New York Dairy Princess Promoters Receive Training

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- The annual New York State Dairy Princess Seminar was conducted July 5 and 6, at the White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton, N.Y. Thirty-two princesses along with their chaperones attended the two-day seminar, for an educational start to the various programs and functions of the princess program in New York State.

"It gives ADADC the opportunity to inform the girls of what is expected of them during their reign," says coordinator Meghan Fullington. "It also gives them a chance to meet their fellow promoters, and myself the opportunity to meet the girls I will be working with for the next year."

The dairy princess program is designed to increase the consumption and sales of fluid milk and dairy products. It is also as a means to foster better relations between urban and rural people, through one-on-one contact at the local level. Dairy princesses serve this purpose by spending their reign out amongst the people of their counties, whether it is serving ice cream at a county fair, doing a school program, or attending a store promotion. The dairy princess is an enthusiast

who knows the amount of labor it takes to produce dairy products.

At the seminar, the girls take part in a number of activities, which will help them to better educate the public about dairy products. For instance, the first day the girls participated in a media workshop giving them tips on how to work with local newspapers on submitting articles; a fashion show on dairy princess fashion do's and don'ts put on by the three state princesses; and the Madison County Health Department also helped to better educate the girls on the health benefits in milk needed for strong bones.

Day two allowed the girls to view some of their fellow promoter's school programs. School programs are a mandatory part of their reign at the county level. The State Princesses Kendra Inman, Elizabeth Newbold, and Heather Nowland, along with Melinda Wolfe, the Pennsylvania state princess, critiqued the school programs and offered advice on including fun and educational information.

Throughout their reign as a county princess, each girl is required to fulfill a base incentive



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consisting of 10 school programs, six newspaper articles, and two farm meetings.

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SOLOMON ISLANDS, Md. -The Maryland Associations of Soil Conservation Districts chose Carroll L. Shry Jr. as the Conservation Education High School Teacher of the Year at their annual conference at Solomons Island, Md.

Shry teaches agricultural education in landscaping and is an FFA adviser at the Frederick County Career and Technology Center. He was cited for his positive attitude and regard for teaching horticulture students; the outstanding quality of the instructional program at the center; his enthusiasm, ingenuity, and genuine concern for conservation education; and flexibility in working with students, teachers and the public.

Shry is a co-author of a textbook and lab manual, Introductory Horticulture that is used throughout the nation as a text and resource for teaching of horticulture at both the high school and junior college level.



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Shry's application was forwarded to the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts for the national competition.

