

Essay winner leaves for Caracas



CINDY MAY

A junior at North Farmington High School is one of nine students in Michigan who has been selected by Youth For Understanding and the Michigan Jaycees to be a Bicentennial Courier.

Cindy May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford May, 2900 Glenarden, in addition to winning an essay contest got her wish to stay in a Spanish speaking country. She leaves for an eight-week stay in Caracas, Venezuela, in June.

The competition is the first of its kind, in-

stituted by YFU for the bicentennial year. It called for contestants to write an essay with the title "Sharing Between Countries."

In a letter of congratulations from YFU headquarters in Michigan, executive director Philip H. Yasinski said, "We have chosen you as a Bicentennial Courier because we are proud of your accomplishments and we are certain of your ability as an outstanding statement of the hopes of America on her 200th birthday."

CINDY'S WIN was an all expense paid

stay. "The only thing it's costing us is her physical exam, her passport and her clothes," said Mrs. May.

When Cindy was notified she had won the finals in this area, she knew she would be leaving with 130 other winners in the United States some time in June. They would be departing to any one of a number of countries abroad. But she didn't find out until this week that it was to be South America, where she would be able to utilize her past three years of study in Spanish.

She has already traveled to Lansing, for

an orientation session, where a bonus along the way for her was meeting President Gerald Ford, in town that day campaigning for the primary elections.

EACH OF THE YFU international committees abroad has arranged special activities for the Bicentennial Couriers assigned to their respective countries.

As a courier, Cindy will meet leading members of city and national governments as a representative of the United States. She will be an integral part of various bicentennial activities, presenting gifts and

citations from Michigan, to the officials in Venezuela.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, in Washington, D.C. has selected the YFU Bicentennial Courier program as an international youth program for 1976.

Yasinski said, "All indicators point to this project as a significant contribution to the bicentennial celebration. We are confident of Cindy's ability to continue to help us to foster greater international understanding between the people of this country and the rest of the world."



Family Fun Fair

David Farber and his sister Hilary dress up and cavort atop a drain tile on Adat Shalom Synagogue grounds, with Michael Silverstein, left, and Al Farber. They are ready for Family Fun Fair set for May 31. The carnival, to run

from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., will offer 25 booths, games, food and entertainment sponsored by the synagogue's congregation. There is no admission to the fair grounds.



Festival works its way toward being a tradition

"Gateway to the World," Farmington Community Center's ethnic festival, which drew an estimated 20,000 people this past weekend, is on its way to becoming a tradition.

"The committee was delighted and we have received loads of compliments from guests who said they have never before seen an ethnic festival of this caliber," said Alberta Taylor, director of the center.

The festival gate was without a turnstile, so the count was a guess, though committee members are quite sure the crowd was almost double than its first effort last spring.

Mrs. Taylor believes the favorable response was due, in part, at least, to the non-commercial aspect of the festival.

"The food tents were swamped constantly, and all of it was prepared in somebody's home kitchen. I'm sure that makes a difference," she said.

There was also more entertainment and more craft booths.

HOW MUCH MONEY the festival will bring to the center is still not known, though Mrs. Taylor says the festival is put on "because it's a beautiful thing to do" as much as it is a thing to raise money.

Bringing water into the center, a large electrical repair bill and the renovation of the outdoor stage has taken up more of the profits realized from both festivals. And all of these items were necessary before the first festival could be staged.

"Eventually it might turn into a real money-making thing for us, but for now it's good for the community and it helps us acquaint a lot of people with the center."

"We have a beautiful setting," she said, "and this seems a beautiful way to show it off."

John Allen, a former City of Farmington councilman, was overall chairman for the

three-day event. He worked with an untold number of volunteers. Mrs. Taylor said.

Her concern this week is thanking the committee, "and their wives and whole families and friends and neighbors who spent endless hours in preparation."

Fifty volunteers on Friday, 40 on Saturday and 30 again on Sunday, worked in the house and on the grounds making the festival a success.

By the numbers that turned out for the festival, Mrs. Taylor said, "The community showed us that they liked it as much as we liked putting it on."



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KATHLEEN DREYER



JAMES RANDOLPH



JEAN SCHUMACHER

3 win PTA scholarships

Three Farmington Area students were awarded scholarships at a meeting of the Farmington Area Council of PTAs at Fairview Elementary School on May 18.

Recipients were Kathleen Dreyer of Harrison High School, Jean Schumacher of North Farmington High School and James Randolph of Farmington High School.

The Gerald V. Harrison Scholarships, named in honor of a former school superintendent, are worth \$200 each. They were made possible through support of the Farmington Elementary PTAs by direct contribution to the fund and by participation in an annual fund raising project. Jean Schumacher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Schumacher, 3244 Ravenscroft in Farmington Hills, plans to attend the

University of Michigan as a pre-med student. Her activities include marching band, German Club, Methodist Youth Fellowship and working part-time. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and is an honor student.

Kathleen Dreyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dreyer, 3015 Paddlers Green in Farmington Hills, plans to attend University of Michigan as a major in mathematics. Her activities include Sunday school teacher, Church Fellowship, four years on the swimming team, two years on the volleyball team, member of German Club, Student Council, Phi Beta Kappa recipient.

James Randolph, son of Mrs. Irene Randolph and the late Mr. Randolph, 2405

Middlebelt in Farmington Hills, plans to attend University of Michigan school of engineering. His activities include captain of the Gym Team, senior photographer for the yearbook, vice-president of Photography Club, member of Pop Club, member of National Honor Society, Eagle Scout, working part-time as a lab technician in dental lab.

The Farmington Area Scholarship Committee is composed of three members from PTA Council: Mrs. Robert Brewer, Mrs. Richard Tupper and Mrs. Richard H. Schenkel. Recipients were selected on the basis of their high school grades and extra-curricular activities, as well as counselor references and scholastic aptitude scores.