

Suzanne Nelson to reign over Dover festival

Participating in a beauty pageant was a "fun experience" for Suzanne Rene Nelson, who was named queen of the Old-Fashioned Canal Dover Festival last Friday night.

The bubbly blonde, who will graduate from Tuscarawas Valley High next week, bested six other teen-agers to claim the crown from last year's queen, Tammy Jo Anderson of New Philadelphia. Suzanne got the loudest ovation of the night from the audience with a vibrant dance routine that spotlighted a tinsel-fringed outfit.

Runnerup was Lara Leigh Wilhelm, 16, a sophomore at Tuscarawas Central Catholic High and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wilhelm of 670 Orchard Ave. NW, New Philadelphia. Also in the queen's court are second runnerup Anita Jean Blake, 16, a junior at Tuscarawas Valley High and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Blake of 556 Dale Ave., Bolivar; and third runnerup Beth Ann Dotts, 15, a freshman at Dover High and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dotts of 729 Race St., Dover.

OTHERS IN THE pageant, which featured bathing suit, evening gown and talent competitions, were Leanne Christine Eberly, 17, a student at Indian Valley North High and daughter of Mary Ann Stearns of Brightwood and LeRoy Eberly of Mineral City; Marilynda Dione Tremba, 18, a student at Buckeye Joint Vocational School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tremba of RD 3, Dover; and Tresha Lynn Goldsmith, 17, a student at Tuscarawas Valley High and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Goldsmith of 1133 Huffman Sq., Bolivar.

Suzanne, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Nelson of Mineral City, has received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. She said she hasn't decided whether to go there and study aeronautical engineering or to another college and study teaching.

While in high school, the petite, 5-foot-3 blonde participated in volleyball and basketball and was a member of the student council. She also was a majorette, cheerleader and president of her class and German Club, and has studied jazz, baton and flute.

Earlier this year she was honored by the Dover Exchange Club, which sponsors the festival, as a Student of the Month.

AS QUEEN, SUZANNE will receive a \$250 scholarship. Other members of the court will get scholarships of \$150, \$100 and \$50, respectively.

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 and wife of New Philadelphia Municipal Court Judge Edward O'Farrell.

Bob Scanlon of WJER Radio served as master of ceremonies and entertainment was prived by the Time Action Singers, comprised of Bruce and Terry Pearson, Shelly Leland and Brenda Fritz. They sang songs and performed skits from several Broadway shows, including "West Side Story," "They're Playing Our Song," and "Fame."

The pageant was sponsored by Burger King Restaurant and the Dover Exchange Club.



QUEEN SUZANNE NELSON (SECOND FROM RIGHT) AND HER COURT
Attendants are Beth Ann Dotts (L), Lara Wilhelm and Anita Blake