

Stefanie Long Named Tioga County Dairy Princess

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— An exciting year awaits Stefanie Long as she was crowned the 1999 Tioga County Dairy Princess at a pageant held Monday, June 14, at the Tioga County Fairgrounds.

With the title come many responsibilities that Stefanie says she's ready to tackle.

"I just want to say thank you to everyone for getting me this far. Everyone in this room has contributed. This was my dream!" she said.

Although she was the only contestant, Long was required to prepare and deliver a presentation and answer an impromptu question.

Posing as an extremely active

and healthy older woman, Long touted the benefits of drinking milk in her presentation.

"I am 99 years old and as you can tell, I should live well into the next millennium," she stated. "I was going to wait until I was 100 to tell you my secrets, but it's too important to me. I drink milk and exercise every day," she said.

To the question, "It's a hot summer day, how would you try to persuade a teen-ager to drink a dairy product instead of a soft drink?" Stefanie answered, "I would tell them that milk is not only cool and refreshing, but very nutritious. Soda is just acid and not very good for you."

Long is a member of the class of 2001 at Williamson High School. She is also a member of Cowanesque Valley FFA, Williamson Peer Helpers, Band, and

is a Flag Squad co-captain. She also serves as an assistant Girl Scout leader and is a Senior Girl Scout.

The Long family resides on Ter-Lin Farm, a 103-acre Ayrshire - Holstein - Jersey dairy near Lawrenceville, where Stefanie owns 14 cattle.

Long was crowned by 1998 Tioga County Dairy Princess Kristina Baker. 1999 alternates Amanda Graves and Emily Norman were also on hand to help with the celebration.

Baker remarked that her year as Dairy Princess was wonderful and she couldn't have done everything without the help of lots of people.

"I can't believe I was standing up here just one year ago getting crowned Tioga County Dairy Princess. I was at my cousin's graduation on Saturday, and I thought, 'This is unreal, where does the time go?' But it's like they say, time flies when you're having fun, and that's exactly what my reign was," said Baker who swore that she would not cry during her presentation.

The tears started flowing, however, when she explained that she had dedicated her year to the memory of her grandfather, Dan Baker, a well-known dairy promoter and former head of the area's Dairy of Distinction Program.

Rounding out the 1999 Dairy Promotion crew in Tioga County are Dairy Maids Kimberly Baker, daughter of William and Rebecca Baker; Sara Derstine, daughter of Ron and Betsy Derstine; Renee Norman, daughter of David and Aggie Norman; and Melinda Oakley, daughter of Mark and Penny Oakley.



Stefanie Long, daughter of Terry and Linda Long of Lawrenceville, was crowned the 1999 Tioga County Dairy Princess at a recent pageant.



North Mountain 4-H

The last meeting of the North Mountain 4-H Club was held on May 24.

Old business was discussed on the clean-up at the Quite Creek and pre-teen retreat.

New business was discussing

that the float helpers will meet at 8:15 to get ready to be in the parade, the National Guard field trip, Presentation Night, and a Leadership Conference, July 12-15.

Demonstrations were Ceramics and Houseplants.



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