

Tioga County Selects Veronica Miles As Dairy Princess



Veronica Miles, seated, is Tioga County's Dairy Princess for the year 2000. Genie Bruce will serve as the Alternate Dairy Princess.



Dairy maids in Tioga County, seated from left, are Kimberly Baker and Renee Norman. Standing, from left, are Kaitlynn Johnson, Jami Butler, Sara Derstine, and Crystal Miles.

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WHITNEYVILLE (Tioga Co.) — Veronica Miles, Osceola, will wear the crown of the Tioga County Dairy Princess. Miles is the 17-year-old daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Costly. She received the crown at ceremonies held at the Tioga County Fairgrounds, Monday, June 5.

Named alternate Tioga County Dairy Princess was Genie Bruce, 18, daughter of Dale and Michelle Miles, Knoxville.

Miles pulled from her dairy background to produce her skit about milk being good for all ages.

She appeared as a teenager who discovered that milk could give her enough energy to get through her entire workout.

"Boy, I love milk! You know, I used to drink soda with all that sugar and stuff, but then I found out that soda works for a little while, and then I'm tired out. I found out milk is good for you. It gives you energy a lot longer, and it's good tasting."

After a quick costume change, Miles returned posing as a mother to be and noted that she drinks milk "for multiple reasons!"

One last costume change left Miles as an older woman who

had just recovered from a fractured hip. She said, "I wish I had drunk my milk when I was younger. It's too late for me to prevent (osteoporosis) but it's not for you!"

A student at Elkland Area High School, Miles will enter her senior year in the fall. She serves as Elkland's Maple Sugar Sweetheart and is active in the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the prom committee, the yearbook staff, Girl Scouts, and helps with Red Cross bloodmobiles.

For her presentation, Genie Bruce staged her own cooking show where she prepared a menu featuring dairy products.

"The entire meal from

appetizers to dessert will be made using different dairy products," she said. "As well as being versatile, milk and dairy products are very easy to use."

She also reminded the audience not to skimp and try to get away with using imitation products.

"You'll be much happier with the real thing," Bruce said.

Bruce will be a senior at Cowanesque Valley High School in the fall and hopes to attend Corning Community College majoring in physical therapy after graduating. She is involved in 4-H, FFA, church, the National Honor Society and the spinning guild. She also enjoys playing softball and holds a black belt in karate.

Judges for the competition were Wayne Pratt, a member of the Bradford County Dairy Prin-

cess Board and Gannon Insurance, and Linda Yungwirth of Penn State Cooperative Extension.

Miles received the crown from 1999 Tioga County Dairy Princess Stefanie Long who bid a tearful farewell to the crowd.

She said, "I can remember the day I decided to do what these girls up here are doing. It was something I had always wanted and I had the support of my parents, my friends and my community."

Also representing the dairy industry in Tioga County are dairy maids Jami Baker, Liberty; Kimberly Baker, Covington; Sara Derstine, Mansfield; Kaitlynn Johnson, Tioga; Crystal Miles, Osceola; and Renee Norman, Liberty.

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