Schuylkill County Fair queen and princess were at the sheep show Tuesday. At left is fair queen Jennifer Jenkins and at right is fair princess Scarlett Hester.

Fair Queen Looks To Possible Career In Travel, Business

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SUMMIT STATION (Schuylkill Co.) — Newly crowned Schuylkill County Fair Queen Jennifer Jenkins may one day find a way to combine her love of travel with business.

Jennifer, 17, daughter of Michelle and Barry Jenkins, Pottsville, was selected queen at the fair last Saturday.

Jennifer was excited to be selected queen of the county fair. But what the Pottsville High School senior remembers with equal enjoyment are the voyages she took with the Salvation Army in May 1997 with a group of 50 people with the brass ensemble to visit Norway and Sweden.

There, she toured 14 cities in two weeks, visiting the countryside, meeting the people, and playing French horn in parades.

"We played in a different city every day," she said. "We drove all day and performed all night."

The literal "whirlwind of a tour" taught Jennifer, who has been attending her county fair every year, a lot about the people, customs, and traditions overseas.

Jennifer would sometimes travel back and forth from the countries, doing parades and shows for two hours at a time. It was the first time she was on a trip of that magnitude, but she came back with pleasant surprises about the way Scandinavians eat, dress, and live.

Jennifer said she'd like to live over there. What impressed her most was the way Scandinavians dress.

"They're kind of old-fashioned," she said. The people dress in festival clothes, mostly handmade. "I love the sweaters. They are all handmade," she said.

Jennifer enjoyed driving through the countries, especially the mountain tunnels.

The Swedish and Norwegians enjoyed speaking to the group, showing a lot of interest in things American. Jennifer was surprised to see that those overseas "do the same things we do," she said.

Jennifer has spoken about her experience overseas. She related to her Pottsville High School speech class what she saw — including how differently the Scandinavians eat.

"They eat sandwiches at every meal," said Jennifer. The Swedish prepare their sandwiches using one slice of hard bread. "They always place half of a grape on top." They also eat a lot of cheese.

"I'm a big cheese eater too,"
Jennifer said. "I like all kinds of cheese."

No, they don't serve American cheese in Sweden or Norway, according to Jennifer.

But she'd gladly go back to visit

"I'd return," said the fair queen. She said the people on the streets are friendlier.

Jennifer has not decided exactly what college or degree she would pursue, but it would definitely have something to do with travel and business.

She enjoys all the events at the fair. Since Jennifer was younger, she has enjoyed all the games in the Kids' Area.

A tradition at the Schuylkill County Fair is to choose a princess to accompany the queen at ribbonpresenting ceremonies.

Scarlett Hester, 10, daughter of Judy and Rick Hester, Schuylkill Haven, was selected princess at the fair. Scarlett is in the fifth grade at Pine Grove Middle School.

Kori Shows 'Rosie' To Market Champion At Schuylkill Fair

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champion exhibitor of the Schuylkill County Fair liked the name "Rosie."

Perhaps it had something to do with a visit to a friend's dairy farm not too long ago. The friend's name, who lives near Bernville, is, of course, Rosie.

But champion exhibitor Kori Morgan insists she just likes the name.

Kori, 12, daughter of Kim and

Craig Morgan, Pine Grove, showed her 118-pound Hampshire/Suffolk crossbred ewe to grand champion of both the open and 4-H shows Tuesday at the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds.

The Blue Mountain seventh grader is a four-year member of the Schuylkill County Stampede 4-H Livestock Club. The ewe was named after a friend, Rosie, also in the club, who lives on a dairy farm in Bernville.

Kori's mother, Kim, said that Kori spent some time on the Bernville dairy farm in July. "Kori got an eye-opening experience about the hard work on a dairy," Kim

Kori had a banner day at the fair, capturing champion showman and sweeping the championship in the market 4-H and open show. She won champion ram a couple of years ago at the fair.

Judge Bob Leib from Mechanicsburg liked the heavy middle weight champion shown by Kori. The Rambouillet and Southdown

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Open market lamb show champion went to Korl Morgan, right. Reserve went to Kellv Pike. left. In center is Bob Leib, judge.



Champion showman of the Schuylkill County Fair Sheep Show Tuesday went to Korl Morgan, right. At left was the reserve, Elizabeth Cornman. In center is judge Bob Leib.



4-H market sheep champions at Schuylkill County Fair were, from left, Cindle Geary with reserve, judge Bob Leib, and champion shown by Korl Morgan.