

Maryland Dairy Princess Exposed To Dairy Industry Through Babysitter

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FREDERICK, Md. — Erin Feuillet, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Jean-Pierre and Donna Feuillet of Damascus, Montgomery County, is the new Maryland dairy princess. Erin was presented with her tiara by outgoing princess Emily O'Hara at the 37th Maryland Dairy Princess Coronation held here at the Holiday Inn.

Four young ladies, all serving terms as regional dairy princesses, vied for the state title. Feuillet represented Montgomery and Howard Counties and Southern Maryland as the South Central dairy princess. Erin Kernan, the Upper Chesapeake dairy princess, was named the alternate Maryland dairy princess. Erin in the 16-year-old daughter of Eugene and Pamela Kenan of Parkton, Maryland. Also competing in the contest was April Enlow, the Allegany-Garrett dairy princess. April is the 18-year-old daughter of William and Kristen Enlow of Friendsville. Jennifer Seiss, the current Frederick County dairy princess, also participated in the contest. Jen is the 18-year-old daughter of Glenn and Nancy Seiss of Rocky Ridge.

Erin Feuillet will be a sophomore at the University of Maryland this fall, where she is majoring in agriculture and resource economics. In the future, she says, she would like to add a double major in mar-

keting. She said she would like to eventually work for an association marketing milk.

"My interest in dairy marketing was started a long time ago," said the dairy princess, "It intensified when I was South Central dairy princess."

At college she is a member of her student union marketing committee.

She has raised and shown Jerseys for the past 10 years, and has success at the county, state, and national levels. She has also been active in dairy judging, and her involvement in judging has taken her to Madison, Wisconsin for the National judging competition, where her team placed fourth overall. She won the R.N. Whipp judging award for two consecutive years.

Erin said she first got involved in dairy projects through her babysitter, who

lived on a dairy farm. "My babysitter since I was six months old was on a dairy farm," she explained, "So I got involved that way. I always helped on the farm." That was with the Marty and Geraldine Stiles family at their Hidden Valley Farm in Damascus. Spending time at Hidden Valley Farm, Erin developed a love of Jersey cows. She was able to keep her animals there, caring for them each day when she visited the farm.

Her interest in agriculture has led to a 10-year career in 4-H, where Erin has been a member and held leadership roles in the Damascus 4-H dairy club, the Montgomery County junior Jersey calf club, the Montgomery County sheep and swine club, and the Montgomery County beef club. She is also a 10-year member of the state junior Jersey club, where she has been a secretary.

In other awards presented at the evening gala, outgoing Maryland dairy princess was honored for her outstanding scrapbook. Miss Congeniality went to alternate state princess Erin Kernan, whose radio spot was also selected the best in the show. Erin Feuillet was awarded the Francis Kepler Memorial Scholarship, and was honored for the best skit of the evening.

Three judges had the hard job of selecting dairy royalty. Deanna Rose, of Southhampton, Pennsylvania, is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Council.

Lolly Leshner of Bernville is a returning judge who is a dairy farmer and sells dairy products at a farmer's market in Washington, D.C. The third

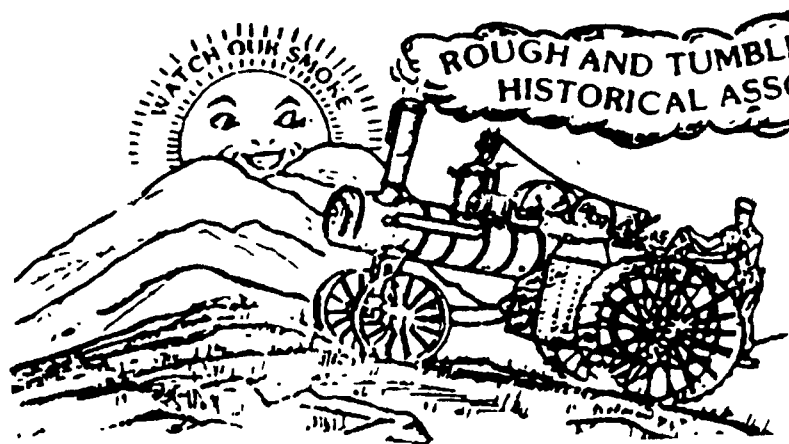
judge was Nathan Stiles, a retired Jersey breeder from Boonsboro, Maryland. Master of Ceremonies was Jeff Myers of Westminster, Maryland.



Erin Feuillet, the new Maryland dairy princess.



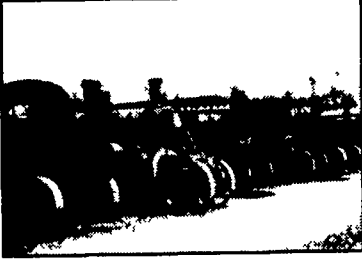
Seated is Erin Feuillet, the newly crowned Maryland dairy princess. Behind Erin are, on the left: Emily O'Hara, outgoing Maryland dairy princess, and, on the right: Erin Kernan, the new alternate Maryland dairy princess.



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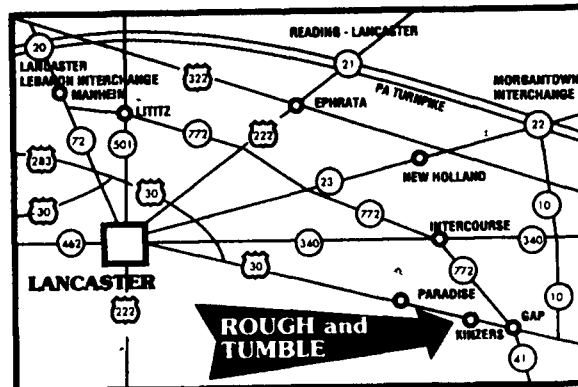
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