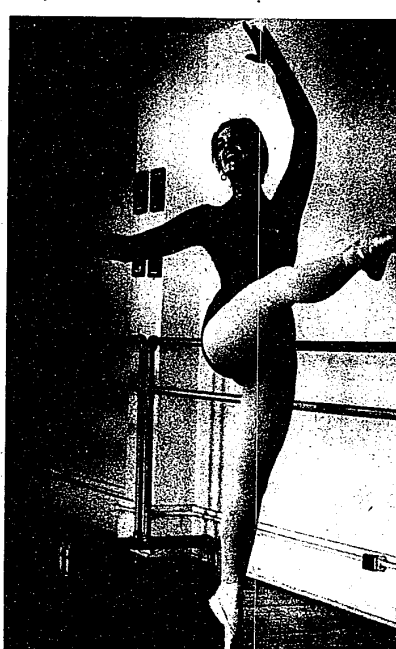




"Beautiful legs, straight, stretched and long. The dancer look with beauty of line and good body control," is the way Miss Farmington of



1979 is described by her ballet teacher, Shirley Busher. Pam Prichard leaves the city June 10 for Muskegon where she will compete for the



title of Miss Michigan. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)

Ballerina is ready to compete for Miss Michigan title

By LORRAINE McCLISH

Busher School of Dance Arts has pushed up its annual mid-June recital to dovetail into the schedule of Pam Prichard, Miss Farmington of 1979.

The new date, Sunday, June 3, will allow the ballerina to perform in the end-of-the-year show with other young dancers who study with Shirley Busher in the Farmington school.

Show time is 2 p.m. in Farmington High School when Miss Prichard will perform the same dance to "Tara's Theme," from "Gone With the Wind," which helped tally up the judges' points that brought her the Miss Farmington title.

She's sticking with the winner for her talent number when she will appear with about 30 other contestants from Michigan for the state title in Muskegon.

On June 10, the contender will take off for Muskegon and a round of parties, interviews, and judgments that will climax on Pageant Night, June 18.

She will be accompanied by her mother, Martha, who said she wanted to be in on the preliminary judging that selects the top 10, and later joined by her father, Ken, and two younger sisters, Shelly and Julie.

SHE WILL also be leaving with the best wishes of two winners before her.

Holly Ann Schmidt, who took the title of Miss Michigan in 1977, and Dorlisa Ann LaMarra, who took the award for best talent in the state competition in 1978, were classmates and friends of Miss Prichard at North Farmington High School.

The poised and soft-spoken, dark-haired beauty has had almost a year to prepare for the state competition with dance classes "almost every day,"

while finishing up her second year studying accounting at Oakland Community College.

Shopping has taken more time than she expected. "We've been told to select all of our clothes and all of the accessories for every outfit with extreme care," she said.

"This is because we are all really on-stage every minute we're up there (in Muskegon). The schedule is very tight, and I understand the judges are watching your every move in every situation."

Miss Prichard studied ballet for about four or five years while she was in grade school, but said she never appreciated it as an art at that time.

"I went back to it for exercise, that's all. I didn't think I had time for it with cheerleading and student government in high school, but the more I learn now, the more I understand and appreciate it as a classical art form," she said.

MS. BUSER was quick to recognize that her new student who had come in for exercise was a good potential for the Miss Farmington title, and sponsored her in that competition a year ago in June.

She said "I wasn't surprised at all when she won and I won't be surprised when she wins again. Further, I think she has all the qualities for a Miss America."

"She has beautiful legs, straight, stretched, long, the dancer look, beauty of line and good body control."

Miss Prichard will perform solo, and have some solo parts in three other dances with groups during the June 3 recital.

Admission of \$3 will be asked at the door. Children younger than 5 will be admitted without charge.



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Mayfest offers weekend of activities

The Finnish Center Association's annual Mayfest has been set this year to run May 26-28 on the grounds of the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 Eight Mile Rd.

Many activities are in

store for young and old with special games for children and volleyball and horseshoe competition for all ages.

Finnish jewelry will be on display and for sale. The gift shop with im-

ported glassware and china will be open.

Booths will offer handicrafts, plants, fruits and vegetables, white elephants and bakery items — all home-made from Finnish recipes.

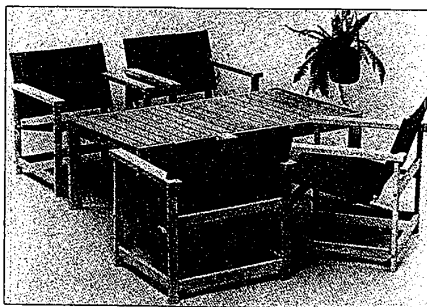
Cake walks, bingo, and stands offering snacks and lunches add to the festivities.

Religious services are planned for Sunday at 9 a.m., followed by a pancake breakfast.

On Saturday and Sunday evenings, guests are invited to dance.

Mayfest hours are from noon-11 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday; and from noon-6 p.m. Monday.

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Musicale Scholarship Competition

Todd Levin takes Young Artist Award

Todd Levin, a mirimba player and senior at Harrison High School, took the Young Artist Award in competition staged by the Farmington Musicale.

The top prize of \$250 is awarded only if the judges deem the performance of the competitor is of sufficiently high calibre, and if the competitor is going to further his or her music education at the college level.

Levin plays in his high school's symphony band, marching band and jazz ensemble. He is also a member of the Farmington Community Band. In addition to his performing talents, Levin has composed works for individual instruments, the jazz band and the symphonic band.

He was the recipient of a special award, from the Farmington Musicale, given for his mirimba composition he used in the 1978 scholarship competition.

IN THE SENIOR high school category, David Shefsiek took the top prize for performances on the euphonium and in voice. He was also followed by clarinetist Dan Lo-

ton Community Band. In the junior high school category, Dan Ryan, a pianist, came in to take the first prize, followed by flutist Sandy Oswald.

Tied for the third place position was Kenneth Shefsiek, a French horn player, and mirimba player Rocco Ferrera.

The announcements of the awards wound up the 11th annual Farmington Musicale Scholarship Competition that is open to all students from grades 7-12 in Farmington public or parochial schools.

This year's judges for the junior high competition were Donald Ross, Kathy Baker and Pat Van Dommelen. Judging the senior high competitors were Michael Rasmussen, Toni Aalto and Michael Bistrizky.

The Musicale sponsors the competition to recognize individual performance and talent, and aid the students' musical growth.

The young winners furnished the music for the Musicale's May meeting in Farmington Community Center.