

Karen Shertzer to Promote Milk in Juniata County

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MIFFLINTOWN — Karen Shertzer was crowned Juniata County Dairy Princess, in front of 100 plus spectators, at the Mifflintown Fire Hall on June 6. Karen, the 20 year old daughter of James and Audrey Shertzer, Mifflintown, is a graduate of Lampeter-Strasburg High School in Lancaster County.

Alternate Dairy Princess was Christen Weaver, also of Mifflintown. Sixteen-year-old Christen will be a senior at Juniata High School and is the daughter of A. Lee and Margaret A. Weaver.

Encouraged by the dairy promotion committee to enter the contest, the 1986 Dairy Princess said she hopes to encourage people to use dairy products. Her goal is to be willing and enthusiast about promoting dairy products for her county.

Karen is presently employed on the family dairy farm where she is the eldest of four children, two brothers and one sister. The family milks 47 cows.

While in high school, Karen was active in FFA, basketball, track and the county 4-H club. Other activities and interests include Cedar Grove Youth Fellowship, baking, and, of course, farming.

Each of the two girls presented a creative skit on the promotion of the dairy industry.

Karen's skit showed her as a mother pushing her baby through a supermarket pointing out the nutritive values of dairy products. Christen portrayed an angel sent to Mifflintown to remind us of the value of milk products.

The Alternate Dairy Princess entered the contest because of a childhood goal. Christen's school and community activities include chorus, band, 4-H dairy, beef, sheep, and swine clubs, cheerleading, youth group, pianist and dairy judging team.

Christen helps with chores on the family swine farm where a unique computer system is used. Christen has shown the Grand Champion Steer at the Juniata County Fair for the past three years. The college bound senior will help the Princess in promoting the dairy industry.

Miss Shertzer was crowned 1986 Juniata County Dairy Princess by Angela Colyer, the 1984 Juniata County Dairy Princess. Miss Colyer said in a very sincere speech that she was grateful for her reign as Princess and being a spokesperson for the dairy industry. She gave her full support to the new Princess.

The pageant opened with a milk punch reception and ended with a sundae bar. Over 70 patrons supported the contest.

The 1986 Dairy Princess Pageant was co-sponsored by the Juniata County Holstein Club and the Juniata County Dairy Promotion Committee. Lloyd Ebersole was Master of Ceremonies for the evening and gave the traditional toast to the new princess.

Judges for the pageant were: William Bradford, a Lewistown dairy farmer; Denise Hall, a marketing coordinator for Sire Power, Tunkhannock; Beth Raney, an extension agent and former Venango County Dairy Princess, Pine Grove Mills.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Texas Hollow Reunion.



Karen Shertzer is Juniata County's 1986 dairy princess.

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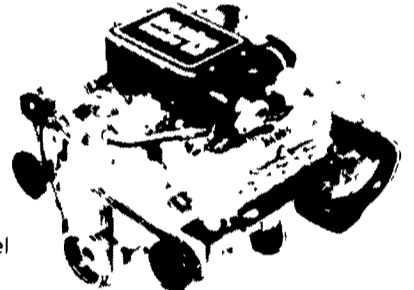
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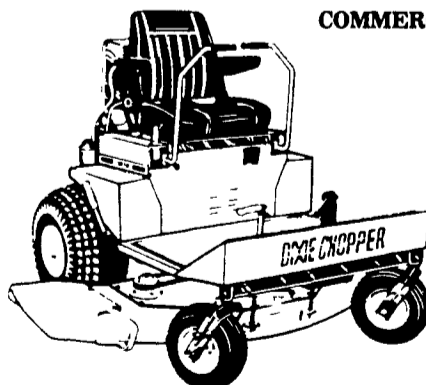


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