

Mercer County Selects Dairy Princess

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MERCER (Mercer Co.) — Seventeen-year-old Tamella Menke achieved a life-long dream when she was named Mercer County Dairy Princess at the pageant, which was held in the Leslie N. Firth Learning Center, Mercer, June 30.

Tamella is the daughter of Ted and Rosemary Menke of Greenville and will be a senior at Reynolds Junior/Senior High School this fall. She is active in 4-H and is a member of the Country Milksters dairy club and the veterinary science club and is president of County Council. She is in National Honor Society, Key Club, Concert Choir, and German and Latin clubs, track and field and the Reynolds Varsity "R" Club. She also belongs to the Jersey and Holstein breed associations.

Tammy plans to attend Penn State University and major in dairy and animal science after high school.

Tammy's skit "Dairy Day at Farmer Bill Academy" depicted a farmer visiting an elementary school class and introducing the students to a calf and milk. Her speech "Changes" talked about changes in the dairy industry.

Alternates Terra Ferris and Elizabeth Voorhies with Dairy Maids Katie Hanna, Kimberly

Voorhies, Emily Davis, and Melissa Hanna will help promote dairy products in Mercer County.

Terra is the 18-year-old daughter of Frank and Rosalie Ferris, New Wilmington. She is a 1998 graduate of Wilmington Area High school where she was active in FFA, Key Club, and chorus. She served as a track statistician and assisted with the Kiwanis book sale and pancake breakfast. Terra plans to work on her family farm and work with 4-H and FFA members.

Terra dressed up as a football player and told third graders how milk could help them grow up big and strong in her skit, "Three Times a Chara."

The 23-year-old daughter of Gerald and Susan Voorhies, Stoneboro, Elizabeth will be a senior at Edinboro University this fall where she is majoring in elementary and early childhood education. She is a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a national co-ed service fraternity and was a nine-year member of No-Bull 4-H dairy club. Elizabeth is employed at the London, Pa. McDonald's and Eat'n'Park this summer.

Elizabeth presented a speech on lactose intolerance called "Got Milk" and a skit "Where Does Milk Come From?"

Katie, 15, and Melissa Hanna, 13, are the daughters of Clayton

and Cindy Hanna, Stoneboro. Katie presented "Friends" in which she talked about how her imaginary friend helped her discover the benefits of eating dairy. Melissa cheered for dairy foods in "Melissa the Moo."

Kimberly Voorhies is 16 and performed a skit called "Little Miss Muffet Learns About Dairy." In it the spider teaches her that milk, cheese, and ice cream are really good for her.

Thirteen-year-old Emily Davis is the daughter of Chuck and Cindy Davis of Mercer. Emily excitedly told the audience what she learned about dairy products at school in her skit "A Day at School."

The Dairy Delights ages 5 to 10 years, will help the royalty promote milk as well. They are Sarah Snyder, 10, of Greenville; Erica Montgomery, 9, Grove City; Summer Paxton, 8, Grove City; Laura Sturgen, 6, Fredonia; Loral Montgomery, 7, Grove City; Karen Siege, 7 and Jill Siege, 5, Greenville. The Dairy Darlings sang "The Cows are in the Barn" for the audience.



Mercer County Dairy Princess Tammy Menke realizes a dream as she poses for pictures during her first official duty.

Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening was Susan DeLeo, a news reporter for WFMJ TV 21 in Youngstown, Ohio. The pageant

made the news and local farmers were able to see the new dairy princess on the 11 p.m. news June 30 and noon news July 1.



Dairy Maids Emily Davis, Katie Hanna, and Melissa Hanna pose with Mercer County Dairy Princess Tammy Menke.



Mercer County Dairy Princess Tammy Menke, center left, poses with Alternates Elizabeth Voorhies, right, and Terra Ferris, left, and Kelly Clark, former Mercer County dairy princess.

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