

New Miss Michigan Wing aims for CAP commission

By LORRAINE McCLISH

Donna Lynn Sanford is now Miss Michigan Wing, a title given for her leadership qualities and knowledge of aerospace by the state's Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

It was an unusually big win for the 17-year-old who only learned about CAP seven months ago when she joined the Farmington Squadron which meets with Commander Ken Redding in Salem Church.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sanford of 24581 Penrose, Farmington Hills, said she would use the \$250 scholarship that accompanied her title for solo pilot lessons.

"But that won't be for a while," she said, explaining that in order to become a CAP officer, a session of summer encampment was mandatory, and that will take first priority.

Her summer encampment is scheduled the same week as Founders Festival, an event she'll miss for the first

time since she moved here when she was in second grade.

"I'm going to miss that," Cadet Sanford said, explaining that the summer festival was a part of her growing-up years she looked forward to, and especially the parade she marched in with her Girl Scout troop.

THE NEW MISS Michigan Wing said she was immediately attracted to the ways of CAP when a chance invitation brought her to an open house given by the Farmington Squadron.

"I liked the way things were conducted. I like things under control. I liked the discipline I saw: short hair, low voices, respect for the officers, shoes shined to perfection, every one wearing their uniforms proudly and properly," she said.

But she is the first to admit that CAP is not for everyone.

"Some (newcomers to CAP) are attracted only for the flying lessons or because they'll be able to learn to parachute, but find they can't handle the

discipline or don't want to go along with the regulations," the young miss said.

"We always need new people, but dedicated ones," Cadet Sanford said. "Our squadron is at its peak now," she continued while rattling off a list of awards and trophies her squadron has won in Wing competition for its rifle and academic teams.

As an example she told that while she was a member of the squadron's drill team it won eight first-place trophies.

"We did that by running a mile every day, played volleyball, knew our drills thoroughly. We practiced six months for that and were totally prepared," she said.

With the Wing championship in hand, the drill team goes on for national competition at the end of August. She gives credit for that to the squadron's former commander, Col. William Mendoza.

CADET SANFORD has her sights set on a career in medicine with a good chance of getting a National Merit

Scholarship, predicated on her 3.75 grade point average, earned at Harrison High School.

Meanwhile, she's striving for a commission in CAP, and will "probably go into the U.S. Air Force reserves."

Her commission will come after summer encampment and a series of tests, given along the way, whenever the cadet feels he or she is ready.

There are about 50 members now in the Farmington Squadron, eight of whom are females.

"We all work towards making ourselves better cadets with higher ranks and preparing ourselves to take bigger positions with more responsibility," she said.

"Anyone who is interested in joining us can just show up and set in and observe the proceedings to see if they'd like to be one of us," she said.

The Farmington Squadron meets every Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. in Salem Church on Oakland, west of Farmington Road, between Shiawassee and Grand River.



Donna Lynn Sanford's attractive brunette tresses go up and under her cap when she is in full dress regulation uniform. She is a member of the Civil Air Patrol's Farmington Squadron and took the state title of Miss Michigan Wing this spring. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Community Calendar

SUMMER CENTERS

Thursday, June 28: Twelve Farmington area elementary schools turn into Summer Recreation Centers from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 12:30-3 p.m. Monday through Friday until Aug. 2. No charge. Field trips, arts, crafts, games and sports are scheduled supervised activities on a drop-in basis. Sponsored by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

DAY CAMPING

Monday through Friday, July 2-6: Day camping at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, for children ages 6-8 runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and continues every other week through Aug. 13. During alternate weeks, day camp will be for 9 to 12-year-olds. Fee is \$24 for five-day session of nature-oriented activities. In-person registrations taken by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation staff, 31555 11 Mile Rd.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR PARENTS, YOUTH

Sunday through Saturday, July 8-14: Vacation Bible School for 4 to 13-year-olds runs simultaneously with cooking and nutrition classes for parents each evening at 7 p.m. in Farmington Seventh Day Adventist Church, 29831 Ten Mile Rd. Nursery provided for preschoolers where parents will be attending cooking classes. Registrations taken by calling the church office, 427-0393.

Department, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, 48018.

