

Chester County Crowns Dairy Princess



Chester royalty, from left front, includes Ambassador Abby Hedrick, Chester County Dairy Princess Betsy Young, and Ambassador Becky Baily. Back from left are Ambassadors Becky Nolan, Trish Harrop, and Christy Guest.

CHESTER SPRINGS (Chester Co.) — Chester County dairy farmers wrapped up June Dairy Month and kicked off July Ice Cream Month by crowning a new dairy princess and court. The pageant was on Sunday, June 30 at the Chester Springs Creamery overlooking the meadows of Milky Way Farm in Chester Springs of northeastern Chester County.

Betsy Young, daughter of Charles and Debra Young of West Grove, received the title and crown. The 1999 Chester County Dairy Princess Amanda Grossman was on hand to perform the coronation honors.

Five dairy ambassadors that make up the court are Becky Baily, daughter of Barnard and Jane Baily of West Chester; Christy Guest, daughter of Stan and Cathy Guest of Pottstown; Trish Harrop, daughter of Bruce and Betsy Harrop of Exton; Abby Hedrick, daughter of Ruth Hedrick of Pottstown and John Hedrick; and Becky Nolan, daughter of Rob and Sharon Nolan of Cochranville.

Charlene Ranck, a resident of Chester County and the Southeast coordinator for Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services, Inc. welcomed the audience of family and friends. She introduced Steven H. Dietrich, the Penn State extension agent for Chester County who served as the Master of Ceremonies.

After introductions and a brief interview of each girl, they had opportunity to give a prepared speech. Betsy Young gave a presentation geared toward elementary-aged children. Dressed in an

artist's paint shirt, she drew the first letter of each of the nutrients of milk and created a simple drawing to help the audience remember what aspect of health each nutrient is noted for.

Each of the dairy ambassadors prepared a speech for an adult audience beginning with Becky Baily who gave a detailed description of the origin of the major dairy breeds and also the Lineback cow, which is well-known in the Baily herd.

Christy Guest explained the origin and increase in popularity of ice cream and encouraged the audience to enjoy lots of it, especially throughout July as Ice Cream Month.

Trish Harrop, although the youngest of the court has had many experiences in life and in her speech she shared some of the events of her farm life, which is new and different each day, but never wanting for activity or the security of family life.

Abby Hedrick did not grow up on a farm but has always loved animals. Without animals on her family's four acres, she decided to go to the animals, and began working on a neighboring farm that now houses her own dairy 4-H animals. She cherishes the relationships built through these experiences.

Becky Nolan spoke of the need for Americans to consume the recommended amounts of dairy products. She gave statistics and the value of the nutritional aspects of milk and milk products.

Betsy will be attending a three-day intensive training seminar in July, which focuses on public speaking, nutrition, working with the media and dairy knowledge. A one-day mini-seminar in August will be conducted for the ambassadors, which will cover the same topics.

These seminars and the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Pageant conducted in September, are sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services, Inc., the statewide organization that trains and equips the young people of Pennsylvania to promote milk and increase milk sales.

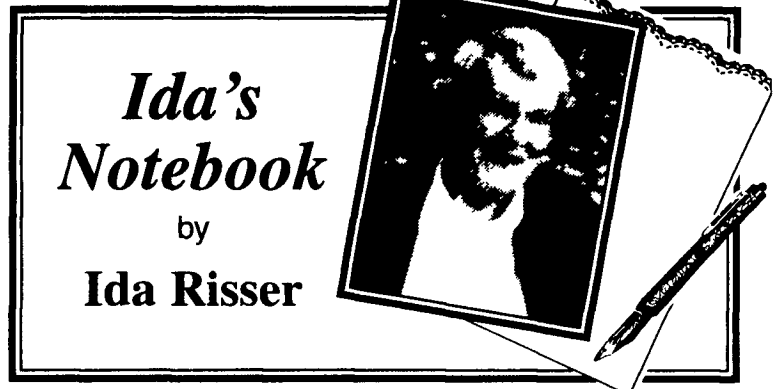
The Chester County Court will appear at dairy events throughout the coming year in addition to visiting schools, grocery stores and grange meetings where they will talk with the public about the aspects of milk and hand out promotional materials. Anyone interested in inviting the Chester County dairy royalty to a local event may do so by contacting Sharon Nolan, booking chairperson at (610) 593-7465.

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We all get wrapped up in our own personal problems. I've been thinking of several people to whom I talked during the last week.

One lady is a widow and lives in a large farmhouse by herself. She has family who visit and she visits her very elderly father in a nursing home. She likes flowers and shares them with visitors. She enjoys collecting birdhouses too.

Another lady to whom I spoke briefly mentioned that it was also hard on her to have an ill husband. Sometimes she worried more about his health than he did. The years certainly change our attitudes.

My husband had a visitor the other week. He came bearing a lovely cake that his wife had baked. As he had an errand in our area, he stopped to see how Allen was doing. The answer is

that recovery is slow as his problem has not yet been diagnosed.

A neighbor lady stopped by with two grandchildren as she was trying to get rid of a big bag of turkey bones. A farm usually has a large supply of cats that are anxious for extra bones. She told of her daughter moving away from the area and how unhappy it made her as she had been a very involved baby-sitter.

My sister and her husband are planning a trip to Europe. They will bicycle through the Scandinavian countries. This couple is younger and can do what older couples only remember doing. Before they leave they will travel to Vermont for the wedding of their son.

Therefore, some folks are still living an active life, while others are living more on their memories. Keeping active seems to be the answer to a useful life.



York County 4-H ambassadors from left are Kayla Baughman and Mary Zeigler.

York Teens Attend Penn State 4-H Ambassador Conference

YORK (York Co.) — Kayla Baughman, daughter of Lisa and Tom Baughman, Felton, and Mary Zeigler, daughter of Robert and Linda Zeigler, York, recently participated in the 14th annual Penn State 4-H Ambassador Conference at the University Park Campus, where they attended workshops on posters and displays, interactions with the public, presentations, and PowerPoint program development.

In addition to the workshops, the conference delegates visited with a number of Penn State faculty and administrators during a reception.

State 4-H ambassadors promote the 4-H youth program and the land-grant university system and are available to

speak to groups about Penn State Cooperative Extension and 4-H. This year's ambassadors will play key roles in helping their counties celebrate the 4-H Centennial in 2002. These ambassadors represent Pennsylvania's approximately 120,000 4-H members.



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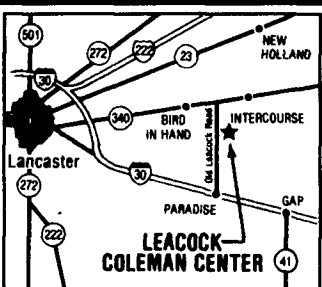
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