

Moos News Commentator Captures Lebanon Crown

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LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — Perhaps you heard of her — Karen Lentz, commentator for Moos News.

The fledging newscaster was crowned Lebanon County Dairy Princess and will be assisted in her promotional duties by Karlene Mae Weaver, alternate, and Bethany Heagy, Lil' Miss Dairy Princess.

Unfortunately, network viewers could not tune into TV station WREL's Moos News because it was aired only to the audience who attended pageant ceremonies at the Lebanon County Area Vo-Tech School on June 8. Karen devised the newscast as her presentation for the pageant's competition.

The 16-year-old daughter of Robert and Sandra Lentz reported that cows shipped to Egypt helped supply milk to Desert Shield troops. She said that cheese is the only dairy product with a rising consumption rate.

On her news station, Karen also portrayed a farmer who reported that his cows stubbornness to let their milk down and refusal to go to pasture are sure tales that stormy and cold weather is in the making.



All set to promote the dairy industry in Lebanon County are, from left, Lil' Miss Dairy Princess Bethany Heagy, Dairy Princess Karen Lentz, and Alternate Karlene Weaver.

As news sources, Karen used her experiences as the owner of five registered Holsteins, president of the NORLEBCO 4-H Dairy club, and treasurer of the Lebanon Coun-

ty Junior Holstein Club. Karen, who just completed her junior year at Northern Lebanon High School, is a member of the National Honor Society, a peer counselor and a member of SHADE (Students Helping to Aid the Disabled Elderly).

She is an active member of Mt. Zion Road Church of the Brethren. She enjoys singing, playing volleyball, swimming and competing in Dairy Bowl contests.

Karlene Mae Weaver was named alternate dairy princess for the county. In her presentation, Karlene portrayed a senior citizen who praised dairy products for helping her to look and feel great "even at my age."

The 16-year-old daughter of Jesse and Darlene Weaver will be a senior at Lancaster Mennonite High School in the fall. She was a member of NORLEBCO 4-H Dairy Club and is employed by Grace Community Inc. As a member of her church youth group she is on the youth planning committee.

Master of Ceremonies Richard Kreider asked the two contestants: What is the most critical problem facing the dairy industry and what do you see as the possible solution?

Karen said the most crucial problem facing the dairy industry

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Guests at the pageant included, from left, former Pennsylvania Alternate Clarinda Leatherman, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Kristen Metzker, and former Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Rebecca Sonnen. Metzker, a former Blair Countian, is now a Lancaster Countian. She relocated in Lancaster where she is a disc jockey for radio station WLAN FM 97.



Lebanon County Lil' Miss Bethany Heagy is surrounded by other contestants, from left, Jenny Maulfair, Merritt Hernley, Chanelle Horst, and Brandy Himmelberger.

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