

# Finally, A Crown For The Dairy Princess

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LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) —  
Oh, to be Cinderella!

For the newly crowned Lebanon County dairy princess, just two years can seem so long ago and far away. At that time, she finished last in the open class at the dairy show at the county fair. And last year she was denied an opportunity to enter the dairy princess pageant because she was under age.

But Saturday night, Angie Baker, 16-year-old daughter of Robert and Ann Baker, Lebanon, won the hearts of the judges and crowd and received the coveted crown.

As the new dairy representative for the county (which rates dairy farming as the number one industry), Angie said she was ready and proud to take on the responsibilities of the crown.

Also at the pageant, Stacy Habecker, 18, daughter of Mark and Darlene Habecker, Palmyra,

was crowned alternate queen. And Janelle Zimmerman, the 6-year-old daughter of Jay Calvin and Thelma Zimmerman, was crowned the 1992 Lebanon County Lil' Miss.

### Start with children

During a question-and-answer session conducted by master of ceremonies Richard Kreider, Angie said she wants to improve her public speaking abilities. She said that milk promotions must start with the children. And if posed with recommending a dairy diet, she said she would emphasize the importance of drinking milk and exercising regularly.

During her skit, Angie spoke to her high-producing cow about what goes into making milk so wholesome. She said it takes six buckets of water to produce three five gallon bucks of milk every day. But milk isn't the only thing — exercise is as important to staying fit and trim.

After receiving the crown, Angie said she intends to either attend college or to work on a dairy farm. Angie works part-time at the Sher-Don Farms. She is a junior at Lancaster Mennonite High School, where she is president of the FFA. Angie is also a field hockey goalkeeper. She is an active member of Midway Church of the Brethren and is youth group president. Her father, Robert, has an agricultural nutritional business.

### Promote milk

Stacy Habecker, dairy alternate, said that, as dairy princess, she would enjoy the experience to help build personality traits, including self-esteem and self-confidence. Being able to promote milk to all different age groups and empha-



Last Saturday night, Angie Baker, 16-year-old daughter of Robert and Ann Baker, Lebanon, center, became Lebanon County's new dairy princess. Stacy Habecker, 18, daughter of Mark and Darlene Habecker, Palmyra, right, was crowned alternate queen. Janelle Zimmerman, the 6-year-old daughter of Jay Calvin and Thelma Zimmerman, was crowned the 1992 Lebanon County Lil' Miss at the pageant. Photo by Andy Andrews.



Kathy Habecker, 13, daughter of Mark and Darlene Habecker, is the 1992 Lebanon County dairy maid.

sizing the importance of balance in the meal (which includes dairy products) would be important to her.

In her skit, Stacy spoke to her little calf Daisy about how important milk is to the body. Pennsylvania, said Stacy, has about 13,000 dairy farms and ag is the number one industry in the state (generating about \$1.4 billion in income). Pennsylvania ranks fifth nationally in milk production.

She said that milk and milk products provide the essential calcium needed to prevent a disease called osteoporosis, which affects about 15-20 million Americans, especially women over 50 years old.

Stacy is a senior at Palmyra High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Youth Alive, SADD, varsity choir, select chorus, outdoor educational counselor for seventh grade, and peer counsel. She is also a member of 4-H and teen council. Her father, Mark, is employed on a 450-acre farm with 83 Holsteins.

### Dairy maid

Kathy Habecker, Stacy's sister, was honored as the 1992 Lebanon County Dairy Maid. Kathy, 13, is involved in 4-H, the Junior Holstein Club, peer helpers, and her church youth group.

New Lebanon County Lil' Miss dairy princess is Janelle Zimmerman. Her family, including parents Calvin and Thelma Zimmerman,



Angie Baker, 16, right receives the coveted Lebanon County dairy princess crown from Karen Lentz, 1991 princess, at the pageant last Saturday night.

live on a 200-acre farm and milk 160 Holsteins. Janelle's favorite farm animal, she said, is the cow, and she enjoys strawberry ice cream. She said she wants everyone to buy Real dairy products, including "My dad's cow's string cheese" and "buttermilk, chocolate milk, yogurt, butter, ice cream, and pizza."

Other contestants for Lil' Miss included Charity Brubaker, 6-year-old daughter of Ron and Joy Brubaker; Audrey Hitz, 5-year-old daughter of Steve and Cindy Hitz; and Jenny Maulfair,

6-year-old daughter of Dale and Patty Maulfair.

Judges for the pageant were Ann Rohrbach, 1989-1990 Berks County dairy princess; Ruby Bollinger, former chair of the Lancaster County Dairy Promotion Committee; and Andy Stoltzfus, Berks County dairy farmer.

Karen Lentz, 1991 dairy princess, couldn't hold back the tears in her emotional farewell to the industry that "has given me so much," she said. "I would not trade my upbringing on a farm for anything. The dairy industry has given me a future."



Karen Lentz, former Lebanon dairy princess, center, presents the Lil' Miss crown to Janelle Zimmerman, right, as Bethanie Heagy, 1991 Lil' Miss, looks on.

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