

# Wyoming/Lackawanna Counties Crowns Dairy Princess

TUNKHANNOCK (Wyoming Co.) — At the annual dairy princess pageant held at the United Methodist Church in Tunkhannock, Traci Anderson was selected to represent the dairy industry as the 2000-2001 dairy princess. Chosen to aid her in promotion was Bobbie Sue Adams. The judges for the competition were Chris Swilley, from Mehoopany and a former dairy princess, and Karen Kosner, a personnel manager at the Tunkhannock Walmart store. Emcee was Victor Cappucci Jr.

The new princess is the daughter of George Anderson and Laura Seidel. Traci lives in Tunkhannock and is a student at the Tunkhannock Area School where she will be a senior this fall. Traci is in both FFA and 4-H and has shown dairy and sheep at local shows and fairs. She is also in the band and chorus at school. She works at McDonald's.

Bobbie Sue, 17, is the daughter of Bob and Rose Adams, and will begin her junior year at Wyalusing High School this fall. She is a member of SADD, and is in the 4-H Dairy Club. She has shown both Holstein and Jersey breed animal projects at local shows and fairs. During the past year, she served as dairy maid, and participated in many appearances and functions promoting the dairy industry.

Serving as dairy ambassador

for the upcoming year will be Stephen Henning Jr., the son of Steve and Tina Henning, Mehoopany. Stephen has been a member of FFA, the 4-H Dairy Club and was one of the founding members of the Wyoming County 4-H Beef Club. He has been vice president of all of these clubs. He has been in 4-H for five years. He enjoys talking to kids about the dairy industry and one of his favorite promotions was opening ceremonies at the Viewmont Mall for 4-H week. He recently graduated from the Dale Carnegie Course, and at 16, is completing the 10th grade in Tunkhannock High School. At the annual 4-H Leaders banquet he was named Outstanding Senior Boy.

Denise Hardisky will be dairy maid. Her parents are Michael and Beverly Hardisky of Nicholson. She loves to read, and has been a cheerleader at Lackawanna Trail School. Denise owns 100 ewes, and is now beginning to branch off into a swine project. She is a member of the 4-H swine club, the lamb club, the sewing club, and has held many offices in the Baconeers and Shining Shepherd clubs. She has shown her lambs at various fairs, and shows promise as a writer.

Autumn Henning continues as dairy miss, serving with her brother, Stephen, the dairy ambassador. She is going into fourth grade this fall, in the Mehoopany

Elementary School. She is in the 4-H Dairy Club in the county and has served as the social chairman for this year. She has shown her dairy project animal at the county, district and state levels of competition. She has both Holstein and Guernsey cows. At the annual 4-H Leaders banquet, she was named Outstanding Junior Girl. Her other activities include membership in Girl Scouts, where she helps in food and clothing drives for the homeless. Her most memorable promotion during the past year was at the Wyoming County Fair, where she was able to promote the dairy industry along with the Fair Queen.

Some of the past courts promotion efforts were acknowledged by Emcee Cappucci. Included were 34 school promotions and 11 special events. It was estimated that the court traveled approximately 2,000 miles and contacted more than 33,000 people. While the two contestants prepared for their skits, Cappucci talked of what has become of past county princess and three were in attendance and were able to give a personal account of how the Dairy Princess Program has helped them. Charlene Shupp, daughter of Dale and Judy Shupp Tunkhannock, who served as pageant chairperson, and now works in Luzerne County for the Chesapeake Bay Program; Becky Garrison; Chris (Adams) Swilley of



Promoting the dairy industry in Wyoming and Lackawanna counties, from back left are Dairy Maid Denise Hardisky and Ambassador Stephen Henning. In front are Dairy Miss Autumn Henning, Alternate Bobbie Sue Adams, Dairy Princess Traci Anderson, and Dairy Princess Angela Adams.

MeHoopany and was filling one of the judging positions.

Other members of the Dairy Royalty Committee are Laura Anderson, Tina Henning, and Judy Shupp. Charlene presented the two candidates to perform their skits. Traci presented the "Dairy Fairy," who was really the Dairy Princess. In the skit, the value of milk was described, as well as the Real Seal, which identifies the genuine dairy content of foods. Then, she described the steps in the production of milk, from the cow all the way through to the consumer. This

presentation is effective for young school students.

Bobbie Sue Adams had a spin-off of Goldilocks. She appeared at the house of the three bears as a dairy inspector and showed how samples the bears' breakfast compared with foods made with oil, margarine, and butter. Naturally, the butter was the winner. She also showed how milk is important in helping to build better bones, skin, eyesight and other body components and functions. The inspector reminded everyone to be sure to look for "Real" products.

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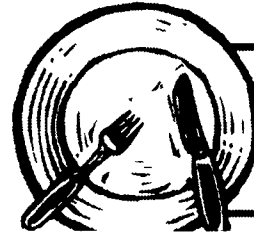
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