

# Mifflin County Dairy Princess Arrested

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LEWISTOWN (Mifflin Co.) — Area "police" report the arrest and conviction of one of Mifflin County's leading dairy industry representatives, Mifflin County Dairy Princess Erin Goss.

According to authorities, Goss had just completed a dairy promotion program at the McVeytown Senior Citizens Center and had left the building with her Dairy Princess Program Coordinator Cheryl Glick and Alternate Dairy Princess Cindy Yoder. The three entered the parking lot at the rear

of the building and approached Glick's van. Because of conflicting reports, what happened next is still under investigation.

According to police reports, arresting officer for the American Cancer Society's Jail and Bail Fundraiser, Bob Gombos, just happened to be in the area when he spotted Goss with the damaging evidence, the soda, in her hand. He immediately sprang into action, apprehended the perpetrator and read her rights.

The culprit was apprehended at 11:05 a.m. on Thursday, August 25th, being caught in the act, and

was immediately handcuffed and transported by Gombos to the old Mifflin County Courthouse in Lewistown where she donned the criminal's black and white striped uniform, so like the black and white bovines she vowed so faithfully to represent. She was placed behind bars, awaiting her chance to see the judge.

Just minutes later, Gombos escorted Goss to face Judge Frank Berrier (an area businessman). While climbing the steps to the courthouse, Goss was heard to have said, "This is a set-up!" I've been framed!"

Standing before Judge Berrier, the baliff read the charges brought

against Goss and asked what she had to say for herself.

"I am not guilty," Goss claimed in her own defense before the court and a jury of two. "Someone put it in my hands. I didn't drink any!"

After further discussion, Judge Berrier found Goss guilty and imposed an even harsher sentence by stating, "Get her for loitering too!"

Goss spent the next hour phoning friends and relatives to raise bail for her release. Her first pledge came from County Commissioner Ora Sunderland, Erin's grandfather.

In the end, Mifflin County's

Dairy Princess redeemed herself and saved a dairy day gone sour, by raising \$265 for the American Cancer Society, a cause also worthy of Erin's time. Dairy Princess Coordinator Cheryl Glick returned Goss's sash and crown untarnished, proud to have Erin Goss back as one of our county's dairy representatives and now a reformed milk drinker.

According to the American Cancer Society Jail - N - Bail Fundraising event, someone can have another person "arrested" for \$25. Erin Goss still believes she was framed and believes she knows who arranged the sting operation.



Fund raising Chairman for the American Cancer Society Bob Gombos handcuffs Erin Goss at the scene of the crime.

# Homestead Notes



Judge Frank Berrier explains Goss's sentencing.



Phoning for support to get out of jail, Erin Goss calls friends and relatives for help in raising bail money for the American Cancer Society.



Arresting officer Bob Gombos (right) secures Mifflin County's Dairy Princess behind bars.