

Lancaster Dairy Princess Carla Martin Rises To Cream Of The Crop

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represent her county and meet great people from the dairy industry and other princesses were her greatest accomplishments.

Pam, daughter of Phillip and Donna Werley of Hamburg, said that being part of a team that went to the National Dairy Convention and placed third was a

highlight for her.

Holly, 18-year-old daughter of David and Debra Liggett of Bessemer, said that moment was the greatest for her — that she came never thinking it would happen (to be a finalist).

Carla, 19-year-old daughter of D. David and Robbin Martin, Manheim, said that it might sound kind of funny, but her greatest accomplishment was participating in the state fair queen pageant and losing.

"It helped me realize who I am," she said.

Ashley, 17-year-old daughter of Richard Jr. and Patricia Bird of Pleasant Gap, said that she wouldn't say any one thing is her greatest accomplishment, but everything she tries to do is an accomplishment, from helping a friend to being crowned county dairy princess.

Emily, 19-year-old daughter of Jeff and Linda Grove of Shippenburg, said that her biggest accomplishment is living every day for Jesus Christ. "Even when things don't go as I want, he puts a smile on my face."

After the impromptu questioning, judges again conferred and selected the royalty team. Carla is one of 13 children ranging in ages from 1 to 23 years. The Martins milk 120 cows on their 300-acre farm in Manheim. Carla completed home schooling requirements last year and is studying nursing at Lancaster Bible College.

Pam helps milk 65 cows on the family's 160-acre farm, and is a sophomore at Kutztown University.

Emily just completed a year as the Pennsylvania state FFA secretary, and is a freshman at Penn State Mount Alto, pursuing an ag business degree. The Grove family has 160 milking cows on their 300-acre farm.

Pageant activities included additional awards and entertainment. One of those, the Tina Schultz Memorial Award is given each year in memory of the 1985-1985 Huntingdon County Dairy Princess, who did an outstanding job promoting the dairy industry while fighting a losing battle with cancer.

Award recipient must be a dedicated, enthusiastic promoter willing to go far beyond requirements on behalf of the industry and its products. Selected was Jessica Landis, Somerset County, who thought up many innovative ways to promote the industry, and who convinced school board members to install three milk vending machines in schools.

The royalty team from the past year performed an impromptu rendition of "The Dairy Chicks." The team wrote the lyrics during a long drive between promotions.

Junia Isiminger, executive director for PDPPS, said Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Rachael Kilgore, First Alternate Rachel Ebert, and Second Alternate Ashley Chapman fulfilled an outstanding year of promotion through their unselfish teamwork.

Master of Ceremonies Jeff Myers, Maryland, said that he has coached numerous youth, but Rachael Kilgore stands out as "brilliant, talented, well spoken, with skills that most of us only dream about, and excels in humility and genuineness."

In her farewell speech, Rachael said that she sought to make every moment of promotion incredible. She believes every person going through life leaves a trail of footprints. She spoke of the many people whose footprints left an impression upon her and her desire to carry the values of



Before being selected Pennsylvania Dairy Princess, Carla Martin presents her prize-winning speech.



County alternate dairy princesses serve milk punch, cheese, and crackers during the pre-banquet reception. From left are Erin Williams, Lebanon; Jodi Keith, Huntingdon; and Chelsey Cooper, Beaver.



Judges for the pageant, from left, are Alice Moore, Ohio; Diedra Harkenrider, New York; Bill Perry, Illinois; and Michael Brubaker, Virginia.



Congratulating Carla are her parents, Robbin and David Martin, standing on either side of her. At left, Joshua, brother, and Abigail, sister. On the right are Laura, sister, with her husband James Stall holding their daughter Emma.

New York, New Jersey Dairy Promoters Gather At Training Seminar

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Dairy princesses across New York and New Jersey attended the annual Dairy Princess Training Seminar at White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton, N.Y. recently. The seminar gave 33 county princesses from New York and the New Jersey State Dairy Princess, Brynn Kirby, the opportunity to meet and learn about the dairy princess program and dairy promotion.

Throughout the next year, the dairy princesses will visit schools and attend events and meetings, as well as write newspaper articles spreading the word about the importance of dairy products and the dairy industry. The dairy princess program is a strong method of communication, used to convey the health benefits and versatility of dairy products to consumers and their families.



Dairy Princesses from across New York gathered for the NYS Dairy Princess Seminar. Back row from left: Jefferson County, Jessica Hall; Onondaga County, Amanda Marshfield; Delaware County, Dara Hanselman; Ontario County, Megan Westfall; Herkimer County, Esther Prokopienko; Tompkins County, Virginia Gunning; Rensselaer County, Tara Lamb; Chautauqua County, Katie Spinler; Niagara-Orleans County, Jessica Pisarski; Livingston County, Heather Mark; and Schoharie County, Kecia Shults. Top middle clockwise: Oneida County, Angela Peck; Chemung County, Rachel Manchester; Genesee County, Tristan Zuber; Madison County, Justine Kelsey; Cortland County, Tess Campbell; Tioga County, Jami VanDusen; Montgomery County, Jeanne Schuyler; Lewis County, Sarah Farney; Orange County, Kristen O'Dell; Cayuga County, Marissa Fessenden. Third row from left: Otsego County, Sonya Galley; Chenango County, MaryLou Rowe; St. Lawrence County, Natalie Gilbert; Franklin County, Terra Godin; Washington County, Emily Getty; and Cattaraugus County, Rachel Ford. Bottom row from left: Saratoga County, McKenzie Hanahan; Wyoming County, Molly Bliss; and Allegany County, Amanda Meyers. Bottom middle from left: Second Alternate New York State Dairy Princess, Jessica Hula; New York State Dairy Princess, Andrea Smith; and First Alternate New York State Dairy Princess, Kristen Chambers.