

Denise Andrien ends busy year as 1979 Jersey queen

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WEST BURLINGTON — Denise Andrien of West Burlington, Bradford County, the 1979 Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Queen relinquished her crown recently.

Denise strongly feels that the most important qualities of her successor, Stephanie Kocker, will need are a knowledge of dairying and a love for the Jersey cow.

For 20 year old Denise, love for the Jersey cow began when she was 11 years old, back in Chester County where she lived with her mom and dad, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Andrien, Sr. and her two brothers, Bruce, Jr. and Lorrin. Her father was not a farmer but a contractor.

A neighbor from whom the family bought their milk invited Denise to a 4-H meeting. The next step was to persuade her to take a purebred Jersey calf as a dairy project. Her enthusiasm for the calf spread to her brother, Bruce, and the next year when he was 9, he also took a Jersey calf for his project.

In no time at all, the play house in the back yard bulged with 4 calves and a bull. The family rented a barn nearby.

Mrs. Andrien relates that they vowed at first not to keep any animal large enough to give milk, but when the first one calved, they decided to keep her as a

family cow. The next one they could not bear to sell, nor the next...and so the herd grew.

The family finally decided to move out of Chester County and buy a farm in the northeast. They looked a long time, but the minute they saw the place in West Burlington, just off Route 6, between Troy and Towanda, they knew they had found what they wanted.

They moved in December, 1977 with 33 cows, 19 of which were milking. The whole family has worked hard to put the barns and fences in shape. Denise is proud of the latest accomplishment, a maternity barn with large separate pens. She is pushing her dad hard to fix up the "back barn" for the heifers.

Denise graduated from Troy High School in June 1978 and enrolled in Penn State to study to be a veterinarian, a lifelong dream. But she put off going to school because life was too stimulating building up the herd average from 7000 pounds to the present average of 10,325 pounds of milk and 488 pounds of fat. Presently she is truly the herd manager with 49 cows, 37 of which are milking and filling all the available stalls in the barn. She knows the DHIA records on all of her pets and does some of her own veterinarian work. Her dream is to have a "decent" herd with name and



Denise Andrien who recently ended her reign as the state Jersey queen, shows off her highest producer, 6 year old Wallebe Daylight Itaska with a projected record of 15,295 pounds of milk, 794 pounds of fat, and testing 5.2 percent.

production to make them top sellers at state sales.

She and her brother, Bruce, like to show their prize animals and for years have competed at fairs, state Jersey calf shows, etc. This last year she and her brother walked off with Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion rosettes from several fairs, and from the Junior Jersey Cattle Show in Harrisburg.

During her reign as queen of the Jersey Cattle Club, she was kept busy attending 6 district Jersey shows, 4-H and FFA events, giving out

ribbons at the Berks and Chester County Fairs, attending the National Queens' Contest in Louisville, Kentucky, and assisting at Jersey calf shows.

Cows aren't her only interest. Denise has a grade bay quarter horse in foal and a litter of Irish Setter pups. She also taught a dog obedience school at a nearby pet farm last summer.

Denise may have given up her crown as state Jersey Queen, but her kingdom will always be at home among her beloved Jersey cows.

Stephanie Kocker chosen 1980 queen

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EAST ATHENS — Stephanie Kocker, Mansfield, was crowned the 1980 Jersey Queen at the Jersey breeders' annual meeting held recently.

Stephanie is the 16 year old daughter of Ned Kocker. She has been involved in FFA and 4-H work showing sheep, pigs and beef cattle in addition to owning 4 Jersey cows. Her hobbies are skung, ballet, and journalism. Her dream is to write for the Jersey Journal.

The other contestant was Eugenia Lee Harpster, Boalsburg, the 19 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harpster. Eugenia

also has worked in 4-H and FFA production clubs and owns 9 Jersey cows of her own.

Both girls gave 3 minute prepared speeches on the topic - What I Like About Living On A Farm.

Angelika Koonz, Fredonia, chairman of the Youth Program, told the audience of 100 Jersey enthusiasts that the queen is the only representative of the Jersey Cattle Club. "The better she is, the better the youth program will be," she stated. Then Angelika turned the program over to the group's own Bert Parks alias Bob Driesbaugh, a veterinarian from Hamburg.



Denise Andrien, outgoing state Jersey Cattle Club Queen, crowns Stephanie Kocker, Mansfield, the organization's 1980 queen.

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No doubt these and similar questions have been bantered back and forth across many family dinner tables.

But now you can make your voice heard. You can speak up about the family and its well-being and your ideas and recommendations

can be part of Pennsylvania's recommendations to The White House Conference on Families in Baltimore June 5, 6, and 7.

The Pennsylvania Forum on Families, in preparation for The White House Conference, is urging people across the Commonwealth to organize or attend a Family Forum. Citizen input is the key to a set of guidelines and recommendations that reflects the feelings and concerns of as many people as possible. The Delaware

County Extension office has copies of The Pennsylvania Forum on Families' Guidebook. The 12 page Guidebook offers tips on organizing, planning and publicizing a local family forum.

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