



Newly crowned Bradford County Dairy Royalty are seated in the chairs of honor. They are, from left, First Alternate Dairy Princess Kim Davis, Bradford County Dairy Princess Eileen Murphy, and Second Alternate Dairy Princess Rindy Harkness.

## Eileen Murphy Named Bradford County Dairy Princess

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WYALUSING (Bradford Co.)  
— After a day filled with milking contests, ice cream eating, and pageantry, Eileen Murphy was picked to wear the crown and hold the title of the 1997 Bradford County Dairy Princess.

Murphy is the daughter of Malcolm and Sylvia Murphy of Ulster. Although Holsteins are the breed of choice on her family's farm, Murphy opts to show Jerseys through 4-H.

Chosen as first alternate was Kimberly Davis, of Warren Center, daughter of Ron and Sally Davis. Their 250-acre farm is home to 120 Holsteins.

Rindy Harkness of Gillett will serve as second alternate. She is the daughter of Butch and Barbara Harkness. The family has 70 head of Jerseys on their 460-acre farm.

"Bradford County can be proud of their royalty," said the letter from the judges just before the names were announced, alluding to the full day of activities leading up to the Saturday evening pageant.

All activities were held in the Wyalusing area, with the 34th annual pageant being held at the Wyalusing High School.

Judges Carolyn Donnelly,

member of the New York Dairy Promotion Committee,, Rebecca Sonnen, program director for Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Association, and Tammy Weaver, Pennsylvania Beef Council representative, also noted that everyone should work together as a team to promote dairy products throughout the coming year.

Rounding out the dairy promotion team are seven dairy maids: Corissa Coolbaugh, Talitha Coolbaugh, Tara Gray, Kristy Howland, Jackie Schriener, Janean Young, and Heather Yurkanin.

The day started with a parade, which was immediately followed by milking contests, ice cream eating contests, and a chance to visit with various sponsors of the day.

As the evening program began, each contestant was required to give a five-minute presentation and answer an impromptu question.

"O the milk will come out tomorrow," sang a cow-print pajamas-clad Murphy as she highlighted the benefits of milk and dreamed about having another glass of milk to drink.

Next the team was called into action as Rindy Harkness explained that everybody in the world needs milk.

"The use of milk goes back to

the domestication of animals, probably about 10,000 years ago," Harkness noted.

Finally, it was Kimberly Davis's turn to hit the stage as she posed as "Millie the cow." My product is the very best," she said, as she told about where milk comes from and how it is processed.

The final moment of truth came as Master of Ceremonies Senator Roger Madigan read the final question, "Throughout your childhood, you probably received much advice from your older siblings. In this day and age, young people face many challenges. What advice would you give to a younger sibling?"

Murphy noted that she is the youngest and has received much good advice from her two older sisters.

"I would tell them to always to look at the positives in life even when things are at their worst. And I would tell them definitely to drink milk . . ." Murphy explained.

Harkness answered that she would tell them to "do as many leadership activities as they can to become involved and become good citizens, and to stay away from all the bad things that are out there such as drugs."

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Seven dairy maids will help promote dairy products in Bradford County. Shown in front are, Janean Young, Corissa Coolbaugh and Kristy Howland. Back, from left are Heather Yurkanin, Jackie Schriener, Tara Gray and Talitha Coolbaugh.

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