

"Girl Next Door"

# Hopes to skate in Ice Capades



Sixteen-year-old Cindy McNeil, Edward Street, Stouffville, is one of the Town's top figure skaters. With continuous training, (up to two hours a day), she hopes to win acceptance with the Ice Capades. Cindy also enjoys most other sports, including track and field. This summer, she's applied for a part-time job with the Parks and Recreation Department. She's a student in Grade 10 at Stouffville High.

—Jim Thomas

By Jim Thomas  
STOUFFVILLE — We can see it now — above the marquee at Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens: "Welcome to the Ice Capades, starring Cindy McNeil."

Such is the dream of this sparkling 16-year-old Edward Street girl, a dream she's hopeful, with a lot of hard work, can come true.

Cindy's our "Girl Next Door." Skating in public, particularly at carnivals, is loads of fun, Cindy says. Even competitions are enjoyable, especially with the kind of results she's obtained this season.

Everything seems to have fallen into place," she says.

Cindy's attended the Ice Capades as long as she can remember. She sees herself, some day, as one of the participants.

It's a long climb up the ladder, Cindy admits. Even now, she practices two hours a day in Stouffville plus workouts every spring and fall at Unionville. Her instructor is Julia Faggiani of Sandford. Does she ever grow weary of it all?

"I become frustrated when I don't pass my tests," she says, "but after a couple of days off, I'm right back at it again."

She praises the encouragement and support received from her parents. In fact, she says, she owes them everything.

Cindy has always lived in Stouffville. She has two brothers, Tim, 17 and Danny, 11. She's a student in Grade 10 at S.D.S.S.

As one might expect, Phys. Ed. is a favorite subject. She refuses to select a favorite teacher, however, saying "I get along well with them all."

Cindy's been to England three times and coast-to-coast across Canada. She's also been twice to Florida.

Some day, she hopes to vacation "some place warm," like Barbados.

Cindy has applied for a summer position with the Town Parks and Recreation Department but won't know until the end of the month if she's been accepted.

Yes, blonde, blue-eyed Cindy has a boyfriend. Sean Torrington lives in Markham and is enrolled in Grade 13 at Stouffville High.



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