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CONTESTANTS VIE FOR DAIRY PRINCESS TITLE AND ROLE AS INDUSTRY AMBASSADOR

District 1 Looks to Crown 2024 Dairy Princess on May 10th

FORTUNA, Calif. – April 15, 2024 – Three young women will compete for the prestigious title of Dairy Princess during the District 1 Dairy Princess contest on May 10, 2024, at the River Lodge in Fortuna.

This year's contestants are Grace Scilacci and Mariah Bravo, both of Fortuna, and Talyn Hodson of Crescent City.

Grace is the daughter of Bryan and Jennifer Scilacci. She is a senior at Fortuna High School and plans to attend College of the Redwoods to become a Dental Hygienist. Grace grew up working on her father's dairy, Scilacci Dairy Partnership, where she still feeds calves, milks cows, and is involved with the field work. She is an active member of the Future Farmers of America program where she serves as the Community Service Chairman and previously served as the Chapter Secretary. Grace has been a member of the Varsity Girls Volleyball team, Varsity Girls Basketball team, and Varsity Track and Field.

Mariah is the daughter of Lance and Laurie Bravo and is a Junior at Fortuna Union High School. Her grandparents on both sides had dairies and she now raises and shows dairy heifers at the Humboldt County Fair as a member of the Fortuna High Future Farmers of America Chapter. Mariah is on her school's Varsity Softball team and Varsity Soccer Team. She is passionate about her community service efforts and volunteers at the Cuddeback School Halloween Carnival, Fortuna High School Youth Softball Camp, and Fortuna High School 3rd Grade Agriculture Day.

Talyn is the daughter of Michelle and Richard Wetherell. She is a senior at Del Norte High School and plans to attend College of the Redwoods to study Forensics. Talyn is an employee at the Alexandre Dairy Farm Store and grew up on her stepfather's dairy, Wetherell Ranch. She is a member of her school's Future Farmers of America Chapter, the Del Norte 4-H Club, and is on the Yearbook Staff for Del Norte High School.

The young lady crowned as Dairy Princess will represent the dairy industry in Humboldt and Del Norte counties where she will serve the area as an ambassador for the dairy industry with various audiences. The newly selected princess and her alternate will participate in mandatory training,



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provided by the California Milk Advisory Board (CMAB), where they will receive professional development coaching.

To learn more about the program or to purchase tickets for the contest, please contact Mary Ann Renner at 707-496-1501 or dmarenner@frontiernet.net.

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