

Northern Bedford Senior To Sing At Farm Show Opening Ceremony

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NEW ENTERPRISE (Bedford Co.) — Kendy Gable, 17-year-old daughter of Bernetta and Bradley Gable, will sing "There You'll Be" at the opening ceremony of the Pennsylvania State Farm Show on Saturday, January 5, as a part of the Governor's address.

Kendy, a vivacious, multi-talented brunette, was chosen for this honor after singing at the National FFA Convention in Louisville.

At the convention, Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr. heard Kendy and asked her to perform at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

"Most of my success with singing can be attributed to working with the Meistersingers," said Kendy. This is a group of professional-like singers with a 34-year history at Northern Bedford County High School. With them she has sung at the Kennedy Center and the state capitol. Last year, she was selected for the role of "Milly," in the high school's musical performance of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.

"Just being selected for the Meistersingers was a honor," said Kendy. "We only get together to practice about three hours a week. However, we are expected to practice a lot on our own. Our instructor, Steve Augst, makes videotapes and we have to perform with them. He looks for kids who can learn a whole show in a day."

Kendy credits her mother, Bernetta, with being her faithful audience as she practices.

"I could sing all of the songs right along with her," said Bernetta. "The dances too, she adds laughingly, "I just didn't want anyone to see me."

"And I certainly credit my farm background with getting to sing at the Farm Show," Kendy says.

Her mother her owns Snider's Guernsey barn took her daughter to the barns before she could even walk. "I guess I wanted to show cows from the time I could hold a halter," Kendy said.

Active in the Southern Cove Dairy 4-H until she reached high school age, Kendy says she is now a member of the Northern Bedford FFA. "We have a wonderful FFA," she says. "And I credit Mrs. Kring for that."

The year 2001 has been the best ever for Kendy in cattle showing. "I showed at the World Dairy Expo and took a first in both junior and open," she said.

"I also participated in the North American Livestock competition in Louisville.

"Always before I was in my brother Aaron's shadow. This year I did a lot on my own."

Her favorite cow is a Guernsey, "Snider's Sensation Dhurma," which Kendy raised from a calf. "I am so proud of her."

Although Snider's is most proud of their Guernseys and consider them their first love,

Kendy has also shown Jerseys. "Someone gave me one when I was little and Mom thought it would be better for me because I was small and so was the cow," Kendy explained.

After high school, Kendy plans to enter college to study ag communications and dairy science.

"I would also like to have fun with my voice, like, cut a record at Nashville. But, I do realize that getting to the top by singing takes a lot of breaks. Who knows, I might get one. If not, I want to have something steady to fall back on."

"After all, no matter what you do, it takes some breaks and knowing the right people. That's why it is so important to meet all kinds of people," Kendy said with maturity far beyond her years.

Getting to know people has never been a problem for Kendy. In addition to her singing and farm activities, she plays the sax in the high school band and the piano for fun.

She has been active as a cheerleader, plays volleyball, dances, acts, and writes for the school paper.

This year was a special Christmas at the Snider Homestead farm. Next year, Aaron will be living on his own and Kendy will be in college.

Worried about their mom being lonely, Kendy and Aaron bought her a St. Bernard puppy. "She just had to have someone to keep her company," said Kendy.



Kendy holds the St. Bernard puppy she bought her mom for Christmas. Kendy will sing at the opening ceremony of the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Challenge Compels Hobbyist To Compete For Farm Show Gold

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HEGINS (Schuylkill Co.) "It's a challenge and my hobby," Sally Reinhoel said of the reasons she enters about 50 items in the family living division at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Although she has stacks of ribbons, Sally said that she hasn't won every category she enters, but she's determined. Armed with pencil and paper, Sally frequents the family living area during Farm Show week to mark down obvious and not-so-obvious details of the winning entries.

For example, she can tell you that a dark chocolate cake always wins the competition, and that blue ribbon white rolls are baked separately. She also knows quite a few secrets that she won't divulge.

Last year, Sally took home 26 ribbons for her canned

goods, 17 ribbons for her baked goods, and two best of show ribbons were for her canned goods and for her fruit braid roll.

Although those awards give her a sense of achievement, she is frustrated that she can't unlock the secret criteria judges use for pickle relish.

"I never got a ribbon for my relish, but I think it looks as good or better than those that win. I just can't figure out what the judges see that I don't," she said.

"But I'm going to keep entering it until I win," Sally said.

The challenge was what initiated her to enter the state competition in the early 1990s. She said, "I always went to the Farm Show, and I'd see these entries, and I'd say, "My stuff looks as good or better than that."

So one year, she packed up some of her canned goods and entered the Farm Show.

Guess what? She didn't win much.

Most people probably would have given up entering, but not Sally. Instead she started studying what judges were looking for. She valued any tidbits of information

judges sometimes mark on entries. She found out that it is necessary to remove rings from canned goods. One little bit of corrosion or discoloration on the lid can disqualify an entry, she said. So before she tightens rings on a jar lid she covers it with plastic wrap. This prevents discoloration.

Although her favorite canned peach for eating is Jubilee, Sally said that variety doesn't look as nice in a jar. Firmer peaches are better for appearance because they retain their shape. A winning entry of canned peaches has each peach uniform in size, and the fruit distributed evenly from top to bottom. That requires hot packing — a more time consuming endeavor than a boiling water bath.

Sally and her husband Frank still live on the farmland on which she grew up. In fact, Sally said that she was

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Sally examines her ginger snap cookies baked for Farm Show competition. Her family jokes that they learned a long time ago to eat rejects and save the perfect specimens for Farm Show entries.



It took Sally a whole hour to place these green beans in a jar. But her attention to meticulous detail begins long before packing a jar. She pours over gardening books to select the perfect seed to plant, harvest, and preserve for canned bean entry. The bean must be uniform and straight with no curves to cause havoc for packing.



Here are a few of the canned goods Sally, an elementary school teacher, will be taking to the Farm Show. Her entries include homecanned cherry tomatoes, blackberries, peaches, plums, apricots, corn, beans, sauerkraut, pumpkin, ketchup, spaghetti sauce, grape juice, jellies, jams, pickled watermelon rind, and even homemade noodles.