

# Becky Hipple Tops Competitors to Become Lycoming County Dairy Princess

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**MUNCY** — Becky Hipple, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hipple, Trout Run, is the 1986 Lycoming County Dairy Princess. Becky was chosen from a field of five at the county pageant, held Friday night, June 20, at the Lycoming Mall, Muncy. More than 300 people attended.

The princess completed her junior year at Montoursville High School. She is a member of the Language Club, Language Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America and concert and church choirs, and participates in FFA activities. She plans to enter business school after high school.

For her creative presentation, Becky appeared on stage as Martha Washington dressed in a white cap and long dress. She gave a history of milk starting with 8,000 BC drawings depicting a scene with cows right up until the present day. She noted if her husband, George, had drunk more milk, he probably wouldn't have had to wear dental plates with wooden teeth.

The Hipple's milk 30 cows and farm 200 acres. According to Becky, her chores on the farm include feeding cows and helping with the hay.

In addition to cooking and reading Becky likes to sew. She

made her full-length sundress-styled gown of an "all-over print" on a cream background and highlighted it with a seven-inch white eyelet lace ruffle at the hem of the skirt. A jacket of white embroidered eyelet batiste completed the outfit.

Alternate dairy princess is Marilyn J. Kiess, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kiess, Jersey Shore. Her puppet presentation featured a dairy farmer who was thinking about quitting farming until the "dairy angel" reminded him of the many uses of milk in our everyday lives. This included the use of milk in paints, plastics, cement, and medicines.

Other contestants were LuAnn Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Marshall, Jersey Shore; Shelley Lynn Sechrist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sechrist, Cogan Station; and Lynette M. Ulmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ulmer, Linden.

Linda Heck, 1985 Lycoming County Dairy Princess, thanked everyone for supporting her during the year, especially her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Heck, Jersey Shore. She said she reached about 11,000 people of all ages the past year in her dairy promotion efforts and gave six ice cream parties to school children who collected Real Seals.

Honored guests at the pageant were the nine former Lycoming County dairy princesses. They were Linda Jarrett, 1976; Suzette Drick Ulrich, 1977; Becky Paulhamus Shutts, 1978; Jennie Fuoss Finn, 1979; Sherri Lovell Hoffman, 1980; Darlene Hensler McCoy, 1981; Laurie Bauder, 1982; Linda Berger Savoye, 1983; and Lori Rupert Stamen, 1984. Each took the stage for a moment and updated the crowd on their present day activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jarrett were recognized for 10 years of service on the Lycoming County Dairy Princess Committee.

Judges for the 1986 Lycoming County Dairy Pageant were Lowell Brubaker, Manheim, dairy farmer; Gordon Hiller, Department of Agriculture; and Mrs. Charlene Ranck, Gap, a 1981 Pennsylvania Dairy Princess.

Master of ceremonies was Dave Moon, a dairy farmer from New Albany. Peggy Morehart was the director of the pageant and provided entertainment by playing the flute. Sue Ulmer accompanied her on the piano.

The pageant was sponsored by the Lycoming County Dairy Princess Committee, Mr. and Mrs. David Jarrett and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barto, Co-chairmen, and the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program.



Becky Hipple, left, was recently crowned 1986 Lycoming County Dairy Princess. Marilyn Kiess, right, was selected alternate princess.

# Huntingdon County Dairy Princess Is Shanna Jo Cunningham

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**HUNTINGDON** — Shanna Jo Cunningham of Huntingdon was crowned Huntingdon County Dairy Princess June 21 during the annual pageant held in conjunction with the county's Holstein Club picnic.

Shanna received her crown from last year's alternates Wanda Love and Lisa McMahon.

Shanna, the daughter of Glen and Jean Cunningham, attends Huntingdon Area High School, where she is co-valedictorian of the Class of 1987. Her activities include secretary of National Honor Society, Prom Committee, church youth group and a Science Olympiad competitor. She plans to attend college after graduation.

During the pageant contestants were asked questions testing their knowledge of the dairy industry. One of Shanna's questions was: "Do you think farming is a good career choice and would you encourage young people to become involved?"

She answered that although farming requires long hours and much hard work, it is a good career choice. Shanna said she would encourage young people to enter farming if they were up to that challenge.

Shanna was also asked which age group she would most like to promote milk to. She responded that she would prefer to work with children because they are fun and are interested in the importance of milk.

Pamela Ann Gilliland was named alternate princess. She is the daughter of John and Karen Gilliland of Warrior's Mark.

Pam attends Tyrone Area High School, where her activities include National Honor Society, cheerleading, Key Club, Vistos, Ski Club, Varsity Club, and girl's social chairman. She is a graduate of Barbizon Modeling School and plans to attend college after high school.

Alternates Wanda Love and Lisa McMahon reviewed the year's activities. They also presented the skit that 1985 Dairy Princess Tina Shultz used during her reign.

Albert Masood served as master of ceremonies. Judges were Debbie Metzker, a member of the Blair County Dairy Promotion Committee; Donna Martin, country life editor for the Altoona Mirror; and F. Mark Weber, 1985 American Farmer degree recipient and a dairy farmer from Berks County.



Lisa McMahon, left, and Wanda Love, second from left, crown Shanna Jo Cunningham 1986 Huntingdon County Dairy Princess as alternate Pam Gilliland right, looks on.

# Erie County Dairy Princess Darla Bisbee is Active, Innovative

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**WATTSBURG** — Active and innovative describes the new Erie County Dairy Princess, Darla Bisbee, and the dairy princess committee behind her.

For the first time Erie County held its annual Farm City Day on a farm and it was a huge success according to hosts Henry and Cyndy Cass of Cass Farms in Wattsburg. They estimate 2,500 people visited their dairy operation on June 14.

Approximately 200 attended the highlight of the event, the dairy princess pageant that evening. This was the largest attendance and the best contestant participation in several years. Four competed for the title — Darla Bisbee, Louise Murkens, Michele

Huegel (Miss Congeniality) and Theresa Titus.

Another first this year was the introduction of a Dairy Maid contest for girls too young to compete for dairy princess. The contest was initiated to create more interest and give girls speaking experience prior to princess contests.

This too was successful as six girls tried for the title. The 1986 Dairy Maid is Julie Williams of Edinboro. She is a student at General McClane High School. Julie lives on a Holstein farm and is involved in 4-H, church and school activities. The Dairy Maid contestants each wrote an essay and had a private interview with the judges.

The dairy princess contestants had a "real" challenge. They each prepared a spoken response to the

question, "How would your past farm related experience be utilized to promote the dairy industry as dairy princess?"

Darla must have convinced the judges that life on a 550-acre farm milking 70 Holsteins was invaluable experience. She is the 1986 Dairy Princess and daughter of Lyle and Ilene Bisbee of Union City. Darla, 16, will be a senior at Seneca High School, where she is in band, student council, cheerleading, and vice president of the Wilderness Club. She plans to attend business school. Her interests are 4-H, swimming, music and farming.

Darla sparkles with enthusiasm and said she tried out because she was interested and one of the committee members personally asked her if she would like to —

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The Erie County Dairy Princess is Darla Bisbee and the alternate princess is Louise Murkens.