

# Officer Moo Enforces Milk Law In Tioga County

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WHITNEYVILLE (Tioga Co.)  
—“Stop! You there, drinking that bottle of soda. How many glasses of milk have you had today?” asks dairy princess candidate Kristina Baker, who transformed herself into Officer Moo, enforcer of the “three a day” rule.

As an enforcer of the law, Baker captured the judges’ attention and was crowned the 1998 Tioga County Dairy Princess. Named first and second alternates respectively were Amanda Graves and Emily Norman.

“Wow,” said an excited Baker after receiving her crown from 1997 Dairy Princess Ellen Norman. “This is what I’ve always wanted to do since I was a little girl.”

Before crowning the new princess, Ellen Norman thanked everyone for their help in making her year memorable.

“Being a dairy princess this year has meant a lot to me and I can’t say enough thanks to everyone who helped me,” she said. “The memories I’ve made this year will last forever.”

Judges Doug Droppa, Galeton; Phyllis Gilpin, Towanda; and Robin Huizinga, Willseyville, N.Y.; had the task of choosing the new princess.

Each contestant’s creative presentation was a part of the contest which included an interview and answering an impromptu question.

Graves took the stage as a roving reporter looking for a glass of milk in a milkless town for her presentation. “I’ll have to go on assignment. I need to tell these people about the nutrients in milk,” she said.



Past Dairy Princess Ellen Norman, First Alternate Amanda Graves, and Second Alternate Emily Norman surround newly crowned Dairy Princess Kristina Baker after the pageant held recently.

Posing as a scientist, Norman began making a milk substitute, when her experiment boiled over and she realized that you can’t replace milk.

“What was I thinking?” she exclaimed. “Milk is perfect—just the way it is!”

She then told just why milk is nature’s most nearly perfect food and decided to redirect her career.

“Hey, I wonder if I could increase milk production if I could invent a cow with two udders?” she said.

In another portion of the competition, each contestant had to field their best answer to the question: “What are some of the ways you can reach consumers as a dairy princess?”

Answers focused on the ways consumers could be reached directly through one on one conversation or through radio advertisements and newspaper articles.

“You go right to them and talk to them up front,” said Baker.

Graves answered, “There are many ways to reach consumers, you can go to elementary schools or to meetings or to grocery stores.”

Norman also touched on the importance of face to face communication.

“Some of the ways you can reach consumers is to do store promotions and get out there and talk about the products you’re promoting,” she said.

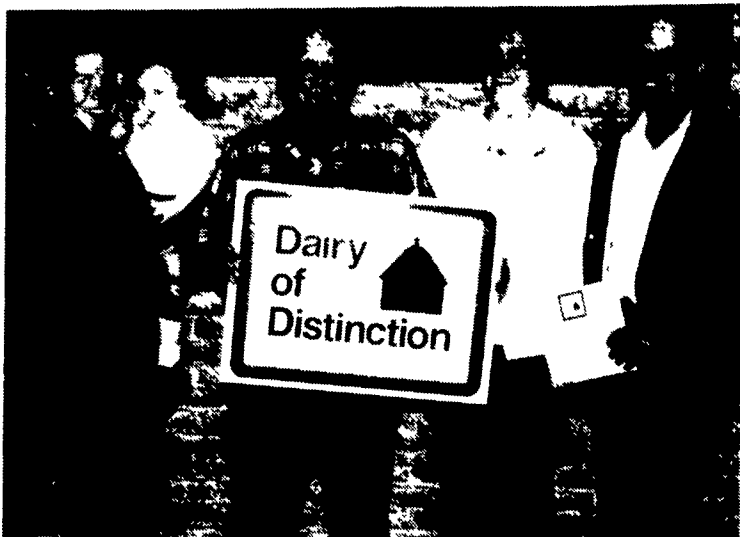
Baker, daughter of William and Rebecca Baker of Covington, will be a junior at Mansfield Junior-Senior High School in the fall. She is a member of the Hillbillies 4-H Club, serves on 4-H County Council, is a member of the Mainesburg Youth Group, Pathfinders, and Girl Scouts.

She is also active in her school where she is a member of the National Honor Society.

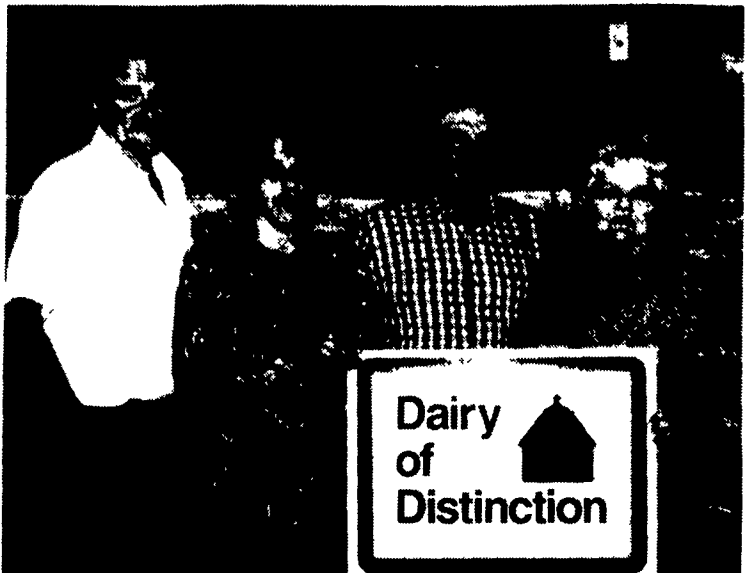
Graves is the daughter of Dennis and Christine Graves of Little Marsh. She attends Cowanesque Valley High School and will graduate in 1999. She is also a member of the Tioga County 4-H Livestock Club and the Cowanesque Valley Chapter of FFA.

Norman is the daughter of David and Aggie Norman, Liberty. In the fall, she will be a junior at Liberty Junior-Senior High School where she participates in many activities. She is a member of the Liberty Community 4-H Club,

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Dairy of Distinction chairman Craig Williams, with daughter Lydia, present the Dairy of Distinction sign to Kenny, Sue and John Heyler of Heyler's Farm.



Button Hill Farm receives the Dairy of Distinction award. Shown accepting the sign, from left, are Craig and Bobbi Button and Oliver and Virginia Button, of Millerton.

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