



Alisa Marie Fava loves animals, especially Guernsey cows. She also treasures her 4-H experiences.

## State Guernsey princess treasures 4-H years

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HARRISBURG — For Alisa Marie Fava, the 4-H experience is one which has held many tangible and intangible treasures. She has met interesting new people, made many friends, learned a lot, won a lot of prizes, and it has helped direct her thoughts and goals.

At 17, she is possibly one of the most familiar faces in Pennsylvania Guernsey circles. She is the reigning

State Guernsey Princess and will compete for the national crown at the national convention in Arizona in May of next year. She is also the owner of 15 cows and heifers and has exhibited the grand champion at the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show for four out of the past six years. She captured the top title again this year after having had the runner-up spot a year ago. Her cows were also champions in 1973,

1975, and 1976. There is a chance she may have won the title in 1974 were it not for the fact that her previous year's champion died a month before the show. Her grand champion last week was a granddaughter of that cow.

Miss Fava, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fava, makes her home on her parents' Washington County dairy farm where her father and uncle keep a herd of 110 Guernsey cows. She helps with the chores and maintains close to an 'A' average at Mon-Valley Catholic High School, where she is a senior. She is striving for a good

academic record in order to increase her chances for admission at Cornell University. She would like to major in veterinary research studies there.

"I'm definitely interested in animals," the young lady emphasized during an interview last week. "I'm going to work with animals no matter which way I go, she said, leaving no doubt that she loves and enjoys her four-legged friends

A 4-H'er for seven years, the Washington County girl is a member of the Pike Run 4-H Club. She is also co-editor of her school yearbook and captain of the color guard.

Although she has owned and exhibited several grand champions, Miss Fava takes special pride in this year's

banner-winning cow because she was bred and born on the home farm. Co-Hill Farms J Tracy, sired by Dolly Run Glens Juzie, was her first home-bred grand champion.

According to 4-H regulations, Miss Fava has

two more years of eligibility for membership. The string of accomplishments the young lady will have credited to her name by then will be hard to surpass. She is the kind of girl who strives for first place consistently and her records prove it.

## Sweigart's steer wins

GRATZ — Kaye Sweigard and Matthew Keiter exhibited the grand and reserve grand champion steer, respectively, at the recent Gratz Fair. Miss Sweigard's entry was the heavyweight champion while the Keiter animal was first in the mediumweight division. Tops among the lightweights was an entry by Judy Fair.

Placing second in the respective classes of competition were: Marc Webster, lightweights; Janice Kaylor, mediumweights; and Grayson Fair, heavyweights.

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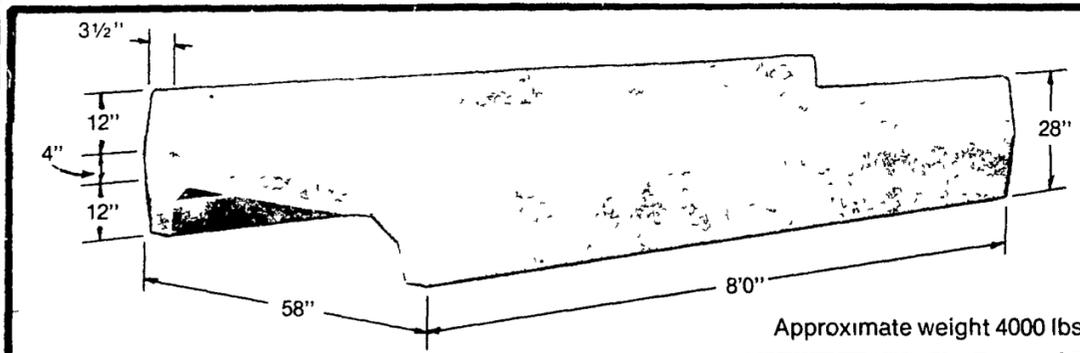
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