Cumberland Selects Dairy Royalty

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CARLISLE (Dauphin Co.) -Heather Lehman had at least one good reason for becoming Cumberland County's Dairy Princess for 1996-97.

Her brother asked her to do it, she said.

As it turned out, the 19-year-old Mechanicsburg woman ended up being the only contestant for this year's crown.

But that doesn't really matter

because she is sure to do a good job representing the county's busy dairy industry.

She knows exactly where her priorities must be.

"The most important thing I'll be doing will be promoting the dairy industry," Lehman said. "A lot of people don't know how important it is.'

She knows first-hand how important it is and how important her job as the county's 29th dairy princess will be over the coming

She said she has plans to make her career in the industry and hopes to prepare for that by studying agribusiness at either Delaware Valley College or Vir-

ginia Tech.

Lehman, who is the daughter of Carl and Mabel Lehman and a 1995 graduate of Cumberland Valley High School, is already kept plenty busy serving a term as treasurer of the Pennsylvania FFA.

The speech she gave during her coronation ceremony at the Embers Convention Center in Carlisle covered statistics on dairy farming in Pennsylvania and on the nutritional benefits of drinking milk, including the fact that it is a rich source of calcium.

For her presentation, she pretended to be the director of a health club to discuss the importance of drinking milk and how milk drinking combined with exercise equates to a healthy lifestyle.

Her brother. Tim. filled in the intermissions in the presentations with a musical program, so the coronation was truly a Lehman family affair.

The climax came when Lehman received the crown from the county's 1995-96 dairy princess, Lori Brownewell.

The county dairy maids who will help Lehman during her year-long reign included two returnees from last year and two newcomers.

The veteran dairy maids are Rebecca Cornman, the daughter of Steve and Debbie Comman of Carlisle, and Julie Fulton, the daughter of Robert and Rebecça Fulton of Shippensburg.

The first-time dairy maids are Heather Brown, the daughter of James and Vonda Brown of Mechanicsburg, and Amy Kulick, the daughter of James and Ann Kulick of Carlisle.

Lehman's family no longer farms full time, but she keeps her hand in agriculture by continuing to raise two heifers, along with beef cattle and swine.

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Lori Brownewell crowns her successor **Cumberland County Dairy Princess Heather** Lehman.

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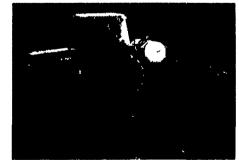
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Brown, Amy Kulick, Julie Fulton, and Rebecca Cornman.

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