

Kids Korner

On The Farm With Lebanon County Li'l Dairy Miss

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LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) —

Although Erin Williams is only eight years old, she already has a job.

Her job as Lebanon County's Li'l Dairy Miss requires her to promote milk. That means handing out cheese and milk samples to people in shopping malls, fairs, and other places where large crowds gather.

When she is on the job, Erin wears a tiara, which is commonly called a crown, and a banner with the words Lebanon County Li'l Dairy Miss.

Shoppers often ask questions and Erin is quick to encourage them to drink milk every day for healthy bones and teeth.

This year, Erin and her parents, Christine and David Williams, held a milk promotion on their 135-acre farm for two school classes.

Erin led the farm tour and told the students about the animals on the farm and how they are fed. She fed the calves and the students were allowed to pet the calves, cats, and Erin's rabbit. The children peeped into the milk tank to see how much milk 66 cows are capable of producing.

Erin's dad took the students on a hay ride.

Before the students came to the farm, Erin helped her mom bake cupcakes in cones and decorate them like cow faces. The children enjoyed eating the cow cupcakes for a snack.

Sometimes, Erin needs to miss

school to work at her job. The school allows this because Erin's job is an educational event. Her job has helped her become very articulate. That means Erin is able to speak clearly and concisely to people. Her job has made her knowledgeable about dairy products and the difference between lowfat, no-fat, and regular milk and milk products.

Although Erin enjoys her job, she doesn't like to miss school.

"I like school. Science and math are my favorite subjects and I like reading books and doing stuff with other kids," Erin said.

Erin's mother teaches agriculture at Tulpuhocken High School. Her mother was a former alternate dairy princess for Berks County.

"That made me want to become the Li'l Dairy Miss. I'd like to become a dairy princess when I'm old enough," Erin said.

She will need to wait many years to become dairy princess because that requires contestants to be 16 years old or older.

Erin is in second grade at Jonestown Elementary School.

At home, Erin enjoys playing with her sister Lauren, 5, and brother Matthew, 3.



Lebanon County Li'l Dairy Miss Erin Williams compiled a big scrapbook with pictures of her helping dairy princesses



Five-year-old Lauren hopes someday to be a Li'l Dairy Miss.



Three-year-old Matthew spends much of his time loading hay with his equipment.



Although Erin is busy with duties as Li'l Dairy Miss, she still enjoys playing just like other children her age.



The Williams family take a walk on the lane that leads toward their home.

