

Koontz Crowned State Jersey Queen

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BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) — Dairy maid at 13 and state Jersey Queen at 16, Janelle Koontz is on her way to Louisville in November.

The daughter of Wayne and Kathy Koontz of Stan El Jerseys, Bedford RD 4, Janelle is realizing her dream of being a Jersey Queen.

Crowned by outgoing queen, Anna Calhoun, at the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club's annual meeting held at Bedford on April 8, Janelle is growing up on a Jersey farm.

She credits many of her successes to her grandfather, the late Stanley Koontz.

"I still remember how he came home from the hospital before he died and would sit in a lawn chair and coach me on how to handle my cows. He always said my cows were spoiled, but he had a lot to do with spoiling them."

Janelle has a total of nine cows of her own and a host of ribbons and trophies to back up her enthusiasm in the Jersey industry. As the dairy maid, one of Janelle's main goals was to inform the public that sometimes cows are brown. "They aren't always black and white."

At Stan El, Janelle helps extensively with the computer which is used for feeding and breeding purposes and keeps track of the

amount of feed consumed by each cow daily. It tells the family how much butterfat and protein each cow is producing. The Koontz family also has a state-of-the-art milking system which allows them to milk 85 cows in 1½ hours.

Leading a well rounded life, Janelle is a cheerleader, on the student council, in chorus, the science olympiad, enviro-thon, and teen club. She is also active in the Friendly Moo-Moo's 4-H Club.

Runners up were Emily Dietrich, a junior at Shippensburg High School, and Angelina M. Poligardo, a senior at Meyersdale.

Emily is the daughter of Bill and Susan Dietrich and resides in Newburg, Cumberland County. The owner of 13 Jerseys, Emily has shown her animals at county, district and state dairy shows for eight years.

Angelina is the daughter of Dominic and Teresa Poligardo from Meyersdale and owner of 23 Jerseys.

Others in the contest included Deborah Lyn Callan, a sophomore at Edinboro University, and the daughter of Frank and Lynette Callan of Sugar Grove in Warren County; and Samantha Hillyard, a junior at Athens High School, the daughter of Ben and Kathy Hillyard and a resident of Ulster in Bradford County.

Lori Sollenberger of Clearville was mistress of ceremonies for the



Junior award recipients during the Pennsylvania Jersey convention were, from the left sitting, Joy McConnell, Anna Calhoun, and Emily Norman. Standing from the left are Pamela McConnell, Melanie Dietrich, Emily Dietrich, Amber Braughler, and Ben Hendrick.

event.

She was accompanied by her brother, Leon, in a opening invocation done in song.

Joyce Bupp, correspondent for Lancaster Farming, was the guest speaker. Giving a lively talk on the perils and pluses of dairy farming, Joyce, a Holstein farmer, kept the Jersey people chuckling at her

stories.

She told of the cow with the prolapsed uterus they fixed with a darning needle and the water heater they fixed with a broom handle and a rubber glove.

"Farmers," Joyce said, "Find humor where there isn't a lot." She added that, this winter, there were times when another profession (like welfare) looked good. "But a farm is a great place to bring up your kids," she concluded. "Very few kids who grow up on a farm ever have trouble finding a job."

Awards presented by Betsy Dupuis, youth advisor, included the following:

Achievement Award in the senior division were: Emily Dietrich, Newburg; Heather Furry, Guys Mills; and Pamela McConnell, Volant.

Junior Division Achievement Awards: Joy McConnell, Volant; Emily Norman, Liberty; Heather Phillips, Bernville; and David Chess, Fredonia.

Anna Calhoun took the Scrap-

book Award in the Senior Division and Joy McConnell, the Junior Division.

1993 All-American Jersey Show Participants included: Lee Bailey, Blair County; David Chess, Mercer; Emily Dietrich, Cumberland; Melanie Dietrich, Cumberland; Heather Furry, Crawford; Thomas Greenleaf, Blair; Jody Hewitt, Chester; Suzanne Jackson, Tioga; Erin Mowry, Mercer; Amy Plummer; Paul Plummer, Montgomery; Mary Anne Rearick, Centre County; Brian Reichard, Franklin; Curtis Reichard, Franklin; and Michelle Ryan, Dauphin.

Betsy Dupuis was presented with a gift and given many good wishes as she resigned as Youth Chairman, a position she had held for a number of years.

Farewell remarks were also given by Anna Calhoun who has participated in numerous 4-H and FFA shows, attended the All American Jersey Show and the Pennsylvania State Farm Show.



The new Jersey queen and her contestants are, from the left standing, Samantha Hillyard, Anna Calhoun, and Deborah Lyn Callan. From the left, sitting are Emily Dietrich, 1994 Jersey Queen Janelle Koontz, and Anelina Poligardo.

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