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CONTESTANTS VIE FOR DAIRY PRINCESS TITLE AND ROLE AS INDUSTRY AMBASSADOR

District 2 Looks to Crown 2023 Dairy Princess on April 1st

TRACY, Calif. – March 1, 2023 – Three young women will compete for the prestigious title of Dairy Princess during the District 2 Dairy Princess contest on April 1, 2023, at the Petaluma Veterans Building.

This year's contestants are Aiyanna Swan of Petaluma, Emma Stafford of Petaluma, and Tauni Fasano of Rohnert Park.

Aiyanna is the daughter of Seth and Pamela Swan. She is a Junior at Tomales High School where she has been an active FFA member and has held an officer position for 2 years. Aiyanna has received her greenhand and chapter degrees and she hopes to earn her state FFA degree. She currently serves as an FFA officer on the Regional level. Aiyanna is the captain of her cheer team and is on the high school tennis team. She is also a member of the LDS church. After high school, Aiyanna plans to attend BYU and hopes to depart on a mission trip with her church.

Emma is the daughter of Lance and Dana Stafford. She is a senior at Petaluma High School and plans to attend California State University, Chico, or Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in Animal Science. Emma is currently employed at Beretta Dairy and has been very active in Petaluma FFA. She has served as the Petaluma FFA Treasurer, Vice President, and President. She has also served as the FFA Sonoma Section President, the North Coast Sonoma Section Vice President, and the Regional Secretary. Emma is a member of the National Holstein Association, the California Holstein Association, and the Redwood Empire Holstein Association.

Tauni is the daughter of Michael and Tina Fasano. She is a senior at Analy High School and plans to attend Santa Rosa Junior College before transferring to a 4-year university to pursue a degree in Agribusiness. Tauni is an active member of Sebastopol FFA, was on the Rancho Cotate High School swim team, and served as the Rancho Cotate High School class treasurer as a freshman. Tauni has been a member of the Rohnert Park Girl Softball Association for 5 years and the Gold Ridge 4-H for 2 years where she served as Sergeant of Arms. Tauni currently works for the YMCA as a recreational leader.

The young lady crowned as Dairy Princess will represent the dairy industry in Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma counties. She will serve the area as an ambassador for



the dairy industry with various audiences. The newly selected princess and her alternates will participate in a mandatory training, provided by the California Milk Advisory Board (CMAB), where they will receive professional development coaching.

The contest is sponsored by the North Bay Dairy Women and the CMAB. The contest will start at 6:30p.m. followed by dinner. To purchase tickets for the contest, please contact Judy Buttke via email at dist2dairyprincesscommittee@gmail.com.

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