



Sandi Brander

Halton's Dairy Princess in provincial competition

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Next Thursday, Sandi Brander, Halton's Dairy Princess, will be competing in the Ontario Dairy Princess Competition. The competition is being held in the Fraser Pavilion of the Livestock Building at the C.N.E.

Sandi, 18, is the daughter of Don and Gwen Brander of Norval, Ont. She resides on a Holstein dairy farm and is involved in helping her family in the day-to-day management. This knowledge, as well as extensive activity in 4-H, enabled Sandi to win the county title last October.

As Halton's Dairy Princess, Sandi acts as a liaison between the dairy industry and the urban public. A typical outing will take Sandi to a school or a women's group explaining the process of

milk in its journey from the farm to the kitchen table. She will stress the dedication of dairy farmers to produce a quality product that meets the nutritive demands of today's active families.

In her bid to win the coveted title of Ontario Dairy Princess, Sandi will use the information she has acquired while speaking to various groups at the county level. She will be expected to answer dairy-related questions in an interview and will be judged on her poise and knowledge during her speech Thursday night.

For those who are interested in following Sandi's progress, the preliminary competition begins on Thursday, at 4:30. It ends, with the five county finalists, on Agricultural Day, August 28, 5:30 in the Coliseum Show Ring at the C.N.E.

New program unveiled for Ontario farmers

NEW LISKEARD - A new soil conservation program for Ontario farmers will begin September 1, 1990. Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food David Ramsay has announced.

"This new program will build on the success of the first Land Stewardship program introduced in 1987," said Ramsay. "With the continuing efforts of our farmers and this program, we can work toward our mutual goal of sustainable soil and water resources and the long-term economic viability of agriculture in Ontario."

Over the next four years, more than 5,000 farmers are expected to participate in Land Stewardship II.

This program follows the \$48 million announced for soil conservation by Ontario Treasurer Robert Nixon in the Ontario Budget - \$10 million will go toward funding the current Land Stewardship Program. Starting in April of 1991, \$38 million will flow to Land Stewardship II over the course of the next three years.

Provincial studies show that conservation technology can result in substantial reduction in farm input costs and maintain the same level of production in most soils in Ontario.

The program follows a series of consultations conducted with farmers and farm organizations which strongly supported sound conservation practices on the farm.

It combines several elements of the previous land stewardship program and the Ontario Soil Conservation and Environmental Protection Program II, with new water quality initiatives.

It will integrate the use of agricultural practices and structures, promote conservation farm planning and continue to involve farmers in program delivery. Included are residue management, cover crops, manure storage, milkhouse waste-water treatment systems, pesticide storage and handling stations, soil erosion control structures, watercourse fencing and livestock watering facilities.

The inclusion of these structures in the program promotes an integrated resolution of on-farm soil and water resource problems.



Registered Nurse, Jayantha Wijeratna, (standing), takes the blood pressure of local resident Marion Armstrong while she was giving blood at the Georgetown Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic at the Holy Cross Hall in Monday afternoon.

Red Cross Society falls short of goal

The Georgetown Red Cross Society fell just short of its goal to raise 325 units of blood during Monday's blood donor clinic at the Holy Cross Hall in Georgetown.

Although 326 people attended the clinic, only 310 units were received, according to a Red Cross press release. Just over 300 units of blood were raised during the last blood donor clinic in Georgetown this past May.

Donor awards were presented to several people during the day in recognition of reaching a donation milestone.

They included: Ronald McGowan, 75th time; Dan Ligterink, 50th time; Alan Ryall and Thomas Warnaar, 35th time; Erika Sommer, Eleanor Clarke and Earl Haskins, 20th time; Betty McFarlane, Halia Avdimiretz,

Mary Siddall, Peter Froemmel, Alan Presley and Richard Roett, 10th time.

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