

Poultry Queen Melissa Represents State, County

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 (hens) do to put out an egg in the hen house.

Another aspect of the contest is considered to be the most nerve racking for contestants since no former preparation can be made. That is when master of ceremonies Grover Gouker poses the identical impromptu question individually to all three candidates. The question: If we could fast forward your life, what values would you as a potential mother try to instill to your teen-age daughter or son?

Melissa said that she would seek to instill honesty because it is important on the job and in every activity of life.

Heather said that she would try to teach the value of self respect and kindness that would not discriminate against anyone.

Mindy would encourage her teen-ager to realize that there are too many things to do in life to take the chance of messing it up. She would encourage her to do what she really wants to do.

Poultry Queen Melissa Stauffer is the daughter of Clark and Lucy Stauffer. She has two sisters Michele, 16, and Janelle, 13. A graduate of Ephrata High School, Melissa is studying business administration at the Lancaster Campus of Harrisburg Area Community College. As the poultry queen, Melissa receives a \$750 scholarship.

daughter of David and Darlene Yeager. She will be a senior at Manheim Central High School and is attending vo-tech for cosmetology. She was awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Alternate Heather Lynn Fox is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fox and of Margaret Fox. Heather will be a senior at Conestoga Valley High School.

Criteria used for judging during the day-long events include industry knowledge, speaking ability, poise, appearance, personality, and achievements.

Judges for the event were Ray Brubaker of Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service; Zoann Parker, 4-H Extension agent, and Lou Ann Good, Lancaster Farming.

As part of her farewell speech, outgoing queen Melissa Yoder played a ragtime piano solo and told of some comic experiences as representative of the industry.

At the banquet, Senator Noah Wenger and county commissioners Terry Kauffman and Jim Huber proclaimed August as Poultry Month for the county in recognition of poultry farmers who provide eight million people with eggs and four million people with poultry.

Dinner music was played by Jeffrey Tomlinson, an accomplished pianist who is blind. Entertainment was provided by Jimmy LaRue and Band.



Move over Pizza Hut. Here comes Melissa Stauffer and her Chicken Hut Delivery with its Big Foot Omelet, which threatens to invade the area.



You heard about the fox in the hen house. Well, this is Heather Fox in rooster feathers.



Pennsylvania Poultry Queen Melissa Stauffer, center, and alternates Mindy Dulio, left, and Heather Fox will promote eggs and poultry at schools, malls, fairs, and other events.



For having the friendliest personality, Heather Fox receives the Miss Congeniality award.



From left, Senator Noah Wenger and county commissioners Jim Huber and Terry Kauffman receive "chicken ties" in commemoration of the county being named Poultry Month in August.



From left, master of ceremonies Grover Gouker consults with Zoann Parker, judge, Guy Martin, chairman of the queen committee, and Ray Brubaker, judge.

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