

Barrett Garners Bradford County Dairy Princess Title

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TOWANDA (Bradford Co.) —
"I can't believe it," exclaimed an excited Samantha Barrett as she received the crown of the 2000 Bradford County Dairy Princess. The pageant was held at the Towanda Middle School on Saturday, May 20.

Barrett, daughter of Kevin and Catherine Barrett, of Towanda, was selected from a field of 300 contestants, who were interviewed and observed by judges Betsy Derstine, Mansfield; Charlene Shupp, Tunkhannock; and Susan Gesford, Springville, during the two-day event. Barrett is a junior at Towanda High School.

Named first alternate was Corissa Coolbaugh of Canton. Coolbaugh is the daughter of David and Cynthia Coolbaugh and is a home-schooled high school senior. Sara Jennings was named the second alternate. Jennings is a graduate of Troy Area High School and is the daughter of Nancy Jennings and the late Ronald Lynn Jennings.

Also promoting the dairy industry in Bradford County are dairy maids Marlesa Coolbaugh, daughter of David and Cynthia Coolbaugh, Canton; Rebecca Reagan, daughter of Ron and Shelly Reagan, Athens; Tiffany Spencer, daughter of Richard and Martha Spencer, Austinville; and Jenny Storch, daughter of Robert and Susan Storch, Troy.

The pageant was the crowning event of a series of activities, including a "meet the candidates" dinner, a dairy festival, and parade with the theme "Y2 Drink Milk."

During the pageant, each contestant was interviewed by Mas-

ter of Ceremonies Senator Roger Madigan. They also were required to give a presentation and answer an impromptu question.

Barrett entered the stage as a cute, furry, "Milky Mouse" who just can't get enough dairy products. "I can't seem to get enough of those creamy, white, delicious, nutritious, does a body good dairy products," said Barrett.

As she traveled from the empty ice cream box to the empty yogurt container to the empty carton of milk, she almost gave up hope of having a snack, until she spied a piece of cheese firmly attached to a mouse trap.

"I find myself in a bit of a mess," said Barrett. "The outcome could be anyone's guess. Sometimes growth does come from pain, but I can do this if I use my brain."

With that, she snatched the drinking straw from the carton of milk and used it as a spear to harvest the cheese and with it, all the nutrients that she would gain from eating dairy products.

"Thanks again for listening to 'Milky Mouse,'" said Barrett, "For I will soon be looking for cheese in your house!" "Milk, butter, cheese, ice cream, too. These dairy products are so good for you! Try them and you will see just how yummy they can be!" chanted Corissa Coolbaugh as she staged her presentation on "Babysitting Can be Dairy Fun". She also read a story about life on the dairy farm and the processes that milk and dairy products go through before reaching the market.

"Cinderelsie" was the story presented by Sara Jennings as she pretended to entertain her "grandchildren" during her skit.

"One day a prince decided to

hold a big dairy show," said Jennings, "And he invited all the cows in the county to come to it. The farmer thought this was a really cool thing. This prince was looking for his royal Real Seal cow. A cow would have to be terrific to be a royal Real Seal Cow. Her milk would have to be delicious, as well as full of all the nutrients expected from milk; like calcium for strong bones, vitamins A, D and B12 for building cells and good vision and protein for strong muscles."

Although "Cinderelsie" wasn't the farmer's pick to take to the show, her "Dairy Fairy" came to her rescue and she was the winner of the show and soon became the Prince's Real Seal Cow.

While the judges deliberated, each member of the 1999 dairy princess court said their farewells.

For second alternate Heather Brenza, being in the dairy princess program helped her grow in so many ways. She was thankful to have the opportunity to serve the dairy farmers of Bradford County.

"This pageant is not about one girl winning," said Brenza, "It's about a group of girls coming together and going home friends."

For Melissa Croft, 1999 Bradford County First Alternate, the last year marked a year of opportunity.

"I've met hundreds of wonderful people and many of the people sitting here in this room have had a major impact on my life."

Before relinquishing her crown, Jackie Schriner left the crowd with a few thoughts.

"Growing up a farmer's daughter, I always dreamed of being a dairy princess. However, I never thought it could come true. I found out, when you hold

Dairy Princess Coronation



Jackie Schriner, 1999 Bradford County Dairy Princess, places the 2000 Dairy Princess crown on Samantha Barrett's head following the ceremony.

on to your dreams, they can guide you to your path to happiness," said Schriner. "When people realize how much hard work is put forth by farmers to produce milk, they begin to show respect."

Finally, Mable Wilson, Brad-

ford County Dairy Princess Coordinator, thanked everyone for their ongoing support of the pageant and the dairy princess program.

"These girls work hard to promote the dairy industry," she said.



Four dairy maids will help promote milk in Bradford County. From left are Jenny Storch, Marlesa Coolbaugh, Rebecca Reagan, and Tiffany Spencer.



The 2000 Bradford County Dairy royalty team are, from left, first alternate Corissa Coolbaugh, Dairy Princess Samantha Barrett, and second alternate Sara Jennings.

Boyertown Garden Tour

BOYERTOWN (Berks Co.) — Boyertown will sponsor a garden tour on Saturday, June 3 from noon to 5 p.m. The tour covers eight locations in the Boyertown, Bechtelsville, Hill Church, Landis Store area. Rain date for the event is Sunday, June 4.

The garden tour offers a potpourri of horticultural styles. The Twin Turrets Inn, a restored Victorian, is located in the heart of Boyertown and features lovely hanging baskets and a strolling path adorned with a fountain, statuary and shrubs. A tour of the Inn and refreshments are also offered.

The Downie/Kurtz Farm sur-

rounding the 1813 farm house features perennial and herb beds full of varied colors and textures.

Don and Janet Moore's New Berlinville garden combines rustic and formal garden features in a park like setting.

Laura Koons fenced informal garden features small ponds with fish and water plants.

Canadian geese will welcome visitors at Irving and Jenny Hollingshead garden.

Lemonade will be available and there will be plants offered for sale.

Nestled in a quaint valley between two churches tourists will find the home and garden of

Alan and Jane Wood. Here visitors can enjoy a leisurely stroll around the pond, enjoying the fish and water lilies.

Midst 12 acres of woodland and rock, Kathie Rosse has carved an extensive garden featuring many native indigenous plants.

Tour participants won't want to miss the enchanted cottage in its rustic setting in the woodland garden of Richard and Peg Groff. This homestead is studded with glacier deposited rocks and boulders on the sloping ground.

For additional information, call (610) 367-9536. Proceeds will benefit the Boyertown Sister Cities Program.



Committee members Jennifer Hollingshead and Gail Koch discuss plans for the Sister Cities upcoming garden tour. This garden is one of the eight area gardens included in the tour.