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Li'l Miss Lebanon Dairy Miss Busy With Chores

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Six-year-old Janelle Zimmerman has a big job and an exciting one. As the Lebanon County Li'l Dairy Miss, she hands out milk, ice cream, cheese, and scratch and sniff stickers in order to tell others about the goodness of milk.

Sometimes she rides in parades. Sometimes she plays Bingo with those in retirement homes. All these activities are part of the duties for wearing the tiara and banner of the Lebanon County Li'l Miss. It's her duty to assist Lebanon County Dairy Princess Angela Baker with dairy promotional duties in the county.

It isn't a hard job, but a fun job, according to Janelle who lives on a dairy farm with her parents Jay Calvin and Thelma, and brothers Jeff, 14; Jared, 9; and Jason, 4.

She works at home too. And, those chores are also fun she said.

Her daddy said, "Janelle is a big helper. She loves to feed the calves on the farm and help her mother in the kitchen."

Janelle especially likes to help cook. One of her favorite recipes is making creamy finger Jell-O. When the Jell-O is firm, Janelle cuts it into cow shapes with a cookie cutter. Here is the recipe that her mother developed. The whole family devours it and Janelle is certain that you will want to try it.

CREAMY FINGER JELL-O

- 2 cups cold water
- 2 6-ounce packages Jell-O, any flavor
- Bring water and Jell-O to a boil. Dissolve:
- 5 envelopes Knox gelatin in
- 1 1/2 cup cold water
- Add to gelatin mixture to Jell-O mixture. Add:
- 1 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- Mix well. Pour into jelly roll pan and and place in refrigerator until firm. Cut in pieces.

To become the Lebanon County Li'l Dairy Miss, Janelle had to appear in a pageant with other contestants. They answered questions before an audience. Janelle made a poster that described her life on the farm and the many products that are made from milk. She recited this poem that her parents helped her adapt from another poem.

The Friendly Cow

"The friendly cow all black and white, I love with all my heart.

She gives me cream with all her might to eat with apple tart.

The cow is big, her eyes are round, she makes a very scary sound...Moo-oo.

I'm not afraid, you see, Jesus is with me.

I'm just six years old and the cow is three."

"You should drink milk and eat dairy products because it makes strong teeth and bones," Janelle tells people.

Janelle's favorite flavor of ice cream is strawberry.

Janelle is in Kindergarten I, which she attends weekday mornings.

In her sparetime, Janelle enjoys playing house in her play kitchen with three stuffed cows named Candy, Crystal, and Cookie.

Outside, she rides bike, swings, and climbs of the newspaper stack with her brothers.



Jason and Jared are eager to devour the Creamy-Finger Jell-O that Janelle cuts with a cow-shaped cookie cutter.



Whether it is at home or at promotions, Janelle is eager to serve dairy products, "which make strong teeth and bones," she said.



Janelle hugs Candy, Crystal, and Cookie.



Janelle's favorite job on the farm is feeding calves.



Janelle plays house while her pet cows watch.