

# Warren County Selects Tiffany Wilkinson

PITTSFIELD (Warren Co.) — The 30th annual Warren County Dairy Princess Pageant was held recently at the 4-H building on the grounds at the Warren County Fair.

Following the competition which involved personal interviews with the judges, presentation of a speech, and the answering of an impromptu question, Tiffany Wilkinson, daughter of Rich and Vicki Wilkinson of Lander was selected 2000-2001 Warren County Dairy Princess. Sarah Lindell, daughter of Trudy Lindell and the late Denny Lindell was selected as the Alternate Warren County Dairy Princess.

Ms. Wilkinson profiled her father as "My Most Important Person" during her speech. She complimented her father for his dairy expertise and for being a positive role model.

Ms. Lindell titled her speech "Why Dairy Farmers Do What They Do," and asked where would we be without them?

This being the 30th anniversary of the local pageant, Jan Harding, executive director of the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotions Services was an honored guest. Ms. Harding complimented the local committee for its faithful promotion of

the dairy industry. The state pageant was organized on a county basis beginning in 1968. Warren County has sent a delegate since 1969.

Recognized as Past Warren County Dairy Princesses in attendance were Edith Miller Lehman, Christina Blystone Wolbert, and Marcy Hunter.

Ruth Barnes Shaw, professor of art history at Jamestown Community College of Olean, was the mistress of ceremonies. Ms. Shaw introduced the panel of judges: Marianne Kent of Sherman, co-chair of the Chautauqua County Dairy Princess Committee, Gerald Bensink of Columbus, a retired county executive director of the A.S.C.S.-U.S.D.A., and Sam Huffman of Randolph, N.Y. dairy nutrition expert for Enterprise Sales of Agway.

Retiring Dairy Maid Kelsi Wilcox was escorted by her father Craig Wilcox of Lander. She was presented with a plaque for two years of faithful service in that position. Ms. Wilcox told the audience that the dairy check-off program is working. She reported a 29 percent increase in consumption of fluid milk. The check-off program amounts to 15 cents per hundred weight of milk shipped by each producer. The



From left are Sam Huffman, judge from Enterprise Sales of Agway; Gerald Bensink, retired county executive director A.S.C.S.-U.S.D.A.; Tiffany Wilkinson, dairy princess, and Sarah Lindell, Alternate Dairy Princess, and Marianne Kent, judge from Chautauqua (N.Y.) dairy princess committee.

local dairy promotion team earned the second level of promotion completing 137 promotions.

Kathy Little, 1999 Warren County Dairy Princess, was escorted by her father, Roy Little of Pittsfield. She thanked the committee for their help and

wished her successor a good year.

Door prizes and promotional items were donated by Cable Hollow Greenhouse, COBA/Select Sires, Color Plus by Melinda Johnson, Dairy Farmers of America, Dean Foods, Farmer's Union — Milk Producers Association, John Wiggers & Son,

Mosher Milling, Pine-Ton Farm, Rick Meabon Transport, Russell Veterinary Hospital, Ter-Lin's Reflections, Warren-Forest Pomona Grange No. 10, and Zahm and Matson.

Marita and Leah Jespersen helped serve brownie sundaes, milk punch, cheese and crackers, and coffee.

## Schuylkill Dairy Princess

PITMAN (Schuylkill Co.) — Recently, the Schuylkill County Dairy Promotion Committee crowned Samantha Snyder the Dairy Princess for 2000. Samantha is the daughter of Steve and Melissa Snyder of Carl-A Holstein Farm in Pitman.

Samantha presented a speech entitled "Osteoporosis: Ages and Stages" and also a skit entitled "Kids Under Construction" which took the audience to a construction site with a new set of tools including the vitamins and minerals found in milk that are essential in building a healthy kid. Parents and children enjoyed and learned about the importance of dairy for good nutrition.

As a senior at Tri-Valley High School, Sam is active as Student Council president and co-editor of the school newspaper. She enjoys sports and plays on the volleyball team and is a cheerleader. Samantha is a member of Zion E.C. Church. After graduating, Samantha plans to attend college

and major in biology and education.

The promotion committee presented Sam with a variety of gifts including a gift certificate, luggage, a camera, and a gold necklace. Each of these things will be useful to Sam as she carries out her reign as county dairy princess.

Samantha's father, Steve Snyder, emceed the luncheon at the Schuylkill County Extension Office. The 1999 Schuylkill County Dairy Ambassador Christine Messner attended the event and shared her experiences within the past year. Christine had also served the county as the Dairy Princess in 1998.

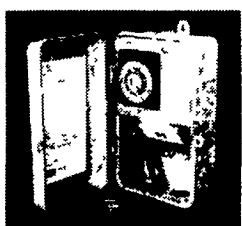
Madeline Daubert, the daughter of Ronald Ray and Melanie Daubert of Pine Grove, was named the Li'l Miss for the upcoming year.

Samantha and Madeline will represent the county at a variety of events and programs throughout the year.



Schuylkill County Dairy Princess Samantha Snyder and Li'l Miss Madeline Daubert are surrounded by promotion committee members, from left, Gail Moyer, Jody and Melanie Daubert.

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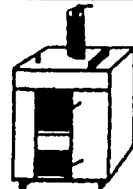
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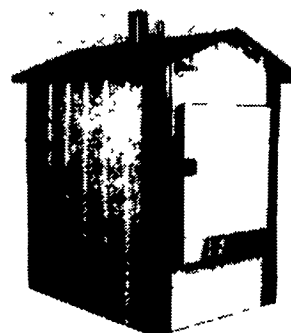


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