working with the media, social conduct, and personal appearance.

They work to increase the sale and consumption of dairy products and the public awareness of the importance of the dairy industry to Pennsylvania's economy.



Family members congratulating Lori Connelly are parents, Denise and Ronald; Chris, brother, and Keri, sister.



Wanda Yoder, coordinator for the central district of the state, with daughter Marcia Kuhns, bookkeeper for PDDPS, sell about 400 tickets for the pageant.



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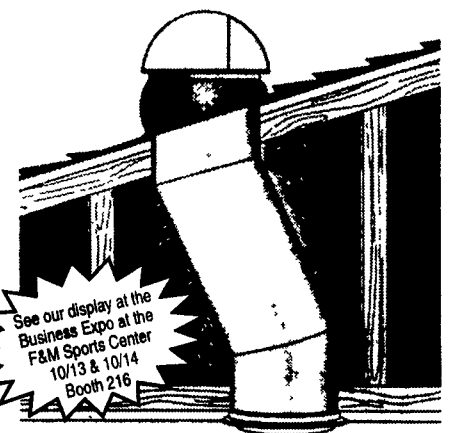
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