

Pennsylvania Alternate Dairy Princess Rebecca Kilgore (left) and Dairy Princess Lori Connelly selected the winning contest randomly from a "Got Milk" bag, one of the prizes.

# Tioga County To Host 10th Annual Farm-City Day

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Bradford Co. Correspondent WELLSBORO (Tioga Co.) -Sunset Mountains Farm, owned by Doug and Jenny Lawton and family, will be the site of the 10th annual Tioga County Farm City Day Saturday, July 8.

Farm City Day is a dream come true for chairperson Sherri Butters, who wanted to celebrate the relationship between farm and nonfarm groups.

"We want to promote a better understanding of the farmer's way of life as well as provide an opportunity to explore the interdependence of farming, the business community, land use, food production, and our environment," said Butters.

Without a host farm, however, this event could not be possible.

Sunset Mountain Farm is a 340-acre tract of land nestled in the heart of Tioga County, near Wellsboro. During the Farm-City Day event, the farm will be officially recognized as a Century Farm. One of the original tracts of land was purchased in 1887 by Edwin Wilcox, one of Doug's ancestors.

After graduating from high school, Doug began farming with his parents full time. They eventually formed a partnership and the herd size grew in number from 34 to 55 cows and later to 63 cows.

In 1982, Doug married Jenny, each bringing two children into the marriage. Scott works full time on the farm. Sue, Amy, and Susie, along with four grandchildren, all live close by and help on the farm when needed.

In 1983 Doug and Jenny began to purchase the farm from his parents by buying his father's half of the cows and machinery. They then leased the farm land from his parents until purchasing it in 1988.

In 1993 and 1994, Doug, Jenny, and Scott also operated a neighboring farm, bringing the total number of cows up to 100. In March 1995, the second herd was sold to concentrate on milking at the home farm.

Now the home farm houses 135 Holsteins with a rolling herd average of 22,000 pounds of milk with 70 milking animals.

The Lawton family raises 100 acres of corn and 110 acres of hay. This year they seeded 15 acres of oats and 15 acres of bar-

Visitors are welcome from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to register for the door prizes, including a year's supply of ice cream donated by Schwan's Sales Enterprises and

# Lancaster Farming Announces **Dairy Recipe Winners**

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) ---July is already upon us and you're planning your Fourth of July celebrations, so it must be time to announce the winners of Lancaster Farming's annual Recipe Drawing Contest for June Dairy Month.

Lori Connelly, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess, along with first alternate Rebecca Kilgore, randomly drew the winning recipes from a "Got Milk" bag which will also be given away as

We appreciate the 102 recipes we received. Thank you also for the photographs and insights that readers gave into their own lives as they wrote paragraphs describing their farms, favorite recipes, or children. Thank you also to those who mentioned that they enjoy the writeups and pictures in the recipe section of the paper.

Although not everyone could win, the entries were printed in the paper and clipped and added to the recipe files of readers everywhere. In addition, the pictures and captions help to

personalize and add interest to this section.

This year's winners include: Mrs. June Baklik, Shelton, Conn.; Chrissy Bollinger, Denver; DeVona Black, Three Springs; Rachel Stoltzfoos, Quarryville; Hazel M. Peterson, Walholla, S.C.; Andrea Martin, Mohnton; Etta Hoover, East Earl; Phyllis Stitzel, Kutztown; Arlene Hershey, Oxford; Darlene Heisey, Mount Pleasant Mills; Barbara Randall, Bloomfield, N.Y.; Edna Horning, Lebanon; Marsha Kuhns, Reedsville; Verna Beiler, Mill Hall; Laura Horning, Mifflintown; Becky Lichtenberger, Shippensburg; Sylvia Murphy, Ulster; Tonya Ward, Frederick, Md.; Susan Keiper, Saylorsburg; Katrina Norton, Ambler; Mary Lee Byers, Millerstown; Rebecca Copenhaver, Lebanon; Jennifer Andrews, Scranton; Mindy Merlina, Duncannon; Shirlene Epting, Hamburg; Judy Brouse, Beavertown; and Priscilla Grube, Mohrsville.

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beef, and market swine. She was also active in 4-H Woolies Club and 4-H livestock judging.

She would like to show sheep at local fairs this year, but isn't sure how things will work out because of FFA leadership demands.

Jen works part-time at the Ephrata Agway, a job she attained through the FFA work experience project. On the job, Jen serves as cashier, helps customers find fertilizer and other items, and answers many questions regarding sheep care.

Jen was accepted at the Penn State Berks Campus for

ag business, but will put college on hold to devote full time to FFA. She is working toward an American Degree, the national FFA award.

"I'm thinking about changing my major to animal science and minor in ag business," Jen said.

"FFA has really helped me with public speaking skills, meeting people, and all-around. I got into showing animals through FFA. There are so many opportunities in FFA and so many career options.

"This is my year to give back to FFA. It's a privilege to represent the entire state's 80,000 membership," Jen

a one-year supply of free Exxon gasoline tickets donated by Acorn Markets.

The day's events also include agricultural demonstrations and exhibits, old and new machinery exhibits, contests for young and old, and a petting zoo. Wagon tours of the farm are also a highlight of the day's planned activi-

To help fund the Farm City Day events, which are free to the public, an auction with products ranging from tools to food to theater tickets will be conducted as

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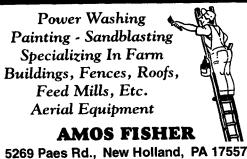
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