

# Jersey Parish Show Honors Go To Normandell Farm

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**WHITNEYVILLE (Tioga) —**  
 A diminutive 11 year old walked away with the grand champion trophy at the state's largest Jersey regional show held at Whitneyville on August 10, while her family captured the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards.

At the third annual District IV Jersey Parish Show, Cathleen Norman, daughter of Ernest and Dorothy Norman of Normandell Farms, Liberty, won the grand champion award by showing her first 4-H project, a senior two-year-old named Normandell Speciality Sharon. Homebred by Cathleen's sister, Carolyn, Sharon's sire is Spring Run Speciality and her dam is Normandell Abe Shelly. Registered for the show were 132 Jerseys.

Normandell Farms, owned by Ernest and David Norman, Liberty, captured the premier breeder and premier exhibitor trophies which they won on other occasions of the show's three year history.

Shy Cathleen, whose only remark upon winning was, "I'm happy, I guess," has been showing dairy animals for three years as a member of the Country Farmers 4-H Dairy Club.

According to Cathleen's father, Ernest, Sharon placed third in state competition as a senior calf two years ago and won the reserve grand award at the open dairy show at Tioga Fair this year. She is currently producing 55 pounds of milk per day. He added that a sister of Sharon's, who placed first in the senior yearling class in the show this year, Normandell Duncan Sabrina, may have even more potential than Sharon.

Presently milking 60 head of their 130 Jerseys, the Norman family farms 200 acres of their 500-acre spread and uses much of the remaining acreage for pasture.

The reserve grand champion trophy went to Silas and Denise Kneller, Troy, for their entry, SHS St. James Merry Dasher, a senior two year old. Dasher is out of SHS MMC St. James and her dam is SHS SS Merry Dancer.

According to Denise, Dasher, who won the reserve grand champion award at the Troy Fair this year and the reserve junior champion award the year before, comes from a line of champions. Dasher's sister and mother have previously won grand championships at the Troy Fair and her granddam in Chester County has taken quite a few championships as well.

No novices to the showing, the Knellers have been showing cattle and accumulating ribbons and trophies for a number of years. Most recently they swept the Jersey competition at the Troy Fair by winning the grand and reserve grand awards as well as the premier breeder and premier exhibitor banners.

The Knellers farm 320 acres and milk about 40 Holsteins and 27 Jerseys. An avid Jersey fan noted for her active participation in several Jersey organizations, Denise hopes to eventually change the ratio of their herd to two thirds Jerseys and one third Holsteins.

The Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion awards were secured by sisters, Jackie and Michele Sparling, Mansfield, respectively. Jackie's senior calf, Silver-B Glorious Gal of AHR, took the judge's eye over Michele's summer yearling, Silver-B Lucky Sam of AHF.

Out of the same sire, Valley Stream Silver Beacon, the entries are of the same line on the dam's side, according to Jackie. "The grand dam to my calf is the dam to the reserve junior champion," she remarked. That same progenitor, she said, won first place as a three-year-old at the 1985 farm show.

Concerning her win, Jackie, voted a 1986 Keystone Farmer, states, "I'm proud of her. I bred her. Her dam is the first Jersey I've owned."

The girls are the daughters of Howard and Anne Lee Sparling, Mansfield, and are members of the Mansfield Chapter of FFA. They have been showing cattle for a number of years.

Twenty-year-old Jackie currently owns 19 registered Holsteins, two registered Jerseys, and one registered Brown Swiss. "I'm thinking of starting my own farm," she explains.

Sister, Michele, says she has taken the reserve junior championship before in the Whitneyville show and also lists an entry at Harrisburg that copped a reserve grand trophy. She has also won a grand in FFA competition.

Michele owns 11 cows, all Jerseys, she says, with the exception of one Holstein.

According to Denise Kneller, show chairwoman, the third annual District IV Jersey Parish Show was dedicated to the memory of recently deceased Tommy G. Noble "who was the first chairman of the District Show and encouraged and started many a 4-H youth on the road to Jersey breeding."

Dairy princesses helping with the event were: Bradford County Dairy Princess, Terri Packard; Tioga County Dairy Princess, Tery Kizer; and Tioga County Alternate, Bridget Callahan.

Judge of the show was Jim McCaffery of Delta, Pa.

**District IV Jersey Parish Show Results Junior Calf**

1. Richard L. & Karen E. Tickner; 2. Ron & Hilga Moore; 3. Ken Charles Barker.

**Intermediate Calf**

1. Tery Kizer; 2. Tery Kizer; 3. Richard L. & Karen E. Tickner.

**Senior Calf**

1. Jackie Sparling; 2. Normandell Farms; 3. Samantha Hillyard.

**Summer Yearling**

1. Michele Sparling; 2. Roger Alexander; 3. Richard & Karen Tickner.

**Junior Yearling**

1. Silas & Denise Kneller; 2. James T. Jenkins; 3. Tricia Sweely.

**Intermediate Yearling**

1. Melinda S. Warner; 2. Joe Sweely; 3. Jody Wilcox.

**Senior Yearling**

1. Cathleen Norman; 2. Nobledale Farm; 3. Richard & Karen Tickner.

**Junior Champion Jersey**

**Jackie Sparling**

**Reserve Junior Champion Jersey**

**Michele Sparling**

**Dry Cow 4 Years & Under**

1. Sunset Ridge Farm; 2. Aimee Wales; 3. Janie Cole.

**Dry Cow**

1. Don & Mary Wivell; 2. Nobledale Farm; 3. Normandell Farm.

**Cow-Junior 2-Year-Old**

1. Duane Andrews; 2. Chad Sterling; 3. Silas & Denise Kneller.

**Senior-2-Year-Old**

1. Cathleen Norman; 2. Silas & Denise Kneller; 3. Carolyn Norman.

**3-Year-Old**

1. Normandell Farms; 2. Carolyn Norman; 3. Normandell Farm.

**4-Year-Old**

1. Silas & Denise Kneller; 2. Normandell Farm; 3. Don & Mary Wivell.

**5 Year & Older**

1. Carolyn Norman; 2. Tom Wivell; 3. Calvin Watson.

**Fat Production Class**

(In memory of Tommy G. Noble)  
 1. Normandell Farms.

