'Special Agent' To President Is Somerset Dairy



Jessica Lynch, center, on June 28 was named the 1997-98 Somerset County Dairy Princess. Lindsay Leigh Baker, left, and Katie Shaulis are both alternates.

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SOMERSET (Somerset Co.) — When the president, upon revealing that his breakfast lacked "Real" dairy foods, found himself impaled to the wall by his nononsense, special agent, the commander-in-chief knew his diet would have to be amended by including milk in it.

Not only that, but Jessica Lynch from Friedens, the new Somerset County Dairy Princess, acting in behalf of the dairy industry, told the first lady how women who don't drink adequate amounts of milk, are endangering the health of their bone structure in years to come with the disease "osteoporosis."

The trench-coated, special agent advised the residents of the White House, as well, that their child must be served generous amounts of milk and other dairy products each day.

The child's growing body needs the vitamins and minerals found in milk for strength, energy, and normal development.

A 312-acre dairy farm, Lyncholm Holsteins, supports about 300 head of dairy and beef cattle, and is operated by Gary and Nancy Lynch, Jessica's parents.

Three times a day approximately 200 head are milked and Miss Lynch is expected to also do her share of the work.

Active in 4-H and numerous farm organizations in the county, as well as her church and school, the teenager wants to attend Penn State to study for a career with the Agency (CIA).

A scholarship of \$1,000 was presented to Miss Lynch. Alternates Katie Shaulis and Lindsay Leigh Baker each received a sayings bond of \$250.

The three young women participated in the 31st Somerset County Dairy Princess Pageant where Miss Shaulis, a Rockwood Area High School graduate headed this fall to West Chester University, was named Miss Congeniality.

In her "Got Milk Patrol," skit, an offender who brought a nondairy product into the Dairy Zone, barely escaped arrest by the uniformed officer. After hearing his promise to join the Milk MOOvement, Shaulis relented and said she would give him an-UDDER

Visitors to Dairyland were warmly welcomed by an engaging Dairy Fairy — Miss Baker.

At the Berlin-Brothersvalley High School she is a junior.

Signs lead to the pleasant place where happy Holsteins flew about, but because Dairyland had extremely high standards, parking in the dairy paradise was restricted. Only holders of the "Real Seal" or those who openly displayed it could park there was

the gentle word from the kind fairy.

Master of ceremonies was Bob Brown, director of the Somerset County Cooperative Extension office, who obviously enjoyed the Little Miss Pageant interviews with children.

Little Miss participants and escorts were Laura Horning, Melissa Paul, Rochelle Gossman. Samuel Shober, Jeffrey Meier, and Andrew Singo.

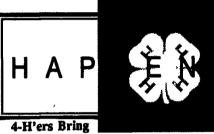
Dairy maids Bethany Seifert, Kristi Michael, Katie Stutzman, Jill Rohrbaugh, Missy Powell. Rebekah Fox, and Jill Fox, were introduced.

Miss Lynch was crowned by Amanda Meier, the outgoing Somerset County dairy princess.

Desirae Hillegass, the 1996 alternate dairy princess called the door prize winners.

Judging the event, from Bedford County was Susan Shankle; Cambria County, Maria Lieb; Westmoreland County, Libby Marker.

The dairy princess committee members are Angie Shober, chairperson; Brenda Slingluff, Stephanie Gebhardt, Kelly Bittner and Vicki Hav



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NGScake decorating projects. The project includes completion of a

4-H project record book as well as exhibiting a decorated cake at roundup, which is to be held at the upcoming Harford Fair. Recently, these six members got together in leader Denise Pease's

kitchen to practice their decorating skills. With the help of Elizabeth Graves, a cake decorator from Clarks Summit, the members decorated a total of seven cakes.

The 4-H'ers participating are Heather Pease of Susquehanna, Kendal Miller of Jermyn, Sarah Graves of Clarks Summit, Katie and Abby Onyon of New Milford, and Dan Frechen Susquehanna.

After decorating was completed, dishes washed, and icing wiped up from everywhere, the members kicked back to enjoy looking at one another's masterpieces. They decided previously, as a community service, that it would be nice to share all of those calories with somebody. The Allied Nursing Home in Scranton was chosen.

After packing seven cakes in the car, the youth and some helping moms arrive at the nursing home. Delighted smiles began appearing on many faces of the residents at Allied as the kids showed off their

accomplishments. After carving their creations, the 4-H'ers served more than 50 elderly people.

