

These young women are strong promoters of the dairy industry in Lebanon County. From left: outgoing dairy princess Angela Hoover; Alicia Mase, Li'l Miss; Kynel Bomgardner, dairy princess and Brenda Dice, alternate dairy princess for the county.

Princess And Li'l Miss Chosen At Lebanon County Pageant

BY LOU ANN GOOD

ANNVILLE (Lebanon Co.) -Two seventeen-year-old friends will promote dairy products through the Lebanon County Dairy Princess program. Crowned dairy princess was Kynel Bomgardner at the Saturday night pageant held at the Annville-Cleona High School. Brenda Dice was named alternate.

Both are graduates of Northern Lebanon High School and are now working fulltime on their family farms. Both are enthusiastically committed to making dairy farming their career and both have impressive records in 4-H and FFA endeavors.

In pageant competition on Saturday night, Kynel, riding a pedal tractor and merrily singing 'Old MacDonald Has A Farm," humorously dramatized serving dairy products to her six lazy brothers.

Kynel, the daughter of John and Margaret Bomgardner, in reality has six brothers who help milk 63 head of registered Holsteins at the family farm in Ono.

The newly crowned dairy princess admitted that several years ago she had gone through a stage of resenting farm chores that prevented her from participating in school activities. She recalled, "My dad explained that life is full of choices and we can't do everything." After contemplating on the pros and cons of farm life, Kynel was convinced that farming should be a priority in her life. Today, she hopes to always remain on the farm and is actively pursuing increasing her own 11-head herd.

Despite daily milking chores, Kynel graduated magna cum laude and participated in the following school activities: track team, band, junior and senior class plays, pit orchestra, and student government. She was designated student of the month and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School students.

Her church involvement includes serving as the pianist and as the coordinator for the youth missionary crusade.

Alternate dairy princess Brenda Dice, daughter of Harold and Audrey Dice, arises at 3:30 a.m. every day to help with the family's 120 milking Jersey cows and 100 head of replacement heifers. President of the Northern Lebanon FFA chapter, Brenda has placed second in showmanship in state competition and third at the Eastern States Livestock Exposition.

This year, for the first time. Lebanon named a Li'l Miss Lebanon County to assist with promotional activities. After on-stage interviews conducted by Elvin Gingrich, master of ceremonies, the audience and judges chose Alicia Mase, the 5-year-old daughter of Gary and Patty Mase.

The contestants, between the ages of four and six, included the following: Hannah Bomgardner, daughter of Harvey and Cathy Bomgardner; Lydia Kay Heagy, daughter of Lynn and Mary Heagy; Amanda Heffelfinger, daughter of Charles and Audrey Heffelfinger; and Crystal Ann Moyer, daughter of Ray and Astrid

Angela Hoover, 1988 dairy princess, related highlights of her reign. Judges for the event were Dan Martin, First vice president of the Atlantic Dairy board of MAM-MA Co-op, Charlene Ranck, 1981-82 Pa. Dairy princess and Chester County chairperson of Dairy Promotion; and Lou Ann Good of Lancaster Farming.

Following the pageant, the audience participated in an ice cream social organized by Sheryl Horst and the pageant committee.

Lycoming County Names Princess, Alternate



The Lycoming County Dairy Princess Fay Jordan will promote the dairy industry with the help of runnerups Carolyn Cline, left, and Shannon Peterman. Don Evans from Penn State served as master of ceremonies.

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