

# Heather Oberholtzer Reigns As Lancaster County's Dairy Princess

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— When Heather Oberholtzer's cow gave birth to twins, she celebrated by handing out Hershey candy bars to her classmates.

The pride, the devotion that Heather feels about her cows extends to the dairy industry and she promises to be a competent spokesperson for the industry in her new role as Lancaster County Dairy Princess.

Seventeen-year-old Heather was crowned at the Lancaster County Dairy Princess Pageant held at the Farm and Home Center on June 17.

Alternates Andrea Kreider and Monica Rohrer with the help of four dairy darlings will assist Heather with county dairy promotion.

The three contestants for the pageant prepared a presentation or skit to perform in front of the audience. Each also needed to answer the impromptu question: What advice would you give parents of teen-agers today?

Heather said that she believes that the most important thing for

parents to give teen-agers is to show them love so that they don't need to look elsewhere for it and that parents should be willing to talk.

For her presentation, Heather posed as a city girl who moved to the country and stopped by a neighboring farm for a drink. At the farm, she learned about cows and the nutritional value of milk and other dairy products.

Heather is the daughter of Clair and Laverne Oberholzer of Elizabethtown, where they milk 75 cows.

Heather's sister Jesslyn, 19, served as Lancaster County's Alternate Dairy Princess two years ago.

Other siblings include twins Brent and Brian, 14, and Delmar, 12.

Heather is the president of the FFA at the Elizabethtown High School. She was a recent national FFA winner of a writing contest. Heather also participates in ODE to Youth, marching band, girl's soccer, National Honor Society, Northwestern 4-H Dairy Club, Saddle Cinches 4-H Horse Club, and Rissler's Mennonite Church Youth Group. She works part time for Wenger's Meats and Fine Foods.

Alternate Andrea Kreider is the daughter of Herbert and Darlene Kreider of Quarryville, where they are one of the owners of the 220-cow dairy operation by S&A Kreider and Sons.

Monica Rohrer is the daughter of John and Bonita Rohrer of Lancaster where they have an 85-head dairy.

Four dairy darlings who will help with promotions during the upcoming year are Alison Glick, daughter of Merle and Denise Glick of Quarryville; Brenda Hoover, daughter of Gordon and Carol Hoover of Gap; Heidi Benner, daughter of Herbert and Melanie Benner of Gap; and Sarah Linde, daughter of Axle and Sue Linde of Kirkwood.

Dairy of Distinction awards were given to Brubaker Farms of Mount Joy; Fountain Hill Farm of Gap, Kat-Lin Farm of Lititz, and David and Olna Stoltzfoos of Leola.

Amy Espenshade gave a teary goodbye speech. She spoke of the highlights and the honor she had in representing the dairy industry as the county dairy princess during the past year.

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Lancaster County Dairy Princess Heather Oberholtzer is surrounded by her family that includes parents Clair and Laverne, and siblings Jesslyn, 19, twins Brent and Brian, 14, and Delmar, 12.



Dairy Darlings for the upcoming year are Alison Glick, Brenda Hoover, Heidi Benner, and Sarah Linde.



Lancaster County Dairy Princess Heather Oberholtzer will promote the dairy industry with the help of Alternates Monica Rohrer, left, and Andrea Kreider, right.



A milk toast in honor of the Lancaster commissions proclaiming June as Dairy Month for the county is celebrated by, from left, Grover Gouker Jr., master of ceremonies, Jim Huber, commissioner; and Joy Young, former alternate dairy princess.



Judges for the pageant are from left, Betty Cole, Maryland; Donna Duncan, Carlisle, and Kirk Sattazahn of Sire Power.