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New York modeling agency accepts child of area couple

If a picture is worth a thousand words, two-year-old Jordan McCarty will soon have volumes said about her.

Jordan, daughter of Amy (Catron) and Jamie McCarty of Bismarck, was recently accepted as a client of the Vanique Stock Models/New Faces Modeling Agency in New York City.

The road to New York began last year when Jordan served as flower girl at her parents' wedding, said Amy McCarty. The couple, who had been asked numerous times if their daughter modeled, went all-out on Jordan's dress for the wedding, then decided it would be a shame to wear the dress just once. It was then that Jordan began entering pageants.

Her first pageant was in Danville, where she received six trophies, McCarty said. At a Dream Girls competition, Jordan amassed another five statues. She has some awards taller than she is, her mother said.

From the pageant, Jordan went on to become Miss August in the *Special Faces of America* calendar and from there came the request to test her for modeling. The family received a call the first week of February asking that they come to New York that very day. The trip was postponed until the weekend of Feb. 9-10 and, after experiencing two sets of interviews, Jordan was accepted as a model for print media, including newspapers and magazines, McCarty said.

During interviews, modeling agency staff rated Jordan on her ability to sit and be in control of herself without getting bored and also how well she follows direction, McCarty said.

The family will return to New York on March



JORDAN MCCARTY

16 for Jordan's first photo shoot with the agency. Those photos will then be sent to prospective clients which, hopefully, will lead to work in the industry.

Although Jordan is able to win the hearts of those at pageants and modeling agencies, McCarty said her daughter is a normal child at home and can be quite a handful at times. "She can throw a fit at a pageant but as soon as I say 'OK, it's your turn,' she starts doing her stuff and as soon as she gets off, she's a normal child," McCarty said.

And while her face may be her fortune, McCarty does not want to insulate Jordan from a child's life, including bumps and scrapes. "I want her to be a kid," she said. "That's why print is good. If she has a bump, they can touch up the photo."

McCarty has been at Jordan's side through pageants and calendar shoots but will not be in the room to guide her daughter during photo sessions. "I won't be in the room," she said. "They don't want the mom there interfering."

Modeling will be a new experience for Jordan and learning the ins and outs will be a new experience for McCarty. The agency will keep 20 percent of Jordan's earnings and laws regulating the rest of her income is one of the things McCarty plans to find a lawyer to discuss.

McCarty hopes Jordan will be able to do her work in the Chicago market, allowing them to live in the area. How long Jordan's career will last will be up to the child. "As soon as she says she doesn't want to do it, that's it," McCarty said.

The world of pageants and modeling is a vastly differ-

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