

Bradford Dairy Princess

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in the dairy industry and I conceived the goal of bettering myself by achieving this as the Bradford County Dairy Princess." She also thanked the people of Bradford County for their support and sent special thank yous to her parents, Jim and Darlene VanBlarcom, her family, alternates, Kirsten MacBride and Angel Butchere and dairy princess coordinator Arlene Wilbur. She then performed a continuation of the rap that she performed at last year's skit.

Second alternate Angel Butcher also bid farewell to the people of Bradford County. She thanked everyone for being good friends and for support throughout the past year and highlighted a few things that she learned.

"I have learned that everyone, especially children, is eager to learn about the dairy industry. It's really been a wonderful experience that I'll never forget."

Assisting the dairy princess and her court will be five dairy maids. They are Stacey Mattocks, daughter of David and Gail Mattocks of Troy; Desirae Pepper,

daughter of Edward and Pamela Pepper of Canton; Robin Wilson, daughter of Gordon and Mable Wilson of Rome; Christina Saxton, daughter of Stephen and Susan Saxton of Columbia Cross Roads; Kimberly Davis, daughter of Ronald and Sally Davis of Warren Center; and Holly Mattocks, daughter of David and Gail Mattocks of Troy.

Master of Ceremonies Senator Roger Madigan lead the events of the day. He noted that all the contestants are winners and he is proud to have so many people willing to promote the dairy industry.

"Someone spoke at a meeting a few weeks ago that I attended, and pointed out the real importance of our dairy princess pageant and dairy promotion," said Senator Madigan, "that we are two generations away from all of us growing up on the farm. Today there are only about 2.6 percent of the population directly involved in farming, but we impact on 100

percent of the consumers."

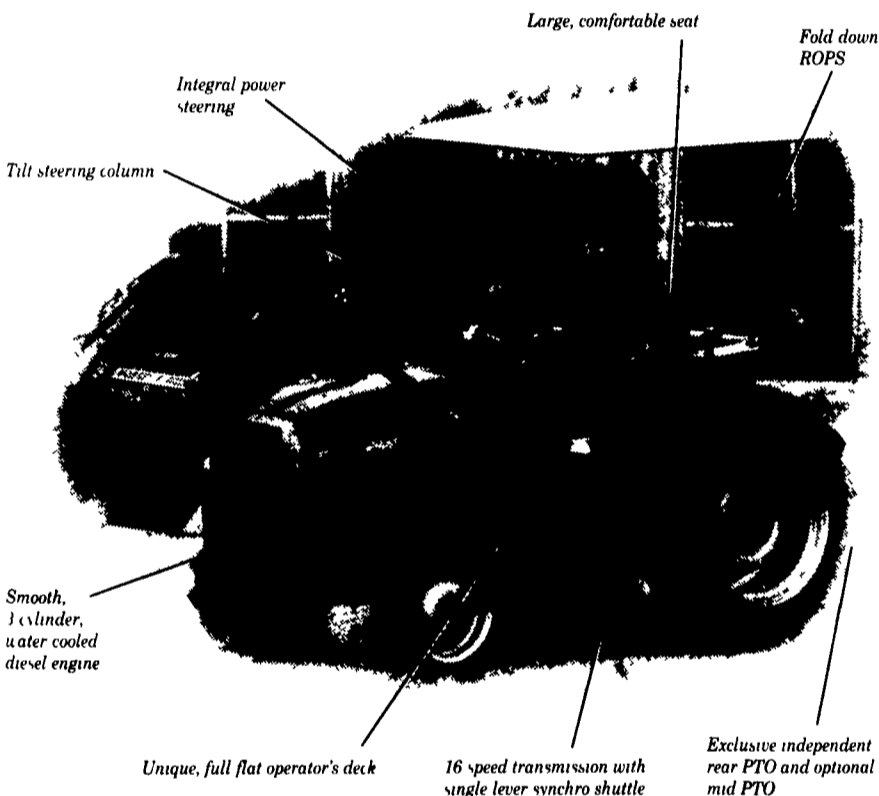
The pageant was the culmination of a weekend full of events, including a meet-the-candidates dinner on Friday and a dairy festival, complete with parade, contests and plenty of food on the morning of the pageant.

Past Bradford County Dairy Princesses in attendance were Viola McQueen Metzger, 1963; Hope McMurray Thompson, 1989; Robin Wilbur, 1991; and Mercy Keeney, 1992. Also attending the pageant were New York State First Alternate Dairy Princess Lillian Lunde and Pennsylvania Ayrshire Princess, Karen Neville.

Members of the Bradford County Dairy Promotion Committee include Larry Brown, president; Kim Seeley, vice-president; Kathy Wanck, secretary; Stu Rosengrant, treasurer; Arlene Wilbur, dairy princess coordinator; Janet Leiwis, Traci Thompson, Bonnie Keeney and Steve Pelton.



The new dairy royalty in Bradford County are, from left, Second Alternate Danielle Pepper, Dairy Princess Jani Burke, and First Alternate Kirsten MacBride.



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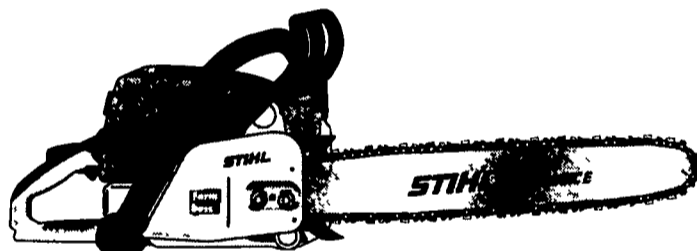
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