BABYSITTING

Wednesday, July 11: Four-session class in babysitting instructions begins at 10 a.m. taught by American National Red Cross instructors for 11 to 15-year-olds in Farmington Community Library on Liberty. No charge, but registration is necessary, through the library.

DISCO

Wednesday, July 11: Disco class begins at 7:30 p.m. in Harrison High School and continues for five Wednesdays. Fee is \$8 per person, or \$12 per couple, payable at in-person registration in Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office, 31555 11 Mile Rd.

ALAKAZAM

Wednesday, July 11: "Alakazam the Great" begins summer "Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies," at 2:30 p.m. in Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile Rd. Guests are asked to enter through Gate 4. Admission charge of 50 cents asked at the door.

MODERN MEMORY

Wednesday, July 11: Modern Memory, course to improve one's memory, begins at 10 a.m. and continues for three Wednesdays in Mercy Center. Fee of \$39 must be mailed with registration to Mercy Center Program Department, 28600 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, 48018.

CREATIVE DRAMATICS

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 10-11: Creative dramatics begins for 4 and 5-year-olds at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday or 2 p.m. Wednesday in Farmington Community Library on Liberty, and continues until July 24 and 25. Registrations taken in the library.

ARTS COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 10: Farmington Area Arts Commission regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile Rd. Open to all interested persons.

RAPID WRITING

Tuesday, July 10: Rapid writing and notetaking taught in three-session class on Tuesdays beginning at 10 a.m. in Mercy Center by Achieving Greater Proficiency (AGP). Fee of \$39 per person must accompany registration mailed to Mercy Center Program

KIDS ARE SUPER HEROES

Thursday and Friday, July 5-6: "Kids are Super Heroes," program of stories and films about child heroes in literature, at 2 p.m. Thursday in Farmington Community Library on Liberty and at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile Road for preschoolers. Registrations taken in the libraries.

DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING

Thursday, July 5: Dog obedience training, for all breeds, begins at 7 p.m. in American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River, and continues for 13 Thursdays. Dogs must be at least four months of age and have proof of distemper vaccination. Classes sponsored by Metropolitan Dog Obedience Training School. Registration and inquiries taken by Valerie Sprader, 851-5088.

RAPID READING

Thursday, July 5: Three session rapid reading class, sponsored by Achieving Greater Proficiency (AGP) begins at 10 a.m. in Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile Rd. Fee of \$39 per person includes guaranteed results. Registration must be received, by mail, before July 3, at the center.

Group rate offered young riders

Farmington Community Center, in cooperation with Rochester Riding Camp, offers English riding lessons to youth from 6 years through 12th grade, at group rates.

Classes are divided according to age and riding ability, with a separate program for teenagers.

Qualified teachers will instruct, not only the art of riding, but also the care and handling of the animals. One hour a day will be devoted to hair care, grooming, proper tack and equipment.

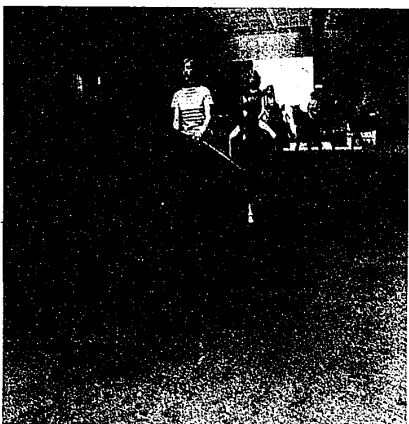
Two-week sessions begin July 2, 16, 30, August 13 and 24.

Cost is \$150 for each session, which includes transportation from the center. Riders are picked up at the center, 24705 Farmington Rd., at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Ten percent of the cost is knocked off the fee for each additional child in one family.

Included in each two-week session is a field trip to a local horse show, and an end-of-the-session horse show for parents to view what their child has accomplished.

Registrations must be in at least two weeks prior to the start of the session.

To take advantage of the group rates registrations must be made by calling the center, 477-8494.



Young riders master the art of English-style riding at Rochester Riding Camp. Farmington Community Center is now offering a discount to groups who form to travel to the camp together from this area.

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