



New royalty selected recently to represent Berks County includes, from left front, Li'l Miss Jaylene Leshner, Dairy Princess Lucinda Bray, and former Li'l Miss Ashley Mohn. Back from left, Dairy Ambassadors Pamela Werley, Adrienne Phillips, Marisa Koinski, and Kristy Gross with outgoing Dairy Princess Michelle McMichael.

Berks Names New Dairy Princess

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Lucinda "Cindy" Bray, was crowned the 2000-01 Berks County Dairy Princess recently. For the past year she had served as the Berks County alternate dairy princess. Because of her dedication to the dairy industry and dairy products, Cindy again ran for the dairy princess title.

Cindy is the 18-year-old daughter of John and Marcia Bray of Richland with whom she resides. She also has an older sister Lisa.

Currently Cindy is serving as treasurer of her senior class at Tulpehocken High School. In school she is a member of Student Council, the National Honor Society, and was Tulpehocken's Outstanding Young women of the Year. She also played field hockey and soccer for Tulpehocken.

Cindy is currently employed part-time by Way-Har Dairy Farm. She also cares for the Jerseys and Holsteins on her family farm, Mountain Edge Farm. Throughout the year you can find Cindy showing her dairy cattle and market swine at county and state fairs.

In the fall, Cindy will be attending Penn State University,

University Park, to major in landscape architecture.

During the evening pageant, Cindy gave a speech about the family farm to the 85 people in attendance. She praised the farm for showing her the joys and sorrows of life and for teaching her responsibility and work ethic. According to Bray, she will always have a "never ending respect for American Farmers."

Following her speech, Cindy was asked to answer an impromptu question. "You have been chosen to go into space for five years. All food, medicine, and clothing are provided for you. You are allowed to take only three personal items with you, what would they be? Without much thought on the question, Cindy responded that she would take her favorite cow Nicole, her hockey stick, and her favorite car "Jetta."

During the pageant, Jaylene Leshner was crowned Berks County li'l miss dairy princess. Jaylene is the 5-year old daughter of William and Lolly Leshner of Bernville. She has a brother Joshua and a sister Laura. Jaylene helps to move the cows

from the pasture and also assists in the milking parlor on her family's farm, Way-Har.

She is a kindergartner at Strausstown Elementary School and is a member of Zion Blue Mountain UCC Sunday School. Jaylene also likes to dance and take riding lessons with her horse, John Henry.

Both Cindy and Jaylene succeed Michelle McMichael and Ashley Mohn who served as dairy princess and li'l miss this past year.

Michelle said the best part of being the Berks County dairy princess, was getting out, meeting people, and letting them know about the dairy industry.

Also giving up her Berks County Li'l Miss crown was Ashley Mohn, the daughter of Steve and Karen Mohn of Womelsdorf. Ashley gave a farewell poem to thank everyone before crowning Jaylene. She said that bank promotions were fun because they handed out ice cream, and ice cream is her favorite dairy product.

Emcee for the pageant was Jennifer Grimes, former Berks County and Pennsylvania Dairy Princess.

Auction to Benefit Birth Center

QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.)—Birth Care and Family Health Services will hold its eighth annual benefit auction on Saturday, June 3, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hoffman Building, Solanco Fairground, Route 472, So., Quarryville.

Located in the heart of Lancaster County farmland, Birth Care is Pennsylvania's first birth and women's health care center. Serving the community for 20 years, Birth Care provides affordable midwifery birthing services, well-woman and well-

child care to the community. Proceeds of the benefit sale support the center's services to needy families and crisis pregnancies.

Donations of new goods and services will be accepted until Thursday, June 1 at the birth center, 1180 Dry Wells Road, Quarryville. All donations are tax deductible and pick up can be arranged. For information, please contact Maren or Rita at (717) 786-4010 or 786-5506.

Featured at the sale will be beautiful handmade Amish and

contemporary quilts and wallhangings, Lancaster County folkcrafts, original artwork, new handcrafted furniture, lawn furniture and windmills, farm supplies and equipment, building supplies, air tools, housewares, shoes, jewelry, shrubbery and landscaping plants. Certificates for goods and services, farm and building supplies, restaurants, museums, and recreational facilities are most welcome and can be mailed to the birth center.

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