Dairy Royalty Assume

Erie County Dairy Princess

CRANESVILLE (Erie Co.) -Jill Shepegi wears the Erie County Dairy Princess crown. She helps her parents, Larry and Susan Shepegi on their 100-acre farm. They have a herd of 70 Holsteins and Jerseys.

"All the Jerseys are mine," she said. She received her first one for her sixth birthday and has been building her own herd of Jerseys since then.

A senior at General McClain High School, Jill is a member of the National Honor Society. marching band, concert band, and

Jill is president of her 4-H club. After high school, she plans to study business management at

Alternate Melissa Rose helps with dairy promotional duties. The 16-year-old daughter of Dave and Lynn Rose of Union City has an 18-year-old brother, Chris.

Melissa helps her aunt on her farm. She beds cows, feed calves, and has her own calf.

A junior at Union City High School, Melissa keeps wrestling statistics and is a member of chorus. She plans to attend college.



Erie County Dairy Princess Jill Shepegi with Alternate Melissa Rose

Jefferson County Dairy Princess

REYNOLDSVILLE (Jefferson Co.) — Coleen Mowrey reigns as the Jefferson County Dairy Princess. The 17-year-old daughter of Dwayne and Karen Mowery helps on the family's 250-acre farm in Reynoldsville. The family milks 90 Holsteins.

A senior at Brockway High School, Coleen is secretary of the FFA and participates in National Honor Society, band, jazz band, chorus, and Academically Inclined Mind. She is president of her 4-H club. She also is a member of her church council, unit council, synod council, and a worship assistant.



Butler County Dairy Princess Jennifer Blair with Alternate Audra Knauf.

Butler County Dairy Princess

BUTLER (Butler Co.) — Jennifer Blair reigns as Butler County Dairy Princess.

Her parents, Wendell and Marilyn Blair sold their dairy herd when Jennifer was 11 years old. Now 21 years old, Jennifer never lost her love for the cows and she helps milk 79 Brown Swiss cows for dairy farmer James Kennedy.

Jennifer also works as a doctor's assistant and receptionist in a doctor's office, but she likes her dairy farm job the best.

Jennifer shows Arabian horses, which she raises on her parents' 700-acre farm in Butler.



Coleen Mowrey Jefferson Co. Dairy Princess

Helping Jennifer with dairy promotional duties is Audra Marie, Knauf of Evans City.

With her parents, Roy and Audrey Knauf, and two brothers, and a sister, Jennifer helps with milking, feeding, shoveling manure, and crop farming on the family's 245-acres in Evans City.

Sixteen-year-old Audra Knauf is a junior at Seneca Valley.

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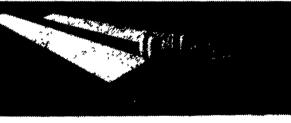
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