

# Michelle Walker To Be York Dairy Princess

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 — A new dairy promotion team is preparing to step into the York County limelight with Michelle Walker to wear the sparkling princess tiara for the next 12 months.

The coronation of a new York County dairy princess by currently reigning princess Heather Crowl will highlight the annual pageant beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at the York 4-H Center.

Michelle, 18, is the daughter of Leroy and Brenda Walker, Thomasville. She will graduate in June from the York County School of Technology, where she is president of the National Honor Society. Michelle attended the Governor's School for Health Care and was active with the Ambassadors for Career Education and the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program. She plans to be an independent Mary Kay director and pursue a business major at Wilson College.

The Walker family, which includes brothers Brad, 24, and Greg, 22, owns and operates Walk-Le Farms, with 150 milking registered Holsteins and 100 acres cropped to corn and hay. Michelle owns two dairy animals and has been active in 4-H dairy and show activities. She was previously an alternate York County dairy princess.

Two ambassadors and several younger members of the promotion team will assist Michelle as she makes appearances around York County on behalf of dairy producers. Ambassadors are April Daugherty and Raechel Kilgore, and Amanda Hoover is the dairy maid.

April Daugherty, 17, is the daughter of dairy farmers Philip and Terry Daugherty, Lemon Street, York. April has worked with the princess program for several years, assisting with milk promotion events previously as a dairy maid. She is home-schooled and in her junior year of studies. April is active in 4-H livestock programs and youth activities at her church.

Raechel Kilgore, 16, is the daughter of Doug and Pam Kilgore, Airville. She is a 10th-grade student at Red Lion Area High School and a member of the FFA, as well as active in 4-H dairy showing and the dairy judging team. Along with helping on the family's dairy and crops operation, Raechel plays field hockey for the Red Lion school team.

Dairy maid Amanda Hoover has several years of promotion program experience as well. Amanda, 13, is the daughter of Paul and Rose Hoover, East Prospect, who operate a dairy goat business. She is a 4-H member with swine and goat projects,

and a livestock judging participant.

Rounding out the York dairy promotion team are a bevy of enthusiastic young ladies serving as dairy misses and little misses. Dairy misses are Jeele Anstine, Carlyn Crowl, and Amy Baumgardner, with Katie Baumgardner and Amber Thoman, the youngest of the county's milk promoters, to serve as little misses.

Jeele Anstine, 9, is the daughter of Charles Anstine and Lynn Hubbard, York. The fourth grader is a Junior Girl Scout and plays the flute in her school band.

Carlyn Crowl, 9, is the daughter of Gary and Melanie Crowl, Delta. A fourth-grader, she is a member of the 4-H Milk and Money dairy club and active in school musical events and church choir.

Amy Baumgardner, 10, is the daughter of Daniel and Lori Baumgardner, Dillsburg. Amy is in the fourth grade, participates in church group activities and a member of the Central 4-H dairy club.

Kathryn "Katie" Baumgardner, 6, is also the daughter of Daniel and Lori Baumgardner, Dillsburg. First-grader Katie enjoys the family's farm animals and takes part in the family church girls' group.

Amber Thoman, 7, is the daughter of Gary and Gail Thoman, Dallastown. Amber is in the first grade and has her own dairy calf.

The pageant will mark the last "official" task for current York County dairy princess, Heather Crowl, completing a busy year of appearances and speaking opportunities. Just recently, Heather visited with 300 eighth-grade students during a health fair at West York Junior High School, where she manned a calcium display and offered milk and cookie treats.

Every Monday for the past several months, Heather has spent her day off from business classes visiting elementary and pre-schools, educating young-

sters about the benefits of including milk and dairy foods in their chosen foods. Heather teaches her young listeners about how milk is produced, using posters and feed samples, shows a video, and then gets them involved in hands-on dairy food preparation making either butter or pudding.

Now finishing up her first year as a student at the Yorktowne Business Institute, Heather is pursuing a two-year medical as-

sistance major and plans a career in the health field.

