

# Sisters Reign As Perry County Dairy Royalty

MILLERSTOWN (Perry Co.) — Amanda and Erica Kresge brought home the crowns and sashes from the Perry County Dairy Princess Pageant conducted on June 7. Lenard and Amy Kresge of Loysville are the parents of these accomplished young ladies.

The top prize was won by Amanda, who is 17 years old and will be a senior at West Perry High School. She served as the Alternate Dairy Princess last year and received her crown from the 2002-2003 princess, Amber Rock.

Her numerous activities include FFA, dairy judging, 4-H Dairy Club, 4-H Dairy Goat Club, and Kistler Clovers. She is also a member of the County 4-H Council and the West Perry chapter of the National Honor Society.

Amanda is also a dependable part of the family's Loysville farm. She helps with the milking, calf and heifer feeding, diagnos-

ing and treating sick animals, and taking care of the goats.

During the pageant Amanda presented a speech on the Three-a-Day program that is sponsored by Dairy Promotion. She stressed the importance of dairy products in everyone's daily nutrition.

The contestants also presented dairy related skits. Amanda portrayed a radio talk show host who answered a variety of milk related questions from, the Tooth Fairy, Santa Clause, and the Grim Reaper.

She finished the competition with an impromptu question, "How would you get more teenagers to drink milk in school?" Amanda was certain that having ice cold milk in easy to handle containers would make a big difference.

Erica will be representing the county as the Alternate Dairy Princess for 2003-2004. Erica is 16 and will be a junior this fall at West Perry High School.



Perry County dairy royalty, from left, is Kaitlin Trout, Katie Osborne, Alternate; Erica Kresge, 2002-2003 Princess; Amber Rock, 2003-2004 Princess; Amanda Kresge, Jane Delancey, Allycia Trout, Alexis Seidel.



From left stands Erica Kresge, 2003-2004 Alternate; Amanda Kresge, 2003-2004 Dairy Princess; and Amber Rock, 2002-2003 Princess.

She is active in the FFA, Kistler Clovers, the 4-H Dairy Goat and Dairy Clubs, as well as county 4-H council. She has been very active in dairy judging, competing at local, state, and regional contests. Her keen eye for dairy cattle has propelled her and her team to the top of several contests.

The speech Erica gave during the contest concerned the perception of the dairy industry to those who consume the products. She stressed the importance of keeping the lines of communications

open and correcting misconceptions.

During the skit portion of the competition, Erica invited a few of her childhood friends for a "tea" party with milk. A doll and several stuffed animals were in attendance as she served up the milk with important facts about the nutrients in it.

In response to the impromptu question, Erica felt that advertising and promotion would increase consumption in the high schools.

Five other young ladies will

spend the year helping the Kresges' promote the Dairy Industry.

Serving as Dairy Ambassador will be Allycia Trout, daughter of Jeff and Tammy Trout, Blain. The Dairy Misses will be Alexis Seidel, daughter of Tom and Nan Seidel, Elliottsburg; and Kaitlin Trout, daughter of Jeff and Tammy Trout, Blain. Lil' Dairy Misses will be Jane Delancey, daughter of David and Sharon Delancey, Millerstown; and Katie Osborne, daughter of Jim and Irene, Millerstown.

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Meetings will be conducted at the York County Blind Center, 1380 Spahn Avenue, on the third Thursday of each month. Social time is at 6:45 p.m. with the meeting to begin at 7 p.m.

Meetings will include herbal grilling, herbal splashes and sprays, herbal teas, herbal cordials and liqueurs, and herbal seasoning mixes.

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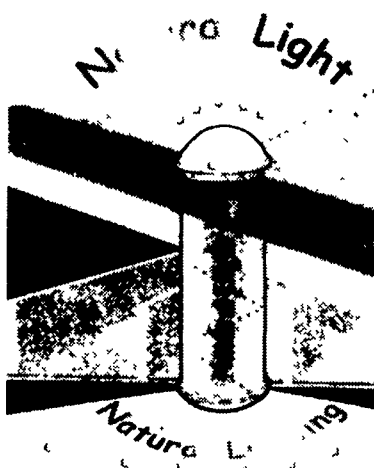
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