

TV High senior is Dover queen

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Suzanne Rene Nelson received an early graduation gift Friday night when she was crowned queen of the 1984 Old-Fashioned Canal Dover Festival.

Suzanne, who will graduate next week from Tuscarawas Valley High, bested six other contestants to win the privilege of reigning over the Dover Exchange Club-sponsored festival, scheduled for next Friday through Sunday in downtown Dover.

Combining a vibrant dance routine with fine showings in the bathing suit and evening gown segments, Suzanne, who has an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, won the plaudits of five judges.

Finishing as runnerup was Lara Leigh Wilhelm of New Philadelphia, a sophomore at Tuscarawas Central Catholic High. The queen's court also was comprised of second runnerup Anita Jean Blake, a junior at Tuscarawas Valley High, and third runnerup Beth Ann Dotts, a freshman at Dover High.

Also competing were Leanne Christine Eberly, a student at Indian Valley North High, Marilynda Dione Tremba, a student at Buckeye Joint Vocational School, and Tresha Lynn Goldsmith, a student at Tuscarawas Valley High.

SUZANNE SAID she plans to study aeronautical engineering if she accepts the appointment to West Point, and teaching if she goes to another college. The 5-foot-3 blonde is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Nelson of Mineral City.

While in high school, she was active in volleyball and basketball, a member of the student council, a majorette and cheerleader, and president of her class and the German Club. She also has studied



SUZANNE RENE NELSON
Queen of Dover Festival Pageant

jazz, baton and flute. Earlier this year she was honored by the Exchange Club in its Student of the Month program.

Suzanne succeeds Tammy Jo Anderson of New Philadelphia as queen of the three-year-old festival. She will receive a \$250 scholarship for the award. Other members of the court will get scholarships of \$150, \$100 and \$50, respectively.

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Serving as pageant judges were Peggy German, owner of the Center Aisle Bridal Shop in Dover; Ralph Sweitzer, an Exchange Club member and vice president of Sweitzer Insurance Co.; Fred Delphia, assistant principal at Dover High; Sally Herbert, community affairs director at WJER Radio; and Mary O'Farrell, a former flight attendant for Northwest Orient Airlines and wife of New Philadelphia Municipal Court Judge Edward O'Farrell.

Bob Scanlon of WJER Radio served as master of ceremonies and entertainment was provided by the Time Action Singers, comprised of Bruce and Terry Pearson, Shelly Leland and Brenda Fritz.

FESTIVAL OFFICIALS, meanwhile, said participants are being sought for two contests — Big Wheel races and pedal-powered mini-tractor pull — scheduled for children during the May 25-27 celebration.

Applications can be obtained at Penso's Pizza, M&G Service Center, Moomaw Furniture Store and Espenschied's Restaurant, all in Dover, or by contacting Exchange Club member Tom Hicks at 343-8535.

The Big Wheel races will be held May 26 from 2 to 4 and the tractor pull May 27 from 2 to 4. Both will be staged near the bandstand at W. 3rd St. and Tuscarawas Ave. Registration is \$1 for each event.

Age categories for the Big Wheel race are 3-4 and 5-6, and for the tractor pull, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8.

Winners in the Big Wheel contest will receive a Big Wheel and trophy, while second and third places will win a trophy. A Big Wheel also will be given away in a drawing among all contestants.

Trophies also will be given to the top winners in the tractor pull.

Registration also will take place for both events on the day they are scheduled.