

# Miss Malta winner finds it's a real trip

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

Maltese relatives of the McGlinch family are mighty glad the Maltese-American Club of Dearborn staged a Miss Malta contest recently.

Jennifer McGlinch of Farmington Hills won the pageant, and along with it, a trip to the island nation in the Mediterranean Sea.

Her parents, sister, and two brothers plan to go with her.

"I'm very excited," said McGlinch, who in May will meet aunts, uncles and cousins for the first time in Malta. "I've been to Canada, and that's about as far as I've gotten out of this country," she said.

Nineteen-year-old McGlinch, a sophomore majoring in fashion design and marketing at Western Michigan University, is half Maltese and half Irish.

Ranging in age from 16-23, Miss Malta contestants were judged on poise, appearance, and responses they offered to questions pulled out of a bowl.

"I was asked what I'm doing to make sure that when I get out of school I will be able to get a job," said McGlinch, who attended Livonia Franklin High School and graduated from Farmington High School in 1990.

"I said that if my fashion major doesn't work for me, I can always fall back on my marketing minor."

McGlinch was accompanied at the pageant and dinner dance by her parents, Michael, an Irishman, and Juliet, who is Maltese.

"We're proud of her in everything she does, and on top of that, she's nice," said Juliet McGlinch. "She's good to her sister and brothers, and especially good to her youngest brother (Brendan, 11)."

The trip to Malta will be an emotional one for Juliet McGlinch, whose parents emigrated here 55 years ago. "I have several aunts and uncles and cousins I've never met," she said. "Hopefully we can find decent airfares so that we can all go."



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Pageants are becoming routine for the McGlinch family. Jenny's sister Karey, a 1988 Livonia Franklin graduate and a business major at Central Michigan University, was runner-up in the Irish community's Court of St. Brigid pageant earlier this year. Karey also competed in July's Miss Farmington contest.

## around Farmington

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**● NICOTINE ANONYMOUS**  
Saturdays: A 12-step program to help you quit and stay quit of smoking at 7 p.m. in Boston Hospital Administration Building, 28050 Grand River. Phone number for more information 728-9123.

**● FOOT EXAMS**  
Month of December: Initial foot examinations are given for \$1, which will be donated to Farmington Families in Action. Call Dr. Norman Brants office at 478-0900 to make an appointment. The office is at 34471

W. 10 Mile Road between Haggerty and Grand River.

**● POINSETTIA FOR PROGRESS**  
Now through Dec. 23: Poinsettias for Progress, an annual fund-raiser for Arthritis Foundation helps support its mission for supporting research, finding a cure and preventing arthritis. For information, call the foundation at 350-3030.

**● ENRICHMENT CLASS**  
Through Dec. 31: Sunshine Preschool is taking registration now for their Enrichment Class that begins in January for children entering kindergarten in the fall of 1992. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in Faith Covenant Church, 14 Mile and Drake roads. The program emphasizes math, science, language and creative art. For more information call Sheila Wade at 661-2125.

**● MAYFAIR CO-OP NURSERY**  
Through January: The Mom & Tot class at Mayfair Co-op Nursery, 30415 Farmington Road is accepting applications for the January to April class. Children between the ages of 21 months and 3 years are invited to join a Monday class 12:30-2 p.m. For more information, call Debra Merriam at 626-2312.

**● FREE DIPLOMA**  
Through Jan. 31: Register now for free high school completion classes at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawwassee. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 489-3333.

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**● FARMINGTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
Sunday, Dec. 22: Historical Museum, 33805 Grand River 1-5 p.m. decorated in all its Victorian finery. Special exhibits of windup tin toys,

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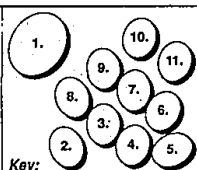
**● CAROLS, CRECHES & COOKIES**  
Thursday, Dec. 19: The Chancel and Handbell Choirs of St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gull Road in Farmington Hills invites the public to their annual Christmas Festival of Music at 7:30 p.m. in the church, between Grand River and Freedom. Admission is free. For more information, call 474-0584.

**● AARP**  
Friday, Dec. 20: American Association of Retired Persons, Farmington Hills Chapter, meets at 1 p.m. in the Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. A choral group of 35 students under the direction of Gordon Bleich will provide a program of Christmas music. The meeting is open to all retirees.

**● THE GLORY OF THE LORD**  
Friday, Dec. 20: The Farmington Hills Baptist Church Choir between 12 and 13 Mile Road on Middlebelt Road presents The Glory of the Lord, a musical by Tom Fette. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, and at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. No admission fee.

### About the cover...

The staff of the Farmington Observer wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday season. We especially like to recall the warm memories generated by the season as so often exemplified by our late colleague, Suburban Life Editor Loraine McClish, who died in September at age 66. Her kindness and generosity live in the spirit of this special time of year.



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