

Pig-Tailed Teen Skips Way to Crawford Crown

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SAEGERTOWN (Crawford Co.) — Pig-tailed Lacey Jean Zakostecky skipped her way to the Crawford County Dairy Princess Crown with her skit, "Future Dairy Promoter's First Day of School." The 25th annual Crawford County Dairy Princess Pageant was held at the Christ Evangelical Free Church, Saegertown.

Lacey is the daughter of Jeffery and Laurie Zakostecky of Springboro where the family has 44 head of Brown Swiss on their 42-acre Zacs Dairy. The farm has been in the family since one of Lacey's great-great-grandfathers received it as a land grant for serving in the Revolutionary War. Lacey is the farmer in the current generation and owns 24 head of cattle.

She is 17, will be a junior at Conneaut Valley High School this fall and plans to attend college after high school. Lacey is active in softball, basketball, yearbook staff, school newspaper staff, Spanish club and SADD. She is an honor student and is vice president of the Conneaut Valley FFA. She is a member of the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association and the Pa. Brown Swiss Association, attends Conneautville Baptist Church, and serves as president of the Conneaut Valley 4-H Club.

Lacey enjoys showing dairy cattle, playing all sports, and a variety of outdoor activities. Additionally, she is employed as a part-time milker for John Greene.

Cosha Jo Naples earned the title of Crawford County Alternate Dairy Princess with her humorous skit "Squirt, Squirt, Here Comes

the Dairy Products."

Cosha is the 17-year-old daughter of Edgar and Jacquine Fox of Meadville. She will be a senior at Saegertown High School, after graduation she plans to study political science or pre-law in college. Cosha is active in SADD, Talent Search, Stand Tall and history club. Outside school she is president of the 4-H interstate exchange club, road clean-up, and youth group. Cosha is employed on Manross Farm and Getty Farm.

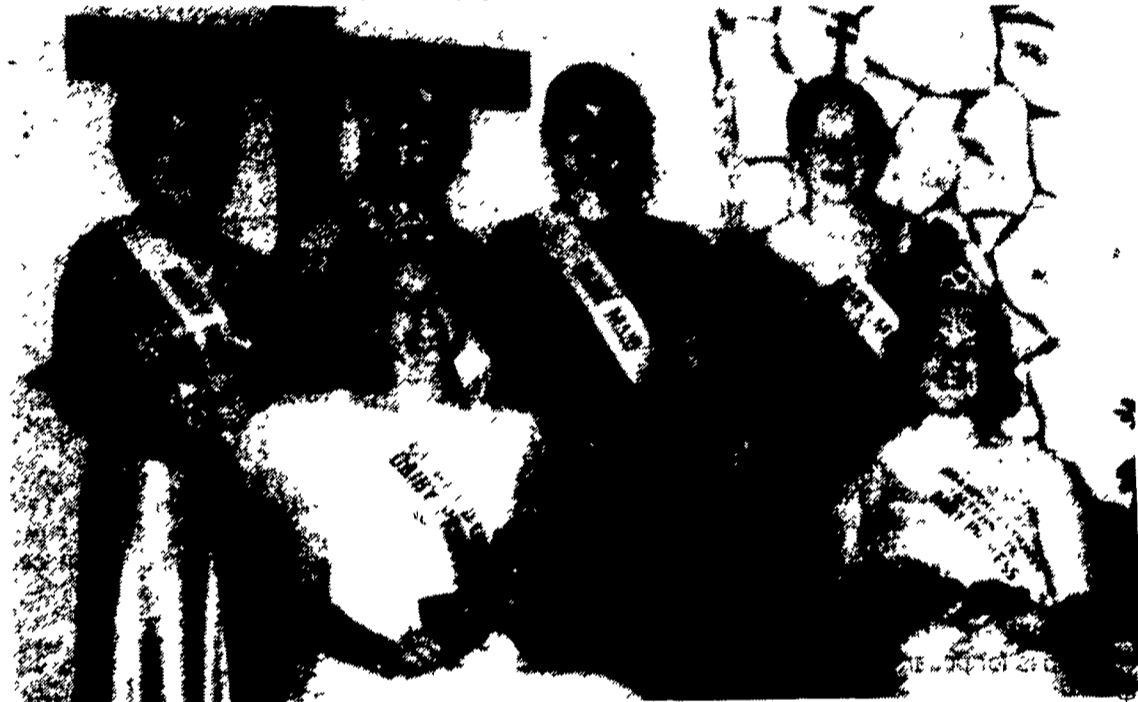
Four Dairy Maids will help Lacey and Cosha promote the dairy industry in Crawford County. They are Stacey Lynn Agnew, Conneautville; Jessica Lynn Baer, Edinboro; Sheila Marie Payne, Springboro; and Emilie Eileen Smith, Centerville.

The Dairy Maids presented speeches on milk and the dairy industry. Both the dairy princess contestants and dairy maids answered the impromptu question: "Congratulations you have just been elected president of the United States. The entire world is at peace and there are no wars about to break out, Congress has just passed a new amendment to the constitution, as a newly elected president you can change one thing in the country, except the price of milk, without having to receive approval from anyone, what would that one thing be and why?" with poise.

Assisting the dairy royalty will be Flower Girls Rachael Elizabeth Irwin, 8, of Linesville and Alexis Rose Caldwell, 6, of Saegertown. Rachael enjoys promoting milk so much that she made her own "Future Dairy Princess" Banner.



Crawford County Dairy Princess Lacey Zakostecky and Alternate Cosha Jo Naples are eager to begin dairy promotion.



Crawford dairy maids include Stacey Agnew, Jessica Baer, Sheila Payne, and Emilie Smith.

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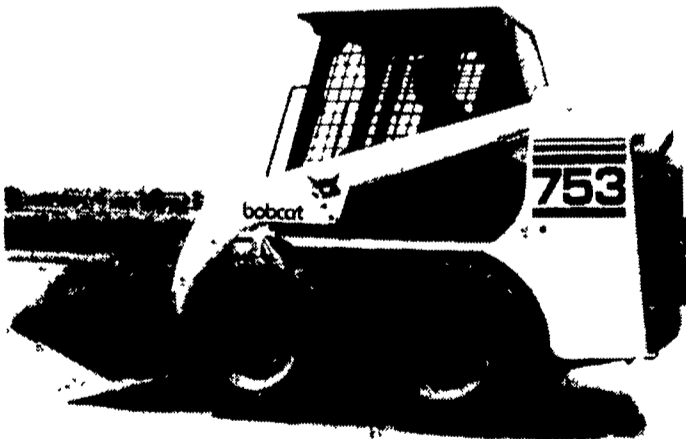
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