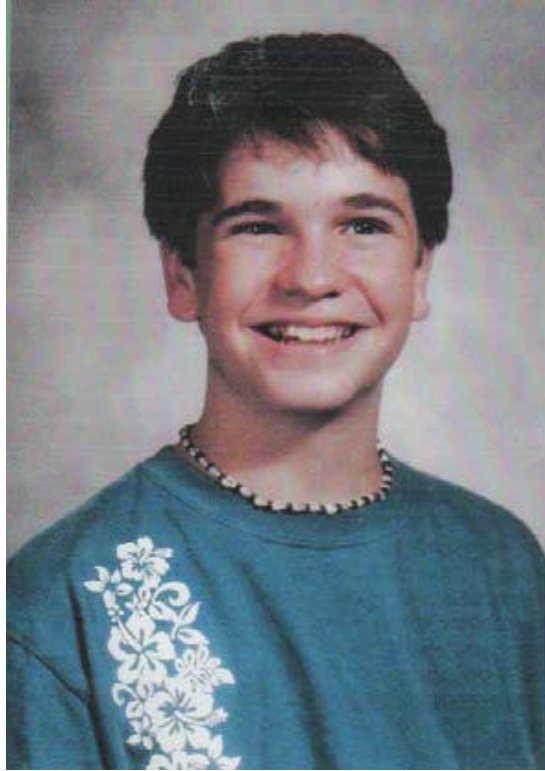


## 2006 Youth Royalty Contest Results



**KING**

**Sam Woodward**

My name is Sam Woodward, and I live in Yardley, Pa, a small town right on the banks of the Delaware River across from Trenton, NJ. I am a sophomore at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, NJ. I started off my rabbit project in 2002 with on Opal Mini Rex. I am a 4-H member, and for the past two years I have been President of my club. This year I started a 4-H Teen Enrichment Program for teens who are interested in learning more about rabbits beyond their regular club level. I have competed out at 4-H State Achievement Days for the past two years, and I was named captain of the Rabbit Bowl team for my County. Currently, I am studying and preparing to take the Registrar's test. For the past three years I have been attending shows from Maryland to the border of New York State. I am building my rabbitry building from scratch and documenting each step of the construction process and hope to make it into a presentation later in the year to present to my 4-H club. I hope to attend either Delaware Valley College or Penn State University and major in Agricultural Systems Management. Aside from rabbits, I participate in the 4-H .22 Rifle, Air Gun and this year Shot Gun Shooting Sports Programs. I am also a 4-H Teen Council member and will be attending the 2006 Pennsylvania State 4-H Leadership Conference in February. I have been on Student Government for the past two years at my high school. I am a member of my high school Winter and Spring Track and Field Team where my events are running and Shot Put. I enjoy sketching and pencil drawing and I have received awards for national and regional art competitions. Finally, my favorite sport is Ultimate Frisbee, which I help organize and participate in at my school. Several days a week I work part time at Breezy Vail Farm, a local

dairy farm.

**QUEEN**  
**Julia Pajak**



Hello, I am Julia Pajak, your 2006 PaSRBA Queen and Commodity Representative. I live on 10 acres in Eighty-Four, Pa with my Mom and Dad. I also have three older sisters and a brother-in-law. All of my sisters are in college. I am a junior at Bentworth High School. There, I enjoy being a member of SADD, Leo Club and the marching band. I am a part of the Track and Field team and I am also a wrestling manager. I too play community softball in the summer. I am also an active member of my church youth group where I am secretary. I also volunteer at Children's Therapy Center in Waterdam Plaza where I play with disabled children and can learn about their disabilities. After high school I plan on going to either Slippery Rock or Wheeling Jesuit University to get my doctorate in Physical Therapy. I hope to specialize in the care of disabled children. I enjoy being able to give back to the community.

I got started in rabbits when I was four years old because all of my sister's had rabbits and I wanted to be just like them. I have been influenced by my family, judges, and my friends. I raise black, blue, and sable Silver Martens. I also raise white New Zealand's

and a White Crested Cavy. My favorite part of raising rabbits is to be able to hold them when they are babies and take them to shows and do well with them. I have attended seven national conventions and plan on attending a lot more.

Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to be your 2006 PaSRBA Queen! I am so honored that I get to represent this commodity at the 2007 Pennsylvania State Farm Show and throughout the next year. I would like to thank everyone that helped make this event possible and everyone that has helped me.

Thank you,

~Julia Pajak



**DUKE**  
**Richard**  
**Vaerewyck**

I am really proud to be the PaSRBA 2006 Duke. I am also the American Cavy Breeders 2005 Prince. My name is Richard Vaerewyck and I live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I have a registered caviary, Richard's Pigpen, which is one of the few caviaries in Western Pennsylvania.

This was my third time competing for royalty. I competed in Lancaster Pa this past spring for the ACBA Prince. That was my first national show and it was a real experience to be in the hall with a thousand squeaking piggies. I am very active in 4-H where I am the only cavy breeder in my club. I raise Abyssinian cavies, Polish and Blanc de Hotot rabbits. The Abyssinians have always been my favorite. I love the way they jump around, bounce and squeak. I have other animals including cats,

rabbits, hamsters, chickens and ducks, but none of them are as personable or interactive as an Abyssinian.

