

Honored Girl given degree

By LOUISE GELUTSKY

Linda Galla's fight to make life a little easier for her two children ended Aug. 4, the day she died of cancer.

Until she entered the hospital in May, she fought the pain of what she thought was a bladder infection, hoping to finish high school.

She was 17, credits away from the diploma when she died.

She was posthumously awarded a diploma by the Farmington public schools Sept. 7.

"Education was important to her," remembered her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Galla. "She wanted to get out to the ADC."

She did everything for her kids. When she received money, she would buy things for them. She went without things so they could have them. Mrs. Galla said.

Linda wanted to attend college, so she could get a better job.

"SHE WANTED to get into medical technology, so she could provide for her kids," her mother said.

David, 8, and Lisa, 6, attend Flanders Elementary School.

A high school diploma was so important to Linda, 25, that she kept on attending adult education classes in Waterford even when the pain wouldn't allow her to sit through an entire class period.

"She refused to go into the hospital," her mother said. "She was determined to finish school."



In happier days, Linda Galla was clarinet player for the Farmington High School marching band. After she left school, she would attend football games to listen to the band.

Fair winners named for talents, skills

The Michigan State Fair has come and gone, but for many in Farmington-Farmington Hills the memory will linger after having been awarded for their efforts.

Area winners in the community arts division are:

Annie Mieduch, 30710 Springland Drive, Farmington Hills, was awarded a fourth place for her back embroidery. She was awarded a first place for her pillow making.

Mrs. Raymond Mallon, 26340 Springland, Farmington, won a third place award in accessory making.

Suzanne Peil, 23231 Meadowdale Ct., Farmington won a third place in the wood hand carving competition.

Dolores Petaschek, 13434 Hillcrest, Farmington Hills, won a first place in the artificial egg decorating class.

In the towel making competition, Ms. Mieduch took a second place.

In the picture competition Mrs. Mallon took a third place.

Carol Cranston Weaver, 31185 Ten Mile, Farmington Hills, has been awarded a second place in the hooked wool material contemporary design competition.

Jane Marie Berns, 30343 Pillsbury Drive, Farmington Hills, took a fourth place in the material punch competition.

Mrs. Marvella McEachin, 30923 Ridgeway, Farmington Hills, won an honorable mention in the adult coat tailoring contest.

Mrs. Paul Murray, 31880 Merton, Farmington Hills, won a third place in the pet peach contest.

Margaret Williams, 31824 Parker, Farmington Hills, took a fourth place in the black raspberry competition.

Mrs. Bonnie Bradley, 34130 Twin Valley, Farmington, took a fourth place in the beet competition.

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City fights increase

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wasn't going to pay attention to Valente's contention that the court decision should be considered in the arbitration decision. LoCicero puts a different interpretation on it.

"I'M GOING TO HAVE TO READ a copy of the final decision before I make up my mind," said LoCicero. "What Valente is saying is that he will accept the court ruling. The city took the position that it wasn't binding."

Throughout the pay controversy, the city has maintained that the contract is the result of a mutual misunderstanding between the patron and the city.

The contract included a clause which provided that the cost of living would double every six months by having the index figure compounded each pay adjustment period.

Mayoros said it could be another year before a decision is made by the court of appeals, depending when it is put on the court docket.

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