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Blair County Contestant Wins Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Title

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)

— Newly crowned Pennsylvania
Dairy Princess Kristin Metzker did
not bask in the aura of royalty long
before she announced: "I am your
servant for the year. I am here to
serve each and every one of you."

Kristin told those who attended the 34th Pennsylvania dairy princess coronation, "I plan to work hard and make my alternates work hard to promote the greatest industry in Pennsylvania."

Kristin and First Alternate Mary Beth Landis of Bucks County and Second Alternate Sally Reibson of Sullivan County were chosen from 37 contestants during competition held at the Sheraton-Harrisburg East.

Judges said it was a tough job to chose the winner, because there were several shining stars and not just one among the competitors. Judges were Dr. Ron Buffington of Ohio, Mrs. Susan Reynolds of New

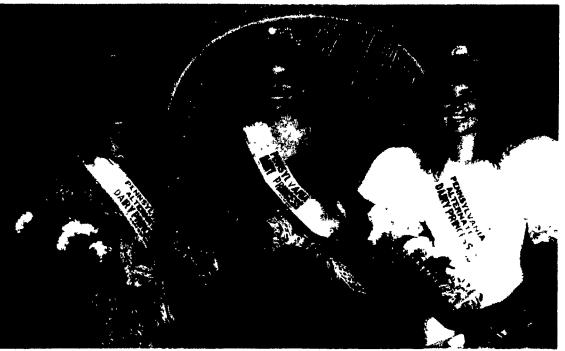
York, and James Cavanaugh of Ohio.

The rigorous two days of judging climaxed when seven finalists were chosen to answer an impromtu question. In addition to Kristin, Sally, and Mary Beth, the four other finalists were Heidi Minner, Mercer County; Karen Leigh Jenkins, Somerset County; Jacy Clugston, Lancaster County, and Dana Ann Slusser, Crawford County.

The impromtu question posed by Master of Ceremonies Grover Gouker was given to each finalist individually. The question: "If you had the ways and means to show appreciation to your parents for all they've done for you, what would you do for them?"

Mercer County Dairy Princess Heidi Ann Minner answered, "I would try my hardest to make them happy. I would always keep a big smile on my face and thank them in every way possible for all the wonderful things they've done for me."

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At the 34th Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Coronation held at the Sheraton-Harrisburg on September 22, judges chose Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Kristin Metz-ker from Blair County, First Alternate Mary Beth Landis of Bucks County, and Second Alternate Saily Reibson of Sullivan County to represent Pennsylvania's number one agricultural industry for the year.

State Youth Finish Dairy Competitions

VERNON ACHENBACH, JR. Lancaster Farming Staff HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)

— A year of showing dairy cattle culminated with Monday's Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show for many of the state's youth.



Karen Kauffman shows off the 4-H grand champion Holstein of the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show.

Of the annual six-breed dairy show, the entrants represent the cream of the crop from the state's youth. Each animal succeeded in winning county and district shows prior to becoming eligible for the state show.

The colored breed shows are run combined for all youth; 4-H and FFA. The Holstein breed competitions, traditionally with the largest number of entrants, is divided into 4-H and FFA divisions.

In the Holstein FFA division competition, Deanna Sparling's owned and bred, 3-year-old Maple-Flat Odyssey Ricky was judged grand champion finishing

up several top wins for her in 1990 shows. Sparling is from Troy.

Taking reserve grand was a senior 2-year-old owned by Michael Daughtery of Greencastle. The Franklin County youth's animal, Dar-View Al Joy, is also an owned and bred animal.

In the 4-H division of the Holstein's, Karen Kauffman of Peach Bottom took home the grand champion rossette. Her junior 2-year-old, owned and bred, SuKavin Starbuck Jessica, was also a constant champion at area competitions throughout the year.

Jeffrey Davis's Daview Pete Ginger, a 4-year-old sired by Elvation Pete, was named 4-H reserve grand champion. Ginger is also owned by Davis and the result of his breeding selection. Davis is from Leesport.

Of the Brown Swiss, the older animals took the top recognition although Garrett Mase's animal were chosen champion and reserve champion junior animals by judge Folwer Branstetter, from Edmonton, Ky. Branstetter judged both the Brown Swiss and the Jersey breeds.

Jason Kennedy of Butler took home a grand champion rossette with his 4-year-old Four Seasons (Turn to Page A28)

Pennsylvania Designated Bovine TB Free

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)
— Pennsylvania's status as a
Bovine Tuberculosis AccreditedFree State has been reinstated,
Agriculture Secretary Boyd E.
Wolff announced.

Wolff commended the department's Bureau of Animal Industry and federal animal health officials headquartered in the department for their efforts to control the disease after it was detected on a dairy farm in Halifax, Dauphin County, on Sept. 29, 1989.

"I am proud of our veterinarians and their work to trace this disease and eliminate it," Wolff said.

"Pennsylvania farmers are well served by the animal health experts here in Pennsylvania. State and federal people here in Harrisburg recognize the importance of their work to protect public health and the investments of our producers."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

(APHIS) Veterinary Services approved the reinstatement of Bovine Tuberculosis Accredited-Free State Status a week ago.

When Bovine Tuberculosis was detected in 1989, a team of experts began an investigation that provided tuberculin testing for all animals that could have come in contact with cows from the Dauphin County herd where Bovine Tuberculosis appeared. There were 122 cows on the affected farm, and

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1990 KILE Features 60 Categories, \$120,000 In Premiums

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—The Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) has long been recognized as a competitive forum and showcase for the nation's top breeders of beef cattle, swine, sheep and horses. Last year's exposition drew 3,795 entries from 25 states.

As we move into a new decade, KILE has become competitive with other national livestock shows. The 1990 exposition offers \$120,000 in premiums to exhibi-

tors in 60 categories of competition.

The proud traditions that have made KILE an international exposition during the last 33 years continue at this year's show. But show committees are always looking at ways to improve the exposition and attract new exhibitors. Additions for 1990 include:

* The first Simmental Pennsylvania Capital Futurity makes its debut with an estimated purse of \$20,000. The grand champion bull

and heifer will each receive a minimum of \$1,500.

* The American Berkshire Association and Pennsylvania Chester White Association will combine their efforts and conduct a national sale.

* Classes have been increased for the Appaloosa Horse Show, another double-pointed show.

* The Junior Breeding Sheep Show now includes a class for Montadales.

An assortment of entertainment

tcatures have been scheduled for exhibitors and visitors alike, including educational exhibits, commercial exhibits, food booths, the KILE barnyard, racing pigs, country music and clowns.

The 34th annual Keystone International Livestock Exposition, October 4-8 at the Farm Show Complex, is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association, Department of Agriculture and Farm Products Show Commission.

1990 SCHEDULE-KEYSTONE INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

Daily, Thursday through Sunday

Kessler's Barnyard, educational exhibits
Daily, Thursday through Sunday

-- Agway Racing Pigs -- Ed & Geraldine Berbaum, Old-Time Country Music

-- Ag Commodity Food Booths
-- Dr Happy LaClaire and Blaze, the Balloon-Blowing Goat

-- BJ's Comedy Car, puppets
Thurs., Oct. 4-- Opening Day
9 a m Appaloosa Horse Show
2-7 30 p m Stockman's Trade Show
5 p m Livestock Plaque Unveiling Ceremony

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