Peterman Captures Crown In Lycoming County

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MUNCY (Lycoming Co.) — Yvonne Peterman secured the Lycoming County dairy princess crown as part of a two-day dairy festival held recently at the Lycoming Mall.

Peterman was crowned by 1994 Lycoming County Dairy Princess Kathryn Jarrett.

The 19-year-old daughter of Kendall and Cheryl Peterman of Muncy, Peterman will enter her sophomore year at Penn State this fall, where she is majoring in agricultural business management.

Selected as alternates were Roberta (Bobbi) Fogleman and Danielle Swisher.

Fogleman is the 17-year-old daughter of the late Ralph and Ellen Fogelman, of Muncy. In the fall, she will be a senior at Muncy High School.

The daughter of Scott and Sue Swisher, of Unityville, Swisher will be a senior at Hughesville High School in the fall.

Peterman was selected after each contestant had an interview with the judges, presented a prepared presentation and answered an impromptu question.

Posing as a television show host, Peterman informed the audience about the benefits of drinking milk during her presentation.

"Today on healthy cooking, we're going to learn about nature's most nearly perfect food, and that's milk," said Peterman. "You may be wondering why I picked milk to be the topic of today's show. It's because milk is such a nutrient dense formula. It has nine essential vitamins and minerals."

In her presentation, Fogleman, posing as a veterinarian, tried to convince her Holstein, Daisy Lou, that her diet of junk food was wearing her down.

"Your treatment today is for you to begin eating real dairy foods," said Fogleman.

In clearing up some misconceptions about milk, Danielle Swisher noted that there are six major



Kathryn Jarrett, 1994 Lycoming County Dairy Princess poses with newly crowned Lycoming County Dairy Princess Yvonne Peterman, seated, and alternates Bobbi Fogleman and Danielle Swisher.

breeds of dairy cows.

"No, chocolate milk does not come from brown cows," she joked.

The final stage of the pageant came after each contestant had to answer the question, "If a foreign girl came to visit you, what would you like her to know about your state?"

"I think the first thing I'd do is take her to a travel agency and pick up a lot of pamphlets. Then I'd take her all the local places and of course I'd show her my home surroundings on the farm and I could tell her the facts about Pennsylvania and it's milk production," answered Peterman.

Showing her the area's dairy farms, taking her to see the capitol and Hershey Park, were among the things that Fogleman would like to show to a foreign visitor.

Swisher stated that she would like the visitor to know that Pennsylvania is one of the leading dairy producing states in America. She also said she would show them what a dairy farm is like and how different each dairy farm is.

As in many counties, dairy maids make up an important part of the dairy promotion team. Serving as dairy maids in Lycoming County are Randi Fogleman, Mary Ann Cline, Stephanie Ulmer, Sara Ulmer, Heather Swisher, Melissa Daly and Julie Groff.

Local radio personality Todd Stewart served as master of ceremonies for the event, while pageant judges included Paul Nichols of the American Dairy Association, Dee Courter, Clinton County Dairy Farmer and Carolyn Moyer, Tioga County.



Seven dairy maids will help promote the dairy industry in Lycoming County this year. Pictured, from left, are Randi Fogleman, Mary Ann Cline, Stephanie Ulmer, Sara Ulmer, Heather Swisher, Melissa Daiy and Julie Groff:

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