

# Huntingdon Abounds In Dairy Promotional Help

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An exciting evening in dairy promotion took place June 2 in Huntingdon County. The Huntingdon County Dairy Princess Committee, led by Brucette Metz, saw the fruits of their labor come to a successful conclusion with the crowning of Crystal Couch as Huntingdon County's new Dairy Princess for 1995.

Competing with three other girls, Crystal also shared the stage with five dairy maids, six dairy misses, and five li'l misses. The strength of the dairy princess program in Huntingdon County was evident not only by the number of girls coming "up through the ranks," but also by the number of sponsors and contributors showing their support.

More than 57 sponsors and contributors, and those attending the event, enabled the Huntingdon County Dairy Promotion Committee and the Dairy Princess Committee plan and implement a memorable evening for all involved.

Emcee James Palmer, agricultural education instructor at the Huntingdon Area High School, introduced the current princess, Monica Goshorn, and her court as

the Belles and Beaus of Huntingdon Area High School sang a capella.

After introducing the four contestants, each judge, and guests, Palmer announced each contestant's creative presentation.

Posing as Cowgirl Crystal with Chit Chat and Udder Things, Crystal took to the stage first. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Bill and Ann Couch of RR2, Huntingdon. A junior at the Huntingdon Area High School, Crystal is president of the Stone Valley 4-H Club. She is a member of the 4-H Dairy Club, the 4-H County Council, Big Valley Grange, PA Jr. Holstein Club, Huntingdon County Dairy Bowl Team, Spanish Club, and the Media. Crystal works on her family farm and at the Stone Valley Pizzarene.

Second on stage for her creative presentation was Apryle Hoover. A 16-year-old sophomore at the Tussey Mountain High School, Apryle told the story of Geraldine the Cow. Apryle is the daughter of Douglas and Susan Hoover of Saxton. She is a member of the Student Council, the SADD Chap-



The future of Dairy Promotion in Huntingdon County looks bright as more than 16 girls volunteer as dairy maids, dairy misses, and li'l misses.

ter, and the Marching Band Color Guard. Apryle has been involved with the Dairy Princess program for two years.

Emily Metz took to the stage as the Real Seal. The daughter of Larry and Brucette Metz of Allensville, Emily is a sophomore at the Huntingdon Area High School. An honor student, Emily is a member of the varsity field hockey team, the HAHS Chamber

Singers, and the Key Club. She is president of both the Big Valley 4-H Club and the Huntingdon County 4-H County Council. She is employed on her family's dairy farm in Big Valley.

Amanda Zook of Petersburg introduced Casey the Cow for her creative presentation. The daughter of Renee and Marvin Zook, Amanda is a junior at the Juniata Valley High School. She is secre-

tary for the Blue Juniata FFA Club, president of the 4-H Countywide Dairy Club, and the 4-H Shavers Creek Community Club. Formerly serving as a dairy maid, Amanda works on her home farm.

The evening ended with Monica Goshorn's farewell speech and the crowning of Crystal Couch. Crystal will compete in the State Pageant in Harrisburg on September 23.

## Jodi Colton's Dream Comes True

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ATHENS (Bradford Co.) — "It's like a dream come true," said an excited Jodi Colton after being crowned the 1995 Bradford County Dairy Princess in ceremonies held Saturday, June 3, at the Athens Middle School.

Colton, the daughter of Debbie and Daniel Colton of Canton, clinched the title after a day-long dairy celebration, culminating with the 32nd annual pageant.

Selected as first alternate was Ellen Keeney, daughter of William and Bonnie Keeney, of Wyalusing.

Named second alternate was Robin Wilson, daughter of Gordon and Mabel Wilson of West Warren.

Pageant judges Stephanie Myers, New York State Dairy Princess coordinator and ADA/DC representative; Cathy Young, member of the Cortland County, N.Y. dairy promotion committee; and Jim Barnette, member relations manager for Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, commented that all three contestants are winners and will make an effective dairy promotion team.

Rounding out the dairy promo-

tion crew are five dairy maids, Kimberly Davis, Stacey Mattocks, Holly Mattocks, Desi Pepper, and Christina Saxton.

During the pageant, each contestant was required to give a creative presentation.

Colton wowed the crowd as "Ellie May Clampton" who was headed back to her uncle Fred's dairy farm with her critters.

"Drink Milk, white gold, moo juice, the real thing . . . You're all invited back next year to this locality to have a heaping helpin' of the dairy industry. The dairy farmers want me to ask for your help. Don't forget on grocery day to buy some cheese or milk," she sang.

Keeney's presentation focused on the big game between the junk foods and the dairy products.

"Those dairy products sure know how to play ball," she explained. "The (newspaper) article said that the junk foods came out slow and weak and didn't look like they had any energy at all, but the dairy products came out strong and looked as if they could have played all day and all night if they had to."

In her skit, Mike Milk, Chester Cheese, Sammy Sour Cream, Yogi

Yogurt, and Ike Ice Cream went head to head with the members of the junk foods.

"Each and every one of the dairy products added their own ingredients to help make them part of a complete food group," she said.

In her "Chat with Bessie," Wilson informed the audience about the benefits of milk by spreading all the latest news. Her chat included the pregnant neighbor's need for four servings of dairy products daily, Little Tommy Tucker's need for three servings, and how an elderly Mrs. Cook can stand straight and tall because she has always enjoyed drinking milk.

After the skits, the mood of the pageant soon changed from fun to serious as each candidate was asked "the question."

Each contestant had only a few seconds to compose an answer to the question: "What skills and abilities do you have that would make you an effective dairy princess?"

"I like to entertain," said Colton. "I believe in milk and I believe in the dairy industry, and I'm not afraid to talk in front of people. Every day I like to try to expand what I already know and every day do something above my ability."



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Keeney's answer included such qualities as being open and honest. She also said that she loved to meet new people and share her knowledge of the dairy industry with them.

Wilson commented that she has the ability to talk in front of people and that she knows how the dairy industry operates.

The 1994 Bradford County Dairy Princess Jani Burke along with first alternate Kirsten MacBride and second alternate Dani Pepper were on hand to crown the new dairy royalty.

In a tearful farewell address, Burke thanked everyone who had a part in making her year a success. She also sincerely hoped that she had lived up to the expectations of the farmers in the area.

"After I won last year, my life became a whirlwind. Besides my

other activities in school, I found time to promote the dairy industry. Being a senior (at the same time) was hard, so I hope I pleased all you farmers in trying to get your product out there, she said."

As outgoing first alternate, MacBride also thanked everyone for their support. She hoped that she had made some contribution to the education about and the promotion of the dairy industry in her more than 150 appearances.

Bradford County Dairy Princess coordinator Arlene Wilbur summed up the evenings activities by saying thank you to all who made the pageant and festivities possible. Singled out in her remarks were Dennis Chaffee, who served as the master of ceremonies for the evening and her entire family, who helped with every aspect of the pageant.



The 1995 Bradford County Dairy Royalty include, from left, first alternate Ellen Keeney, princess Jodi Colton and second alternate Robin Wilson.