

# SUN Area Dairy Princess Rises To Cream Of The Crop

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She listed time management and being responsible as traits that will help her in the future.

Centre County Dairy Princess Emily Cloninger said that being herself is the most important thing she has learned. "That's who you are and what you do best. Be yourself and everyone will accept you for that," she said.

Potter County Dairy Princess Melissa Burdick said it's important to never second guess yourself. Always go with what you think first and that will lead you right, she said.

Desarai Lyn Oshop, Lawrence County dairy princess, said that someone told her that everybody's different. Each may have one little thing about them that you don't like but remember you have something also they may not like. "Thinking of that helps me accept everyone and love everyone equally," she said.

Bradford County Dairy Princess Samantha Barrett said the most important thing she has learned is to honor your family. Your family is so important. "I have about 20 family members in the audience and they have always supported me 110 percent," she said.

Dauphin County Heidi Miller said that living on a farm is learning to be responsible.

"Many things need to be done and little time is available to do it. But it's important that everyone takes responsibility to do their part," she said.

Melinda and the state alter-

nates will travel throughout the state representing the dairy industry in the next year. Melinda is a sophomore at Bloomsburg University, where she is majoring in elementary education.

Heidi is the 17-year-old daughter of J. Michael and Linda Miller, who raise Hostein

Before crowning the new state princess, Lori Connelly bid farewell and recapped the tremendous benefits she reaped as the 1999-2000 state dairy princess.

"My deepest appreciation goes to the dairy farmers of Pennsylvania. Thank you for leading exemplary lives and the

those with passion. Research shows that it is the single most important factor differentiating outstanding from good performance." That is a quote taken from "Sacred Cows Make the Best Burger," by Robert Kriegel and David Brandt.

Executive director Jan Hard-

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Junia Isiminger quoting "Sacred Cows Make The Best Burgers"

replacements and farm 257-acres on Great-View Farm, Harrisburg. Heidi's sister Holly is the Dauphin County alternate dairy princess. The two sisters sing in a gospel quartet and participate in many other musical activities.

A senior at Central Dauphin High School, Heidi plans to attend college to study music educational performance.

Emily is the 18-year-old daughter of veterinarian Robert Cloninger and his wife Ellen. The family raise 28 Holsteins on their 10-acre Reeber Farm. Emily is majoring in animal science business management at Penn State. She is also a member of the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Executive Committee, National and Pennsylvania Dairy Bowl, Centre Hall 4-H Ag Club, and Mount Nittany 4-H Dairy Club.

dedication and professionalism you put forth every day to create such an exceptional way of life," Lori said.

Lauren Debra Daubert, daughter of Dean and Brenda Daubert of Clinton County, received the Tina Shultz Memorial Award, which is given to the county dairy princess judged to have done the most outstanding job of representing the dairy industry within her county. The decision is based on the number and types of appearances the princess as made during 12 months of her reign.

Lauren's promotional efforts totaled 422 activities reaching approximately 28,200 consumers with the milk message.

Of Lauren's hard work, Junia Isiminger, public relations director for the princess program, said, "Enthusiasm is a low-budget word used to describe

ing said, "It is our purpose to train and encourage young people to be knowledgeable and enthusiastic representatives of the industry."

The Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Program is designed to extend and augment, at the local level, the advertising and promotion efforts of various dairy promotion agencies in the state.

"By working together, we can have a healthier, happier public and a stronger, more prosperous dairy industry," Harding said.

"For all the dairy princesses, the pageant is a sparkling celebration of the important job they are doing. Everyone is a success. Just to be here representing her county makes her a winner."

Those who return to their home counties will be joined by 30 alternates and 250 junior representatives to continue the job of local dairy promotion.



In her walk down the runway, Melinda Sue Wolfe thanks friends, family, the dairy industry, and God for giving her the opportunity to reign as state princess.



Melinda's award-winning speech centered on her American hero — her dad, posing with her, sister Deanna, 17, and mother Rinda.



Presentation and speech awards went to these contestants. From left, Lucinda Bray, Berks County; Samantha Barrett, Bradford County; Desarai Lyn Oshop, Lawrence County; and Melinda, selected as the reigning state princess.



Two days of rigorous judging were completed by this team, seated from left, Mary Louise Wilcom, Md.; Allison Littlefield, N.Y.; Tony Schlesier, N.Y.; and (standing at right) Steve Mott, Ohio. Master of ceremonies Grover Gouker, Lancaster, standing at center.



This is the team responsible for honing the communication skills of young girls into effective spokespeople for the dairy industry. From left, Jan Harding, executive director; Junia Isiminger, public relations director; Roberta McConnell, west at-large district; Donna Werley, east at-large district; Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Melinda Wolfe; Charlene Ranck, southeast district; Bev Minor, southwest district; and Betty Reibson, north-east district.