

Princess Begins Reign

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Mr. Scott Deputy, East Berlin, Pennsylvania, chairperson for Adams County Dairy Princess and Promotion Committee.

Early in the day, each contestant met with the judges for a 15 minute interview, presented their dairy promotion skits and taped a 30-second radio announcement. The evening consisted of a brief oral resume and introduction of family and friends present. Each princess gave a presentation of their skit for the entire audience. These skits will be used throughout their reigns for the promotion of milk and dairy products. The impromptu question each had to answer was, "Why should we promote the dairy industry in Maryland?"

The newly crowned princess, Jenell, feels it is especially important to promote the dairy industry during hard economic times. "We need to promote the dairy industry to boost our economy" Jenell says. "It is quite an honor to represent the hardest working people I know, and I'll try to do a good job". Her eight-year-old sister, Jena was her escort. For her skit, she sang with her Molly Magical Cow Puppet to tell children about dairy products in a land called Milky Way. Jenell is the current reigning Maryland Farm Bureau Queen, and recently won the Miss Maryland Teen USA title with a full four-year scholarship to the University of Maryland. She will represent Maryland in the national Miss Teen USA Pageant this fall.

Crystal Smith was chosen Alternate Maryland Dairy Princess. Her two-year-old niece, Leslie Hardesty, presented her for the princess walk. Crystal owns Holsteins, Jerseys, and Guernseys and was asked to pick a favorite. She said "I couldn't pick a favorite of the three breeds. They're like my children". The children in the

audience became excited as Crystal introduced her family of pull-toy cows by name. Each cow brought a dairy product. Then along came a blue and purple "imitation" cow to help Crystal explain why we should look for "real" dairy products.

The Francis Kepler scholarship was awarded by the Dairy Princess committee to Crystal who was also chosen Miss Congeniality.

Tonya Broadwater was escorted by a 5-year-old friend, Jena Harshman. She used a Bart Simpson puppet to introduce dairy products to children. She feels we should help Maryland farmers as much as possible by buying and eating more dairy products.

Washington County Dairy Princess, Dawn Downey, chose her five-year-old brother, Wade, to perform the honor of escort. She says, "Maryland is a farm and dairy state and we need to keep it that way". Dawn took the audience on a dairy train ride through dairyland. Using her violin to portray train music, her various stops were to learn important facts about dairy products.

Donna Johnson's three-year-old nephew, Mitch Lemney, was her escort. Donna dressed as a fairy godmother. She used real dairy products to transform to a beautiful Cinderella. She hopes to work for a bull stud operation, and later become an elementary art teacher. She would like to "help consumers understand why they should pay a little more for what they are getting and how it is made".

Baltimore Harford County Princess, Gretchen Klein, was escorted by a nine-year-old friend Jason Selman. She portrayed Miss Muffet whose spider forgot to use dairy products to build a strong healthy body. A career in radio and TV broadcasting is her hope



Left to right: Alternate Maryland Dairy Princess Crystal Smith, Maryland Dairy Princess Jenell Rinehart, and former state dairy princess Stacey Guyton, pose for pictures after the pageant.

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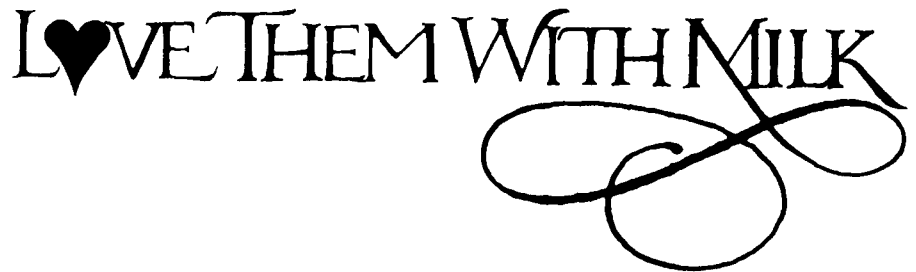
The 1990 Maryland Dairy Princess, Stacey Guyton, in her farewell speech, thanked her family and the Dairy Princess Committee for their support. She says the Dairy Princess is an important part of Maryland's dairy promotion program and counted it a privilege to represent the farmers of Mary-

land. Stacey was given a cash bonus for her outstanding efforts.

Traveling more than 9,000 miles this year, she gave presentations at 26 different schools, appeared in 30 news articles, did 11 TV and radio spots, attended 17 grocery promotions, 21 non-farm events, 44 farm meetings, and 71 special

events. Stacey also received special recognition from Maryland Governor Donald Schaefer.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by Silent Speech, from Linganore High School. They used sign language to convey the messages of their selection of songs.



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