

## Lebanon City Mayor Parker Gets Down On The Farm

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"I have been helping to milk, and I helped to clean the grates too. Little Emily follows me around and warns me to look out when the cow gets ready to do you know what. In the afternoon I'm scheduled to help with pregnancy checks.

"Sure, I experienced cultural shock on the farm," Parker said. "My job is dealing with people every day in all kinds of different issues. Out here, you are dealing with animals and nature. I'll tell my city friends about all the physical labor involved on the farm. In town, we sit behind desks and go to the gym to get exercise. Out here you are always on the go work-

ing. "But I also see a lot in common between the farm and city," Parker said. "One is the issue of the working mother. Laura and I are both working

mothers, but she can have her family right with her at her job. The family is always together, and I think that is very admirable.

"I really didn't know about modern dairy farming-especially about how you milk cows, how you hook up the milkers, and the truck comes to haul the milk away. I really en-

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joyed finding out how someone else lives, his or her jobs. I had never been exposed to dairy farm life before. Professionally. I can better appreciate land and farming and cows, and the space you need for this. There is reason to live in the city, but there is also need for the farm way of life too. I appreciate this."

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