

County Princesses Gather For Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Pageant

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services, Inc. plans its 46th Annual Dairy Princess Pageant to be conducted Saturday evening, September 21, at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel and Convention Center. A milk punch reception will start at 5:30 p.m. followed by a banquet at 6:30 p.m. and the coronation at 8:00 p.m.

Thirty-six county dairy princesses will compete for the title of Pennsylvania Dairy Princess now held by Becky Mowrer of Huntingdon County. The newly selected princess and two alternates will reign for a period of one year from September 2002 to September 2003. During that time, they will represent the dairy farmers of Pennsylvania speaking out for its number one agricultural industry and all dairy products.

The pageant, which will be held on the Saturday evening preceding the annual All-American Dairy Week, will end two full days of activities and interviews for the contestants. The contestants are judged on a personnel interview, a 3-5 minute speech for an adult audience, a 3-5 minutes school presentation and a

scrapbook. Four judges, two men and two women, all from out-of-state, will select seven finalists who will answer an impromptu question on stage. The judges will then select the 2002 Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and two Alternates from the finalists.

The Pennsylvania Dairy Princess program is supported by Pennsylvania dairy farmers through their various advertising and promotion agencies: The Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program/American Dairy Association Mid East, Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association, American Dairy Association Dairy Council, Inc. and Allied Milk Producers.

In addition contributions from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and other dairy related organizations and individuals. This year, Select Sire Power, Inc. is sponsoring the \$1,200 award to the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess. Awards of \$600 each will be given to the two alternates.

In addition, two contestants will receive \$100 awards for outstanding dairy presentations designed for school children and, two contestants will receive \$100 each for the two best speeches designed for adult audiences. There



Front row, from left, are Elizabeth (Betsy) Young, Chester; Sara Derstine, Tioga; Rachel Ebert, Westmoreland; Haley Blackburn, Clearfield; Becky Detwiler, Huntingdon; Sara Lynn Jennings, Pa. Alternate; Becky Mowrer, Pa. Princess; Amy Moyer, Pa. Alternate; Melissa Wolfe, SUN Area; Amanda Gates, Centre; Raechel Kilgore, York; Ashley McGary, Lawrence; and Amber Kalwasinski, Cambria. Center row, from left, are Becky Zimmerman, Juniata; Courtney Johnson, Franklin; Jessica Steppe, Lycoming; Elizabeth Reibson, Sullivan; Rebecca Place, Susquehanna; Paula Deeter, Clarion-Venango; Jennifer Kramer, Cumberland; Anna Johnson, Bradford; Kelley Marzka, Crawford; Amanda Hill, Warren; Kellie Phillips, Berks; Maggie Moore, Mercer; and Jessica Landis, Somerset. Back row, from left, are Ashley Chapman, Erie; Cala Adamson, Indiana; Rebecca Filson, Mifflin; Lynn Daniels, Wayne; Kari Martin, Lancaster; Laura Blauch, Lebanon; Becki Carr, Wyoming-Lackawanna; Shana Gallagher, Beaver; Amanda Clowney, Adams; Holly Moyer, Schuylkill; Cristin Crile, Washington; Sarah Dell, Blair; and Jamie Love, Butler.

will also be two \$100 awards for compiling the best scrapbooks, which chronicle their Dairy Princess activities to date. The scrapbook award is being sponsored by ABS Global. The contestants themselves will select the coveted "Miss Congeniality" award from among their own ranks.

For more than 45 years, the primary purpose of the Dairy Princess program in Pennsylvania is the promotion of the dairy industry and its products on the local grass roots level and furthering consumers understand-

ing of the importance of agriculture to our state's economy. Incentive awards will again be given to the counties whose last year's princess and her committee completed the incentive requirements.

In addition, an individual award of \$300 will be given to the young woman who stood out as the outstanding dairy promoter during her county reign. This award, entitled the "Tina Shultz Memorial Award" is given in memory and honor of the outstanding young lady, who in May 1986 succumbed to cancer, during her reign as Huntingdon County Dairy Princess.

The Saturday morning presentation competition will be open to the public free of charge. It will run from 8 a.m. until noon in the Radisson Ballroom. Tickets for the event are \$30 per person (over 11 years old) and \$15 per person (3-10 years old); under 2 years old are free.

Tickets are available by contacting the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services, Inc. office, 23515 Range Road, Union City, PA 16438. (814) 694-2661 or FAX (814) 694-3941. All tickets must be paid in advance and will be held for pick-up at the door. The deadline for reservations is September 17.

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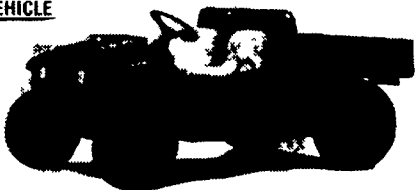
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