

Angela Werley Reigns As State Dairy Princess

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— The moment was electric. The two state alternates had been named and the remaining five finalists and the audience waited for Master of Ceremonies Grover Gouker to announce the judges' decision.

When Berks County Dairy Princess Angela Werley's name was called, the petite brunette appeared dazed as she took the traditional walk down the runway.

"This is a dream come true," she murmured in awe.

Selected from 29 contestants the new Pennsylvania dairy princess will represent the state in promotional duties for the dairy industry.

Assisting Angela in dairy promotion are two alternates, Meridith Weiderspahn of Crawford County and Lisa Fitch of Tioga County.

The judges' selection followed two days of rigorous judging. Each princess, representing one of 29 counties, had been individually interviewed and observed informally during the required presentations and speeches. In addition, each contestant needed to compile a scrapbook reflecting her work in county promotion.

Preliminary judging resulted in seven finalists chosen and announced on stage during the Saturday night banquet held at the Sheraton Inn-East in Harrisburg. In addition to Angela and the two

alternates, the finalists included Robin Wilson from Bradford County, Emily Metz from Huntington County, Mandy Steward from Mifflin County, and Rebecca Carson from Bedford County.

The finalists were required to answer an impromptu question before the audience. The purpose of the question is to determine how poised one can remain under pressure — a required quality because dairy princesses face it in constant exposure to the public.

The question: What do you consider to be the most important skills in developing relationships with other people?

Lisa Fitch was the first to answer while the remaining finalists were taken to a soundproof room.

Lisa responded by saying that she considers listening to others an important skill, which helps in understanding each other and enjoying what's going on.

Angela said that she believes understanding is the most important skill in getting along with others. Through understanding and always trying your best to get along with others, she believes relationships will be built.

Meridith Weiderspahn said that outgoingness and friendliness go a long way in making it easy to talk with others.

Emily Metz said that she believes religion is the most important because it is God who



Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Angela Werley is flanked by First Alternate Merideth Weiderspahn, left, and Second Alternate Lisa Fitch.



Seven finalists selected from the 29 contestants included front, from left, Merideth Weiderspahn of Crawford County, Angela Werley of Berks County, and Lisa Fitch of Tioga County. Back, from left, are Emily Metz, Huntington County; Rebecca Carson, Bedford County; Mandy Steward, Mifflin County; and Robin Wilson, Bradford County.



Bidding farewell are outgoing state royalty, from left, First Alternate Heather Oberholtzer, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Rhonda Kleklak, and Second Alternate Yvonne Peterman.



Outstanding speech awards go to Christina Mickey of Franklin County and Lisa Fitch of Tioga County.

brings us closer together. Through prayer, relationships are built with others.

Mandy Steward said that she believes a willingness to listen, lending a helping hand, and honesty are all requirements for developing relationships with others. "You

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Miss Congeniality is Robin Wilson of Bradford County.



For conducting the most promotions during this past year's reign, Yvonne Peterman of Lycoming County, right, receives the Tina M. Shultz Memorial Award. Runner-up is Jennifer Davis of Berks County.

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