I attend eighth grade at Transfiguration School where I occasionally make the honor roll. It is a small school with only 80 students in preschool through eighth grade. It's a great school and the principal encourages me to do well and allows me to be absent from school to attend rabbit and cavy competitions. I am also taking Drama classes at La Roche College. I won first place in the Pittsburgh Regional Science fair this year for my project "Vitamin C Levels in Guinea Pig Feed". I can tell you, if you raise covies, don't buy your feed at the grocery store, buy it from a good feed store.

I have had to do lots of studying and spent a lot of time to achieve the position of Prince and Duke. I would encourage anyone to try for a royalty position because you meet lots of new people, learn a lot and have fun.

It also gave me a better understanding of how shows are run and judged, which made them much more enjoyable. I now understand what judges are looking for and why they choose one animal over another.

I like to do a lot of other activities as well. I am active in the Boy Scouts and almost have my Eagle; I play soccer for my school and scuba dive. Whenever I visit my grandparents in Colorado, I volunteer at the Pueblo Raptor Center. Since I have lots of experience with small furry things, the center usually has me take care of the mice and rats. I love going into the cages and interacting with the raptors, particularly, Hurley, a vulture and Libby and Griffin, who are kestrels.

My little brother raises rabbits too, and I have to help him with everything. I helped him to choose and breed his Florida Whites and he won best of show in 3 of the 5 shows he entered. Sometimes life isn't fair.

I want to thank my 4-H leaders, Kathy Kummer and Karen Cain, who have been great leaders and have helped me, encouraged me and put up with me at every turn. I also want to thank our teen leaders, Jessie and Randi Kummer, Joey and Marnie Cain, Steve Allaman and Josh Epps, for being so active with the younger members of our club, teaching us and being patient. We are fortunate to have Jessie Kummer, the Pennsylvania State Rabbit Queen in our club. She is a great inspiration and makes sure I am at royalty events and always bugs me to wear my sash.

**DUCHESS**

**Julie  
Whitehaus**



My name is Julie Whitehaus and I am in the seventh grade at Lower Dauphin Middle School in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania. I started raising rabbits 6 years ago when I bought a Mini Lop named Buttercup from my sister for my 4-H project. Tori, my sister, taught me a lot. I decided to buy a cavy and my mom helped me get one at the state convention five years ago. I really love cavies. My mom taught me a lot about them because she used to raise them when she was in 4-H a long time ago. But there are not always cavies at some of the rabbit shows. So I kept the cavies, sold all of the Mini Lops, and searched for a small rabbit that I could carry. I chose Polish and bought a really nice chocolate doe two years ago. When you live near Hershey, Pennsylvania, you must have chocolate rabbits! Now I have Polish and Rex Rabbits along with White Crested Cavies.

I have been Pennsylvania's Lady, Princess, and Duchess for the past four years in a row. I wear my tiara and sash at all rabbit shows and help answer questions about rabbits and cavies at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show each year in January. We started attending the ARBA National Conventions four years ago and look forward to this great event each year.

All of my friends at school know about my animals. They wish they could have some too. All of my teachers know about my animals. I have brought some to school to show them. We have chickens, ducks,

geese, rabbits, cavies, gerbils, fish, cats, a dog and rats. I also ride horses at the therapeutic riding center where I volunteer.

I play string bass in the school orchestra and take piano lessons. I also sing in the chorus. Last summer, I went back to dance lessons and am now in a jazz class. I am a member of three 4-H clubs in Dauphin County, Pa where I show horses, rabbits, cavies and ducks. I also enjoy photography, sewing, cooking, woodworking, scrap booking and shooting sports. This year I am finally old enough to join the Teen Council and the 4-H Exchange.



**PRINCESS**  
**Emilie Sharon**  
**Mart**

My name is Emilie Sharon Mart. I am 9 years old. I go to Gateway Christian School in Merztown, PA I am in the fourth grade, but my class has second and third graders in it also. I live with my mother and father on a farm in Pennsburg, PA. My father is a Tree Person who cuts down trees. My mother and grandmom own Quiver Farm Projects which does Farm Education in schools. We have lots of animals that we take to schools so kids can learn about farms. I have two brothers. One still has rabbits but the other one quit. I have a younger sister, Hailey who is 2. We are expecting another baby girl in February and her name will be Samantha. When I grow up I want to be a hairdresser or a ballet teacher. Maybe I'll become a rabbit judge.

**PRINCE**

**Timothy  
Werner**



My name is Timothy Werner, and I am proud to serve as the 2006 PaSRBA Prince. I am 9 years old and in the fourth grade at Lickdale Elementary School in Central Pennsylvania. I live with my parents, Jeff and Sue Werner, and my two brothers, Alex and Chris. We crop farm 380 acres and raise 80,000 turkeys every year. I play baseball, soccer, and basketball, and also play the piano and the baritone and sing in my church choir and school chorus. Besides rabbits, I raise Jersey heifers and Boer goats. I belong to two 4-H clubs— one for rabbits and one for goats.

