

# Role Playing Becomes Reality For Amy Espenshade

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— No fantasy or science fiction invaded the Lancaster County Dairy Princess Pageant held at the Home and Farm Center on June 18. Although Amy Espenshade often previously portrayed a princess in science fiction episodes, she is now a bonafide princess.

The 18-year-old grew up playing Star Wars with her brother and sister while completing milking chores on the family's Elizabethtown farm. Amy always played the role of Princess Leia, her brother Matthew was Luke Skywalker, sister Becky was Han Solo, the cows were the storm troopers, and the dog was dubbed Darth Vader.

Now Amy no longer needs to role play. She is an actual princess. Crowned Lancaster County Dairy Princess, Amy wears the crown with regal bearing.

She is the daughter of Harvey and Susan Espenshade. The family crop farms 140 acres on their Century Farm and milks 50 cows. Amy is a recent graduate of Elizabethtown High School and will begin studies in horticulture at Penn State-York in the fall.

Alternate Joy Young will assist Amy along with Dairy Darlings

Crystal Brubaker, Mt. Joy; Jodi Delong, Quarryville; Crystal Leining, Quarryville; Jenna Martin, Ephrata; Andrea Shellenberger, Mt. Joy; and Debra Young, Peach Bottom.

Joy is the daughter of David and Carol Young of Peach Bottom and is active in 4-H horse activities.

Part of the pageant activities required the contestants to perform a prepared skit and to answer an impromptu question. Amy portrayed a cow who complained that of all the animals possible, she was stuck being a stupid clumsy cow. As the cow reviews her duties, she comes to the conclusion that helping a teen-age boy grow strong muscles, helping girls have healthy completions and strong bodies, and providing good-tasting products such as ice cream are noteworthy responsibilities.

Joy portrayed a nurse reviewing

patients' charts and noticing how diet plays an important role in preventing illnesses.

The impromptu question was posed by master of ceremonies Grover Gouker Jr. who said, "Some people believe that respect has deteriorated over the last generation or so. Why?"

Amy answered that she believes people are more confident of themselves and tend to think of themselves rather than others in behavior. She believes children should be taught to respect elders and thinks of how to act before hurting others.

Joy said that respect has deteriorated because society's values have been lowered. She said they younger generation should be taught morals and values so that they can appreciate others.

Contestants were judged not

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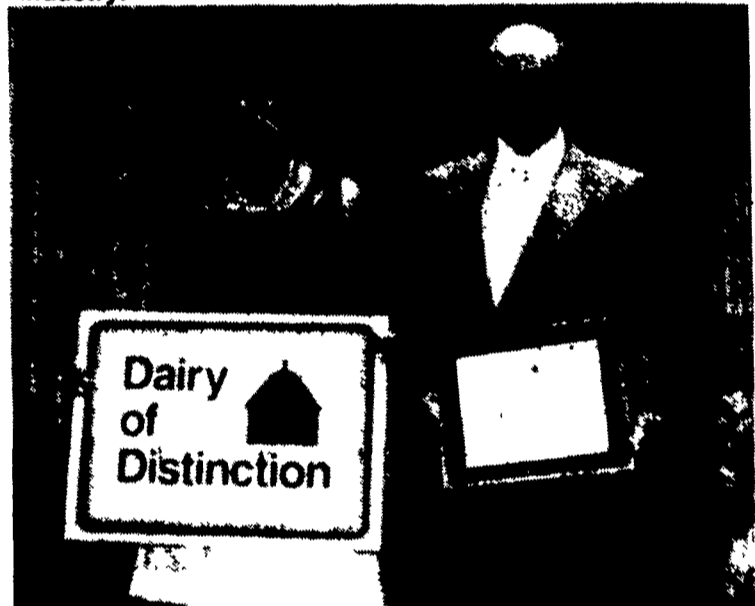
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Lancaster County Dairy Princess Amy Espenshade, right, and Alternate Joy Young will represent the dairy industry.



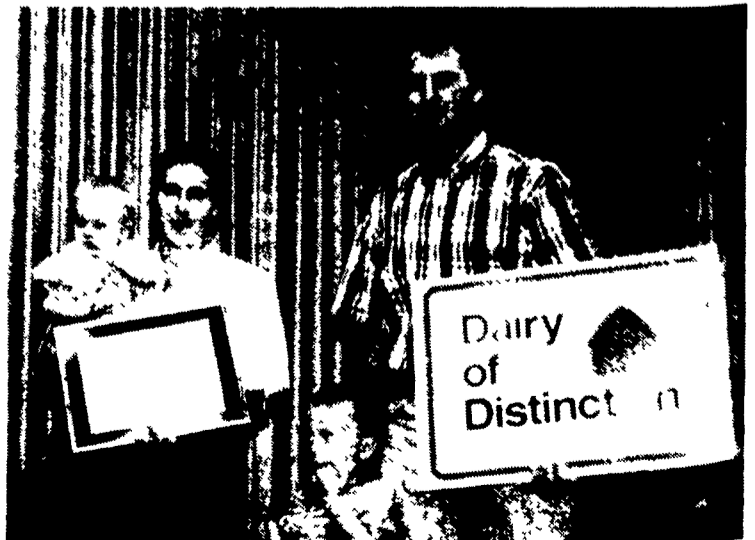
The Espenshade family from Elizabethtown include from left, Harvey, Susan, Amy, Becky, and Matthew.



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Long of Peach Bottom are recipients of a Dairy of Distinction award.



Ray and Reba Ranck receive a Dairy of Distinction award for their Paradise farm.



The David Wenger family accept a Dairy of Distinction award for their Manheim farm.



From left, Lisa Risser, co-chairman of the Dairy of Distinction Program, and Marci Harnish, 1993-1994 county dairy princess and state alternate, hand out Dairy of Distinction awards to Joe and Dave Garber and the Mark Dietrick families.