

# Kid's KOrner

## Adams County Dairy Miss Loves Farm Life

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EAST BERLIN (Adams County) — Erin Deputy had fun riding on a float in the Brushtown Fireman's Parade last summer as the Adams County Li'l Dairy Miss.

The parade was not as much fun for her grandmother, who slipped on a grassy slope and broke her

leg.

Riding in parades was just part of the fun experiences Erin had this past year as Li'l Dairy Miss. Halloween was the busiest parade season, when Erin rode floats and waved at parade-watchers in Gettysburg, Dillsburg, and Hanover. Usually, Erin dressed up like a cow to ride on the floats.



Riding bikes is one of the favorite things Erin, left, and Laura enjoy doing together outdoors.



Erin and Jake share a hug.



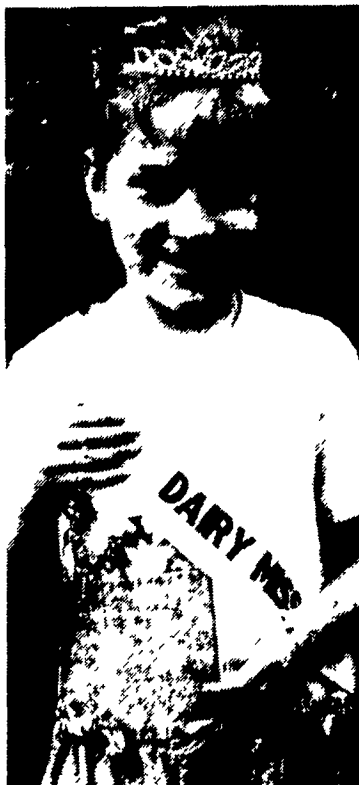
The farm dogs, Jake and Brandy, get very excited when Erin, Laura and Tyler come to play.

She also handed out ribbons at cattle shows, like the South Mountain Fair, and helped Dairy Princess Jayne Hess give out cheese samples to shoppers at nearby supermarkets.

Erin is six years old and attends kindergarten with 23 other classmates at Bermudian Springs Elementary School. She lives with her parents Beth and Mark, and her sister, Laura, 5, and brother Tyler, 2. Erin likes to spend time at the Deputy family's dairy farm, and especially enjoys helping to feed the baby calves.

"I help to give the calves their bottles and pour the milk in their buckets," Erin explains of her farm chores. Sometimes, she even helps milk the 100 cows in the herd.

There are special animal friends at the farm that Erin, Laura and Tyler like to play with. Fireball



Erin Deputy helps to promote dairy products as Adams County's Li'l Miss.



Erin, Laura and Tyler help feed a new baby calf.

and Buzz are their pet dwarf rabbits. Jake and Brandy, the farm dogs, are Yellow Labradors who get very excited when Erin, Laura and Tyler visit the farm. There are always lots of kittens to hold, too.

"We have a turkey that came to the farm," says Erin of the big, black bird that surprised the Deputy family when it showed up one day. The turkey seems to be happy at its new home and is not very afraid of people or other animals, Erin says.

Erin enjoys taking gymnastics classes, and one of her favorite things to do at home is ride bike with Laura. They also spend a lot of time on the swings in their yard.

Sometimes, Erin helps her mother by playing with her baby cousin Lydia, who stays with Erin's family on the days when her mother works.

Being the "big sister," though, is not always an easy job.

"I have to give in a lot," Erin says, of sharing things with the younger children when they want them. But she knows that is part of growing up.

Another part of growing up is giving up her title to a new Li'l Miss during the Dairy Princess pageant on Saturday, June 13, on the stage of Bermudian Springs High School in Biglerville.