

York County Holds Dairy Princess Pageant

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YORK (York Co.) — Shannon Doll is the new York County dairy princess, crowned during pageant ceremonies April 25 at the York 4-H Center.

The daughter of Bernell and Joanne Doll, Brodbeck's R1, Shannon is a senior at Southwestern High School. She is enrolled in the diversified occupations curriculum and employed at the Golden Corral restaurant in Hanover. Shannon's future plans include pursuing an agriculture-related degree at Penn State.

A 4-H dairy club member for 10 years, Shannon owns two Ayrshires in the family's 70-head mixed herd, and also exhibits several Holsteins. She has participated in both 4-H and Holstein dairy bowl competitions as a

member of York County's dairy bowl team.

For her dairy promotion skit, Shannon teamed with a puppet named Ernie. Asked by program emcee Ralph McGregor to name her promotion priority, Shannon chose visiting day care and elementary school-age youngsters, because she especially enjoys "talking with little kids."

Eight-year-old Janet York was selected the York dairy miss. Janet is the daughter of Kathy and Jerry Yohe, York R10, and a third-grade student at York New Salem Elementary School.

Four dairy miss contestants were named as alternates. Stormi Greek, 8, is the daughter of Bonnie and Leonard Greek, Delta R2, and a third-grade student at Clearview Elementary School. Beth Haberland, 7, is the daughter of



York Dairy Princess Shannon Doll will be assisted in promotional activities by Dairy Miss Janet Yohe, right, and alternates, from left, Rachael Kilgore, Jessica Sprengle, Stormi Greek and Beth Haberland.

Pig Goes To School

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things the children learned is that ham, which is made from pig meat, is 30 percent leaner than 10 years ago.

Sue told them that pigs used for breeding stock are given first and last names to keep track of the best traits and carry them on from generation to generation.

To help the owners identify pigs, the pigs' ears are notched. Depending where the notches appear on a pig's ear, they signify a specific number.

Teen age girl pigs are called gilts. Gestation means the pig is

pregnant. It takes 3 months, 3 weeks, and 3 days until the piglets are born.

When the piglets are born, they weigh about 3 pounds. The pigs like to be kept very warm so the farmer installs a heat lamp above the piglets to keep them a toasty 90 to 95 degrees.

Sue showed the children a video of pigs growing up at a farm. The students laughed as the pigs played "King of the Mountain" by climbing up and down their fat mother's stomach.

When the piglets are 4 to 5

weeks old, they are weaned from mother's milk and are given pellets to eat.

The farmers have a hospital bed for runts of the litter or if they are hurt. "This gives a pig a rest away from all the commotion," Sue said.

Many funny sayings are related to a pig.

Perhaps, when you were a toddler, your mother said, "Can you wiggle your piggy toes?"

Teachers believe that some of their students are "real hams," and they hope students will go "whole hog" over their homework.

Diane and Ted Haberland, Thomasville R1, and a first-grade student at Paradise Elementary School.

Alternate Rachel Kilgore, 7, is the daughter of Pam and Doug Kilgore, Airville R2, and a first-grade student at Clearview Elementary School. Jessica Sprengle, 6, is the daughter of Kathy and Jonathan Sprengle, York R28, and a kindergarten student at Lincolnway Elementary School.

In a tearful farewell, retiring princess Penny Jordan reviewed highlights of her reign and encouraged dairy producers not to "give up" on the milk production industry.

Judges for the pageant were Jayne Hess, Gettysburg, the reigning Adams County dairy princess; Carol Druck Tipton, Windsor, a former York dairy princess; and John Weaver, York Farm Credit. Entertainment was provided by magician Dave Rojahn.

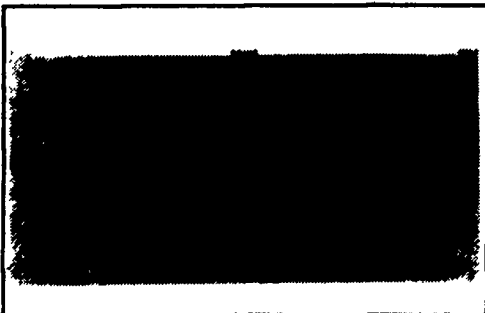
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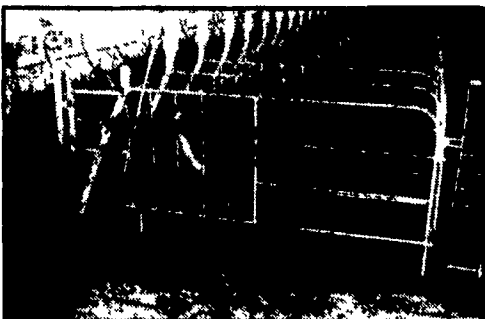


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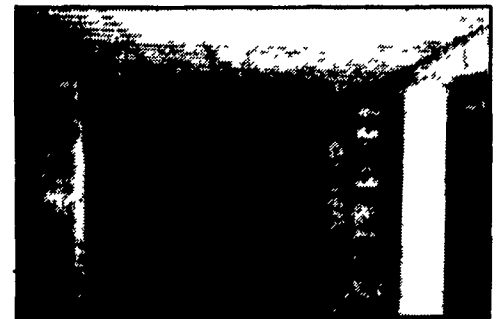


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