

# York Announces Dairy Promotion Candidates

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**AIRVILLE (York Co.)** — State dairy princess Raechel Kilgore recently hosted a planning tea for what promises to be a bittersweet event, her final appearance as York County's first lady of the dairy industry. While Raechel's state reign continues through September, she is helping to pave the way for her successor in the county with the upcoming dairy princess coronation.

Heather Baumgardner credits her experience as a dairy ambassador for helping to prepare her for greater responsibilities in dairy promotion, as York County's next princess. Raechel will crown Heather as her successor during the annual county dairy promotion pageant, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 24, at the 4-H Center.

The daughter of Dan and Lori Baumgardner, Dillsburg, Heather is 19 and a home-study freshman student in elementary education at Liberty University. Her enjoyment in working with early age school groups in the promotion program encouraged Heather to pursue elementary education studies. In addition to her college classes, Heather continues to work with the Baumgardner's 60-head milking herd and related farm responsibilities. She volunteers with the release-time-program students in the Northern School District's elementary schools and is studying kickboxing as a fun pursuit.

Candidates for York County dairy ambassador, who play a significant role in assisting the princess with promotion events, are Amanda Hoover and Trisha Knight.

Amanda Hoover, 15, is the daughter of Paul and Rose Hoo-

ver, Windsor, and a freshman at Eastern York High School. She is a veteran dairy promoter, having started with the program five years ago as a dairy miss, and enjoys helping with the school events. Amanda is active in both FFA and 4-H, exhibits dairy

goats, judges dairy and livestock, and participates in public speaking activities. She is president of the Bees and Berries 4-H club and a member of the swine club.

**Trisha Knight, 14,** is the daughter of Paul and Jean Knight, Airville, and a freshman at Kennard Dale High School, where she plays volleyball and basketball. She is a member of the dairy bowl team, 4-H dairy showing, dairy judging, and vet clubs.

Candidates for York County dairy maid are Jeele Anstine, Amy Baumgardner, Stevie Greek, and Carlyn Crowl.

Jeele Anstine, 11, is the daughter of Lynn and Charles Anstine, York. She is a sixth-grade student at Central Middle School and president of her Girl Scout troop. Jeele joined the dairy promotion team several years ago as a little miss and recently helped prepare and sell milkshakes at a community benefit fundraiser at the Airville Fire

Company.

Amy Baumgardner, 12, is the daughter of Dan and Lori Baumgardner, Dillsburg. A home-schooled sixth-grade student, Amy helps with milking and related chores for the family's 60-head dairy herd. She owns

promotion activities, Carlyn participates in several area parades and taken dairy promotions to her Clearview School classes.

Stevie Greek, 12, is the daughter of Leonard and Bonnie Jo Greek, Delta. She is a sixth-grade student at Clearview Elementary,

in the school's gifted-individual program, and participates in basketball, softball, seminar, and chorus. Stevie had five dairy animals she shows as a member of the Milk and Money 4-H club and is looking forward to her first year assisting on the county's dairy promotion events team.

The three candidates for dairy miss are Katie Baumgardner, Frankie Greek, and Amber Thoman. Rebekah Baumgardner and Kelsey Knight are little dairy miss candidates.

Katie Baumgardner, 8, is the daughter of Dan and Lori Baumgardner, Dillsburg. She is a third-grade level, home-schooled student and helps with calf feeding and milking the family's 60 cows. Katie shows her Holstein calf, Misty, as a member of the Central York dairy club and began helping with promotion as a little dairy miss. She likes to hand out dairy stickers and cow erasers at area fairs.

Frankie Greek, 10, is the

daughter of Bonnie Jo and Leonard Greek, Delta. Fifth-grade classes at Clearview Elementary and practicing for a June recital with her dance classes keep Frankie busy. She is also a member of the Airville 4-H Milk and Money dairy club and shows her heifer at area fairs. Frankie participated in the promotion program a few years ago as a little dairy miss.

Amber Thoman, 9, is the daughter of Gail and Gary Thoman, Dallastown. She is a third-grader at Loganville-Springfield Elementary and plays soccer with the Jacobus-Loganville-Springfield community recreation. Amber shows two heifers with the Southwest 4-H dairy club and is learning dairy judging. A participant in the county's dairy promotion group since beginning as a little miss, Amber's favorite events are the area parades.

Rebekah Baumgardner, 5, is the daughter of Dan and Lori Baumgardner, Dillsburg. Rebekah is at the kindergarten level in the family's home-schooling studies and helps move the cows during milking chores. She returns to the dairy promotion team as a little miss.

Kelsey Knight, 6, is the daughter of Lisa and James Knight, Airville. Kelsey is finishing kindergarten at the Clearview Elementary School and likes to help with feeding the cows and calves at the family's dairy farm. This will be Kelsey's first year helping with promotion as a little dairy miss.

For more information on the York County dairy princess coronation or promotion activities, contact Lori Baumgardner at (717) 432-3169 or Heather Crowl at (717) 862-3955.



Preparing for York County's dairy promotion pageant and coronation are from left, front, Jeele Anstine, Amy Baumgardner, Heather Baumgardner; rear, Carlyn Crowl, Stevie Greek, Trisha Knight, and Amanda Hoover.



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