

DAIRY PRINCESS

Eight Dream Of Dairy Royalty

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Tessa Buratto



Rachael Cheda



Stephanie Dehner



Sierra Harlan

Saturday, April 8th, will mark the 49th Annual District Three Dairy Princess Ball. This year's theme is "Dreams of Royalty", and eight young ladies will vie for the title at the Petaluma Veterans Building. The Dairy Princess is a vital part of keeping the dairy industry alive in our communities. She is the goodwill ambassador for the industry and speaks at schools, fairs and community events stressing the importance of dairy products.

Outgoing Princess Erin Leveroni will hand over her crown to one of these very qualified contestants:

Eighteen-year-old Jennifer Beretta is currently a senior at Analy High School and plans on attending Santa Rosa Junior College in the fall to major in agriculture business. She is the daughter of Doug and Sharon Beretta and lives at their dairy in Santa Rosa. Jennifer has a strong passion for and knowledge of the dairy industry and would like to be able to inform and educate people. Her life is all about agriculture and she is proud of it, especially since she is a sixth generation dairy rancher. Her philosophy is that honesty and hard work will get you far in life.

Santa Rosa resident Tessa Buratto is an 18-year-old senior at El Molino High School and the daughter of Joe and Carrie Buratto. Tessa plans on attending Cal Poly San

Luis Obispo where she will major in dairy science. She looks forward to the chance to represent an industry that she cares about deeply and plans to spend her life in. She wants to show others how important the dairy industry is and make it enjoyable to learn about. Dairy is truly her passion and an important aspect of her life. Her philosophy is that life's a dance and you learn as you go: sometimes you lead, sometimes you follow.

Rachael Cheda is the 17-year-old daughter of Angela Machado and Greg Cheda. Currently a senior at Petaluma High, she plans on attending Santa Rosa Junior College where she will major in nursing. She feels that making sure dairymen are heard and well represented is essential. Rachael thinks that everyone should have the opportunity to experience first hand what the dairy industry is like. Her philosophy is that life is too short and you should live it like there's no tomorrow.

Petaluma High School senior Stephanie Dehner is the 17-year-old daughter of Robert and Noreen Camozzi and Marc Dehner. She is planning on attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to major in dairy science, with the goal of one day owning her own organic Jersey dairy. Stephanie feels that being Dairy Princess would be a great opportunity to continue working to inform the public, promote the dairy industry, and establish

connections with individuals and organizations that have a vested interest in dairying in California. Her philosophy is that you should love what you do.

Penngrove resident Sierra Harlan is an 18-year-old senior at St. Vincent de Paul High School in Petaluma. The daughter of Dr. Gene Harlan, she plans on attending CSU Fresno to pursue a nursing degree. Sierra feels that the dairy industry is a vital part of Marin and Sonoma County and she wants to give the public a better understanding of the importance of supporting the dairy industry she loves and is so proud of. Her philosophy is that the world will be a better place if you make it that way.

Jillian Kehoe is the 17-year-old daughter of Tim and Janice Kehoe of Inverness. After graduating from Tomales High School, Jillian plans on attending Chico State where she will major in agriculture business. She would love to be selected as Dairy Princess because she has a passion for agriculture and the dairy industry. She has long anticipated the time when she could run for Dairy Princess and share her passion with others. Her philosophy is to approach every challenge with a positive attitude and determination.

San Marin High School senior Annie McIsaac is the 17-year-old daughter of Jim and Sue McIsaac of Novato. Annie plans on attending

Santa Rosa Junior College where she will begin her studies towards a major in agriculture business and communications. Growing up in Marin, Annie has seen the already diminishing attention that people give dairymen. There are fewer people with direct connection to the agricultural community, so they are less aware of the source of their meals. Annie wants to raise awareness of the dairy industry and give the dairymen confidence that someone is supporting them. Her philosophy is that the general public is too far removed from the dairy industry and agriculture in general.

The eighth contestant is 17-year-old Deondra Mulas. The daughter of Mike and Denise Mulas, Deondra will graduate this June from Sonoma Valley High School and continue on to the University of Arizona where she will major in nursing and minor in pre-med. She is very excited about running for Dairy Princess since both her mother and her aunt were Dairy Princesses. She wants to educate and promote the values of her family and life. Her philosophy is expressed in a quote from Walt Disney: "All of your dreams will come true, if you have the courage to pursue them."

Doors open at 6 PM and the Coronation Program begins at 7 PM. This year's master of ceremonies will be Ralph Sartori of Dairy Farmers of America. A buffet dinner by Jimmy's Catering Company will be served immediately following the program and there will be dancing to the music of DJ Shamus from 8:30 to 11:30 PM. The ticket price of \$25 includes dinner and dancing. Tickets may be purchased in Petaluma at Bee's Housewares, Lombardi's Deli & BBQ and John's Dairy Supplies. No tickets will be sold at the door.



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