Michelle Walker's reign will kick off with a busy June Dairy Month line-up of promotions, beginning June 2 with a "cow patty" bingo benefit planned at Northern High School. Organizations interested in booking the York County dairy princess for a meeting or event appearance should contact booking coordinator Lori Baumgardner, phone (717) 432-3169.

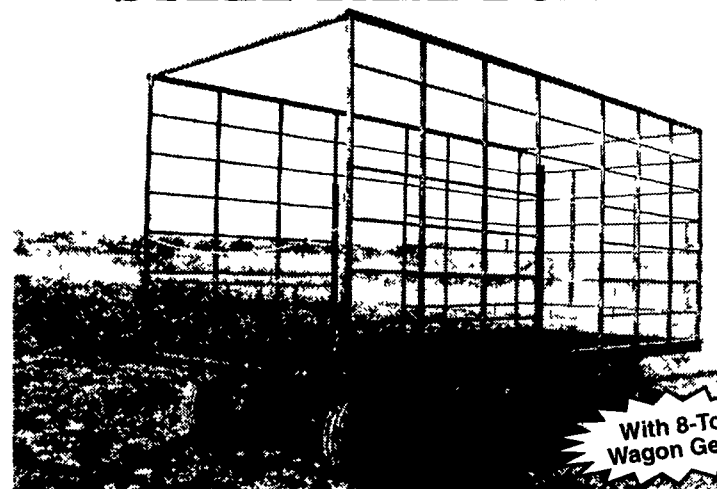


Candidates for the York County dairy promotion's Miss and Little Miss honors join reigning dairy princess Heather Crowl, at right rear. Front, from left, are Amy Baumgardner, Katie Baumgardner, Jeele Anstine, Amber Thoman and Carlyn Crowl.



Participants in the May 26 York County dairy princess pageant will include, from left, Michelle Walker, princess candidate, ambassador candidates April Daugherty and Raechel Kilgore, and dairy maid candidate Amanda Hoover.

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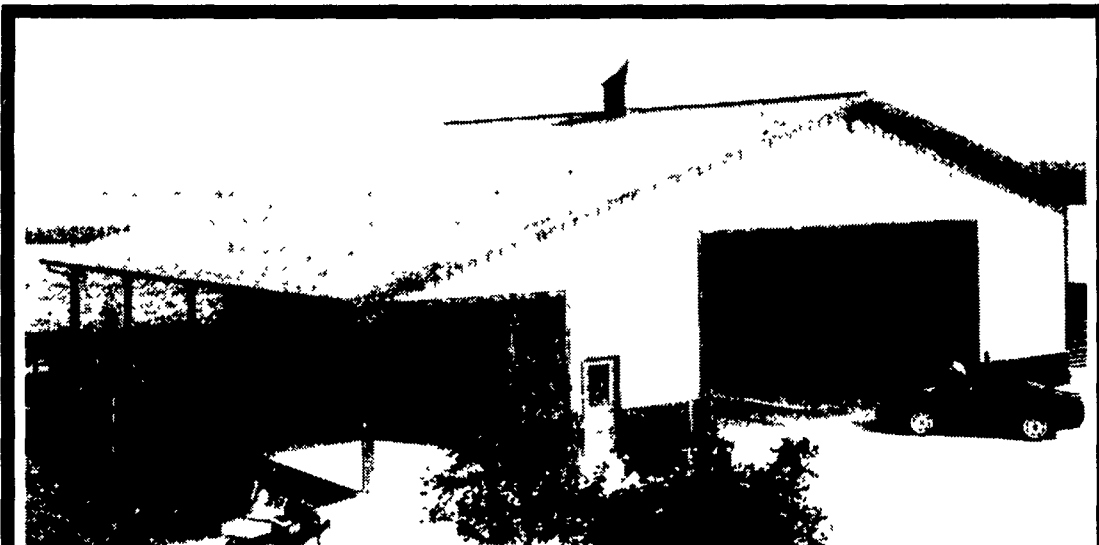
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