**Senior Champion Jersey**

**Cathleen Norman**

**Reserve Senior Champion Jersey**

**Silas & Denise Kneller**

**Grand Champion Jersey**

**Cathleen Norman**

**Reserve Grand Champion Jersey**

**Silas & Denise Kneller**

**Best Udder**

1. Normandell Farms.

**Best Three Females**

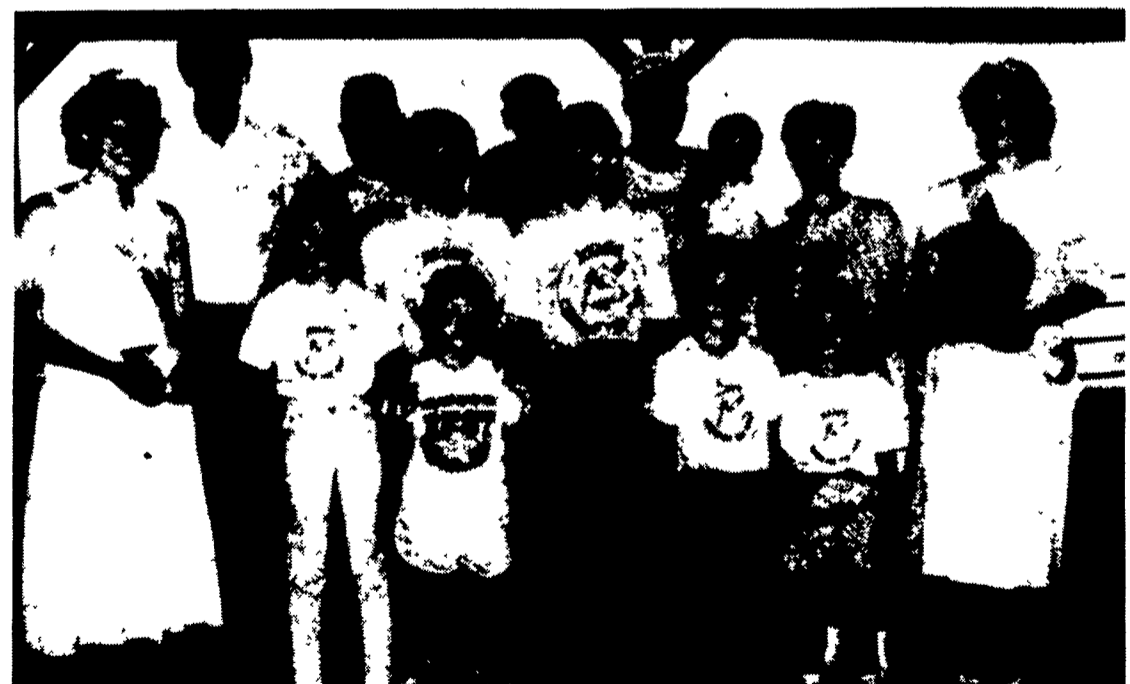
1. Normandell Farms; 2. Silas & Denise Kneller; 3. Calvin Watson.



Jackie Sparling (right) breeder/owner of the junior champion Jersey and her sister, Michele Sparling, breeder/owner of the reserve junior champion. Congratulating the winners are Tery Kizer, Tioga County Dairy Princess (left) and Terri Packard, Bradford County Dairy Princess (right).



The grand champion Jersey, Normandell Pan Am Stacy, was owned by 11-year-old Cathleen Norman of Normandell Farms, Liberty. The reserve grand was shown by Denise Kneller (right) was owned by Denise and Silas Kneller of Troy. Dairy Princesses pictured are Terri Packard and Tery Kizer.



In the District IV Jersey Parish Show, Normandell Farms of Liberty captured both titles of premier breeder and premier exhibitor. Brothers Ernest and David and their families own the farm. Pictured are: (front, from left) Ellen, Mark, Emily; second row: Cathleen, Dorothy, Carolyn, Aggie; third row: Tioga County Dairy Princess Tery Kizer, show judge, Jim McCaffery; Ernest, Howard L., David and Renee and Terri Packard, Bradford Dairy Princess.

**Get of Sire**

1. Normandell Farm; 2. Bristol, Harkness & Kneller; 3. Jackie & Michele Sparling

**Produce of Dam**

1. Carolyn Norman; 2. Cathleen Norman; 3. Normandell Farms.

**Dam & Daughter**

1. Roger Alexander; 2. Nobledale Farms;

3. Aimee Wales.

**Premier Breeder**

Normandell Farms

Premier Exhibitor

Normandell Farms

Youth Owned & Bred-Under 12

1. Jenmiah Kosa, 2. Eric Kneller

**13 and Older**

1. Carolyn Norman; 2. Jackie Sparling  
 Mom & Pop Showmanship Class (started by Shirley Noble and dedicated to husband, Tommy Noble): 1. Denise Kneller.