Melinda Wolfe Of Northumberland Crowned SUN Area Dairy Princess

MILTON (Northumberland Co.) — Melinda Wolfe, daughter of Dean and Rinda Wolfe from Milton was crowned the 2000 SUN Area Dairy Princess by 1999 SUN Area Dairy Princess Jennifer McWilliams.

Sara Erdley, daughter of Mike and Faith Erdley from Lewisburg, and Selena Hollenbach, daughter of Scott and Sandy Hollenbach from Middleburg, were named the SUN Area dairy princess alternates.

The pageant was held Saturday evening June 24 at the Susquehanna Valley Mall in Hummels Wharf. "SUN" Area includes Snyder, Union, Northumberland, and Montour counties. The Boscov store in the Susquehanna Valley Mall sponsored Ag Dairy Days, with the help of the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion Committee and local businesses.

The pageant began with Dawn Marie of Big Country Radio and Jane Hawn, public relations manager with Boscov's serving as the Mistresses of Ceremonies. This year 11 dairy maids: Victoria Adams, Janelle Ewing, Brittany Fry, Raquel Hauck, Valerie Hoover, Jessica Kessler, Brittany Rice, Tara Rice, Amanda Shaffer, Laci Shirey, and Corinda Varner participated. The 16 dairy miss participants included Tiffany Adams, Danielle Ewing, Kasee Ewing, Marissa Ewing, Amanda Hauck, Elizabeth Heckert, Lindsay Heckert, Dawn Heimbach, Katy Heimbach, Crissa Johnson, Cheryl Pfleegor, Tanya Rice, Hailey Shirey, Makenzie Walters, Emily Weller, and Jonelle Wetzel. Junia Isiminger, public relations/special promotions from the PDPPS Board, and Wanda Yoder, Central District coordinator with PDPPS, joined in Saturday evening's event.

All of the young ladies participated in a fashion review, with commentary by Jane Hawn, public relations manager at Boscov's. Lexanne Berich, from Milroy, provided musical entertainment. Robert Hockenbroch, chairman of District 16 presented this year's Dairy of Distinction Award. The award went to Sid and Sue Hoffman of Mt. Pleasant Mills, and Diane Walton Neyhard, Milton.

The 26th Annual Ag Dairy

Days was filled with fun and excitement for all ages. On June 22, there was an Agriculture Business Appreciation Ceremony sponsored by Boscov's. Local businesses that support the dairy industry were honored. Sunnyside 4-H Dairy Club sold milkshakes to the public. Samples of different flavors of cheese were also served to the public. Cheese was donated by U.S. Food Service, Fetter's Meat Market, Green Ridge Country Market, Fairview Country, Ard's Farm Market, Byerly Brothers Meats, and Reinharts.

On June 23, a seven-foot tall giant ice cream sundae was built in the Boscov's Court. Turkey Hill Dairies of Conestoga furnished 135 gallons of premium vanilla ice cream, 10 gallons of chocolate sauce, 25 pounds of pecans, and five gallons of strawberries. SYSCO provided the paper products for the evening event. Contestants, FFA members from Middleburg, Mifflinburg, Selinsgrove, and West Snyder High Schools, dairy maids, dairy misses, and the SUN Area Dairy Princess Committee dipped and served the

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The 2000 SUN Area Dairy Princess Melinda Wolfe sitting, is surrounded from left, Sarah Erdley, 2000 SUN Area Dairy Princess Alternate, Jennifer McWilliams, 1999 SUN Area Dairy Princess, and Selena Hollenbach, 2000 SUN Area Dairy Princess Alternate.

public free ice cream sundaes. Approximately 1,500 sundaes were served.

On June 24, the public got the opportunity to have their picture taken with a calf. This event was sponsored by the North-Mont 4-H Club. A "Celebrity cow milking contest" was held with volunteer cow milkers from local businesses. The Pennsylvania Holstein Association gave out

samples of milk punch. Keystone Financial and Schneider Valley Farms donated the products to make the milk punch. A tractor pedal pull contest was held for children outside Boscov's store. Children who pulled the tractor the furtherest won a trophy. Swineford Bank sponsored an all-you-can-eat Scooper Bowl. The public paid one price and could eat ice cream all day long.



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Dairy Misses from left front, Makenzie Walters, Hailey Shirey, Cheryl Pfleegor, Tiffany Adams, Emily Weller and Tanya Rice. Middle row are Elizabeth Heckert, Dawn Heimbach, Amanda Hauck, and Kasee Ewing. Back row are Jonelle Wetzel, Marissa Ewing, Katy Heimbach, Danielle Ewing, Lindsay Heckert, and Crissa Johnson.



Dairy Maids from left front, Laci Shirey, Corinda Varner, Raquel Hauck, Jessica Kessler, and Brittany Fry, and back row, Valerie Hoover, Janelle Ewing, Tara Rice, Amanda Shaffer, Brittany Rice, and Victoria Adams.



Sun Area Dairy Princess Jennifer McWilliams and Linda Fisher, chairperson of the area's dairy princess promotion committee present a basket of dairy products to the first baby born in the area on June 1. Baby Alex Russell Lee Wagner is the son of Kathy and Darrell Wagner, Penns Creek.