

# Julianne Smith crowned Michigan Modern Miss

Julianne Smith, a 17-year-old Farmington High School student, won the title of Michigan Modern Miss in competition with 52 contenders in the state pageant, staged in mid-July in Plymouth. She also took the pageant award given for "Best Speech."

The win brought her a \$2,000 scholarship to Newberry College in South Carolina, a \$2,000 scholarship to Centenary College in Louisiana and an all expense paid trip to compete in the Modern Miss National finals. The national winner will be selected during a four-day cruise on the S.S. Emerald Seas through the Bahama Islands next June.

Smith said her forte was "speech, definitely" in the competition where contestants were judged on scholarship and civic achievements, their speech or talent presentation, interviews, poise and personality. "This is the first pageant I ever entered," the forensic student said.

"I entered it because it is not a beauty pageant, but concentrated more on the inner qualities of the contestants."

"A lot of emphasis was put on volunteer service and your grades. I've got a whole year now to concentrate a little more on that and keep up the grade average."

**IN THE AREA** of volunteerism, Smith listed her work in tutoring and coaching speech students in her home town. Pageant officials encourage the state title holders to work with "A Child's Wish Come True, Inc." because the involvement puts the young adult in

touch with reality. The volunteer group was developed to grant last wishes to children with life threatening diseases.

Smith suspects she will begin working on some project for "A Child's Wish Come True" when she gets back into school this fall because "I think I can get a lot of the students to get behind me on that," she said.

Meanwhile she is entertaining a French exchange student in her home for the month, the same student she lived with last year in France, arranged by North American Cultural Exchange League.

"Her English is better than my French, but my French got better while I was staying there," she said. Meanwhile, also, she will be obligated to make anywhere from 3 to 12 public appearances as Michigan Modern Miss during her 1988-87 reign.

**SMITH IS NOT** familiar with either Newberry College or Centenary College.

"That's something that's going to have to be checked out. The scholarships are options, but I'll forfeit them if I don't use them," she said.

As a national finalist she will be vying for larger scholarships, along with other prizes. There are also scholarships for winners in speech, talent, congeniality, citizenship, academic, costume, volunteer service and photographic categories.

Smith won the "Best Speech" award in the state competition with her talk called "Modern Day Woman."

She is the daughter of Craig Smith and Carol Mortensen of Farmington. The National Modern Miss title is now held by Elizabeth Leonard of Richmond, Va. She won the Virginia Modern Miss title in 1985 and the national title in the spring of 1986.



Julianne Smith

## Maine enjoyed with time to spend

Early summer travels, for this pair of retirees, involved "Mainely" the exploration of a state to which previous visits had been quite localized or too fleeting.

Joe and I had been to Maine before — on a one-day visit to a family friend early in our marriage and again two years ago to deliver daughter Mary to her home after she visited us in Michigan.

Earlier, back when I was a single working woman, I had spent two of my most memorable vacations windjamming on Penobscot Bay. That happened because I saw a tiny ad in The New Yorker magazine offering a week of sailing on a clipper for \$50. That was 1950; when I returned the next year it cost \$60, and since then windjamming has skyrocketed in popularity and price.

**BUT BACK** to Maine Present. Retiree schedules allow longer travels. So when Mary was ordained this summer, we decided to take two weeks and see more of the state.

We started with a week in a cabin on a beautiful lake. Only in Maine you call it a pond, we learned. The



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water was cool and the swimming was great. Joe didn't catch any fish, but he had a fine time throwing his line and fishing all about the big ones caught the week before.

From there, we made side trips: one to locate the pond where our one-time next-door neighbors spent their summers. Another was to revisit the Camden waterfront where I had sailed. It's now a maze of smart shops, but a couple of streets down to the harbor still are recognizable.

We also made a visit we'd long promised ourselves to the L.L. Bean store that has been a favorite mail-order resource. For some reason, we hadn't realized until we got to Freeport that the city is home to so many other factory outlets. I was

in bargain-hunter's paradise, and Joe bore up well.

**WITH MARY**, we visited Acadia National Park, where we climbed one "mountain," drove to the top of another, hiked, saw spectacular scenery and ate lobster.

On our own, we headed for Campbello, where you could almost feel the presence of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the beautiful "cottage" where his family summered. The neatest part of that day, for me, was hearing the famous FDR voice from a speaker in a radio like the one I remember from childhood.

And we didn't leave Maine without seeing one of the best baseball games in memory at Old Orchard Beach, where Mary now lives. The International League Maine Guides beat the Toledo Mud Hens 9-8 in a beautiful new stadium surrounded by tall pines. Our guide-fan daughter kept telling us to cheer louder. She used to say the same thing during football games at the University of Michigan.

In retirement travels, I keep telling myself to enjoy each place I go because I probably won't be back. This time I didn't do that. With a daughter making her home in Maine, it seems likely we'll return. Certainly I hope so.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

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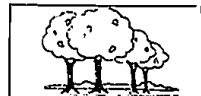
## Chef to star in TV series

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The shows will feature Famlie, along with a variety of celebrities, preparing a wide selection of dishes from the restaurant's menu. The TV series will be shot on location at Chez Raphael. The series will be

slated for local and national syndication as well as videocassette distribution.

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