

PA Dairy Princess

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Somerset Karen Leigh Jenkins said: "I would buy them the world, and add the sky and sun."

Blair Kristen Metzker said, "I really do believe that the things that manner the most are the things that are done from the heart. The things that I give would be very simple: to be the best person that I can be and to try to be success in all that I do and always let them know that who I am and what I am is a very direct result of my parentage."

Lancaster County Dairy Princess Jacy Clugston said, "I believe that I do have the ways and means to thank them. I thank them for raising her in a Christian family. I feel that the best way I could thank my parents is to rear my children like they reared me in a Christian home."

Bucks County Mary Beth Landis answered, teary eyed but composed, "My parents have done a lot for me. When I was younger, I did not always see that but now that I am older I do. The biggest thing that I could do for them is to give my life to serve the Lord in whatever that might be for me."

Crawford County Dana Ann Slusser: "I would try to be an example of what they've taught me to be. I'd try to live a good life in work, be a Christian, honor God, and be good to people like they

have, for they've taught me so much. I'd share what they have taught me so that other people could see what've they've taught me. They're good parents."

Sullivan County Sally Reibson said: "I'd really give them everything, service, time everything. My parents brought me into the world and give me everything I need. In return, I'd tell them I love them every day as I do."

The new princess and her alternates also placed first for outstanding presentations. In the presentation, Kristin, dressed in a black and white polka dot blouse and black skirt challenged the audience with a fact-packed speech on Dairy: It's Diet and Delicious.

Sally Reibson, dressed in black suit and hat, carried a cane and did a silent comedy imitating Charlie Chaplin choosing between real dairy products and imitation.

Mary Beth Landis portrayed Snow White and the seven dwarfs who learned to change their lives by using dairy products.

Honorable mentions for outstanding presentations went to

Suzanne Moyer, Berks County; Jacy Clugston, Lancaster County; and Julie Wible, Butler County.

Scrapbook judges Christine Meissner, communications director of ADA, and Dieter Kreig, Farmshine editor, chose the following as top winners in the scrapbook competition: Nicole Childers, Bedford County; Suzanne Moyer, Berks County; Kristin Metzker, Blair County; Mary Beth Landis, Bucks County; Dana Slusser, Crawford County; and Heidi Minner, Mercer County.

Jan Harding, PDPPS program director, presented a silver bowl in a "Real seal bag" to the outgoing princess. She said that Anne, her "sixth daughter", has done a tremendous job.

"Not only has she served as our State Princess with it's many responsibilities but also won the Tina Shultz Award, for outstanding promotion on the county level.

The Tina Shultz Award is given annually in memory of the 1985-86 Huntingdon County Dairy Princess who did an outstanding job of promoting the dairy industry while fighting a losing battle with cancer.

Runner-up awards for the Tina Shultz Award went to Kynel Bombgardner of Lebanon County and Tanya Martin of McKean



Kristin Metzker poses with her parents, Jay and Debbie, and brother, Wesley, 12.



Linda Fisher, Miss Congenialty.



Jan Harding welcomes Kristin Metzker as her new daughter.

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The Miss Congeniality award that is selected by the contestants was given to Linda Fisher of Mifflin County.

After a farewell speech by the 1989-1990 PA Dairy Princess, the new princess and her alternates were named.

After accepting the crown, banner, and bouquet, Kristin Metzker said, "I knew the best girl would win but I didn't know it would be me. It is a dream come true to serve each and everyone of you."

For 15 of the 17 years that Kris-

tin has lived, she's been tagging along with her mother, Debbie, the dairy princess promotion coordinator in Blair County. Those years sparked a desire to some day wear the crown not only for her county but someday the state.

"I knew she'd win," her mother said after the coronation. "I know her abilities and I hoped everyone else would recognize them."

Kristin's mother added, "After 15 years of being chairperson in my county, it's nice for me to get something out of it."



Judges for the pageant reported it was a tough competition to judge. From left: Dr. Ron Buffington, Susan Reynolds, Marcia Remsberg, and Jim Cavanaugh.



During Anne Marie Mitchell's reign as the state dairy princess, she and Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Boyd Wolff became like family. "I'll take her home to be a daughter any day," said Sec. Wolff who stands with Anne, left, and Angela Spickler, the former state alternate princess.



The seven finalist included, front row, from left: Karen Leigh Jenkins, Somerset County; Mary Beth Landis, Bucks County; Kristin Metzker, Blair County; Sally Reibson, Sullivan County; and Jacy Clugston, Lancaster County. Back Row: Dana Ann Slusser, Crawford County; and Heidi Alleen Minner, Mercer County.