Currently I raise Black New Zealand Rabbits and Rex rabbits. I experimented with other breeds in the past but have now decided to raise only breeds suitable for quality meat production. Although I have only been showing these two breeds for three years, I have had good success. I am especially proud to have won BOSV at the National New Zealand Show in 2004. Last summer I won Supreme Champion meat pen at my County Fair with my Blacks. I have a string of BOV and BOSV too, but am most excited because last Fall one of my black New Zealands won BOB over whites and went on to be named Best 6 of the Show. I was named the 2004-2005 National Sweepstakes fifth place winner for youth Black New Zealands.

In 2004 and 2005 I served as the Pennsylvania Rabbit Lord. At the 2005 ARBA Convention, I was named the District 9 Limited Management Winner and the District 9 Junior Achievement Winner. I was further honored to be named the 4th runner up National Junior Achievement Winner.

I wish to thank the PaSRBA for sponsoring events like this for the youth. We appreciate all the wonderful opportunities that you provide for us and ways to help us learn. Raising rabbits has taught me many things from communication skills to responsibilities to decision making.



## LADY

### Hailey Wolfe

Hi! My name is Hailey Wolfe and I live in Myerstown, Pennsylvania. I am proud to represent the Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders Association as the 2006 Lady. I joined PaSRBA in 2004 along with my family. I am eight years old, in second grade and home schooled. I live with my parents, Russell and Robin Wolfe and my older brother Kyle Allen who recently graduated from high school. We live on a small farm and raise rabbits, goats, chickens and hogs. I also have a pony named Princess. The name of our farm and rabbitry is Hop-N-Hoof Farm. The breeds of rabbits that we raise are Jersey Woolly, Mini-Lop and White New Zealand's. I recently acquired a pair of Dwarf Hotot's and a pair of Rex rabbits. I also own 5 goats in our herd and 13 chickens in our small flock.

I really love to raise animals. I have had my own rabbits since I was five years old. My first rabbit was a Jersey Woolly named Buddy. He still lives with us here on the farm. Jersey Woollies are the main breed I raise and show. I currently have 20 of them. Our rabbit barn has 65 cages. My family and I also belong to the American Rabbit Breeders Association, National Jersey Woolly Rabbit Club, Mid Atlantic Jersey Woolly Rabbit Club and Lebanon Valley Rabbit Breeders Association. Since the spring of 2004 I have attended Rabbit shows in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. I've had a lot of fun and enjoy going to the shows with my family. I look forward to attending more shows and having fun!

This past October my Parents and I attended the ARBA National Convention in Indiana where I placed 2nd runner up Lady. This was my first National Convention and I had a great time. I had fun in the contests and I was on the Pa Judging and Pa Breed ID team. "Thank You" to everyone from PA who helped guide my family and I through the week at our first convention.

If you ever have the opportunity to attend a national convention, I recommend that you go.

During the past two years I have participated in several judging and showmanship contests. I have attended the Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders Association Convention since 2004. I also attend our local fair every year to show my rabbits. This is my first year in 4-H and I look forward to learning more about rabbits.

I would like to say “Thank You” to the Pennsylvania Rabbit Breeders Association for allowing me to represent the organization as the 2005 and 2006 Lady and giving us the opportunity to learn about rabbits.

LORD  
Matthew  
Nock



My name is Matthew James Nock. I am 6 years old, in first grade and home schooled. My family moved from Ohio to Pennsylvania 4 years ago. We live in the small town of Jamestown near the Ohio border.

My family has had rabbits for a long time, so I have been attending rabbit shows since I was a baby and was signed up as an American Rabbit Breeders Association Member as soon as I was born. My mom is a judge, my sister Stephanie is a registrar and my oldest brother Billy has been showing rabbits for many years.

I raise Dwarf Hotots and Polish and have a number of other breeds including New

Zealands, a Belgian Hare, Mini Rex, American, English Angora, English Spot, Himalayan and Holland Lops.

My Dad drives us to a lot of the shows and I have fun staying in hotels when we travel to and I have always liked showing and working with my rabbits. I also enjoy meeting new friends at shows. We always have a lot of fun.

I am a member of many rabbit clubs including ARBA, PaSRBA, Lake/Geauga Rabbit & Cavy Club, Ohio Holland Lop Rabbit Fanciers, American Dwarf Hotot Rabbit Club, Mid Atlantic Dwarf Hotot Club, American Polish Rabbit Club, American Cavy Breeders Association and associate member (clover bud) in the Bodacious Bunnies 4-H Club.

I would like to get a registrar's license and hope to be a rabbit judge when I get older. I would also like to learn more about cavies.

I enjoy fishing, bike riding and attending fun camps at the local recreation center. I also like swimming in the summer and taking arts and crafts classes.

I am very excited to be competing in the PaSRBA Royalty contest this year and really learned a lot when I competed last year. I had a lot of fun and met a lot of new friends.