

Receives ballet award



MARKHAM — The judge was impressed. When 17-year-old Lora Cooley of 3 Woodside Court, Markham, completed her ballet solo at the York Region Music Festival in Newmarket, recently, she was accorded an exceptionally high mark, so high, she won a Bell Canada Scholarship and a place in the Festival of Stars finale, May 15.

Lora, a Grade 11 student at Markham Dist. High School, has been dancing since age nine. She's enrolled in ballet, jazz and tap at The Dance and Drama Workshop, Markham. Her teacher is Sylvia Heavener.

"I love it," Lora says. She takes lessons four days a week.

Although she feels she does best in ballet, Lora declines to select a favorite.

"Each is very different," she explains. Lora has placed first at the Newmarket Festival before, but it's her first scholarship. She's been an entry the past three years.

Lora praises the encouragement she receives from her parents. Next year, Lora will advance to the teacher's level in her training program. Even now, she provides instruction for boys and girls just starting out.

"Lora describes dancing as her life. 'It's always on my mind,' she says. Like in any other endeavor, dancing requires a lot of dedication, but the desire to continually improve makes it all worthwhile.

Lora claims if the past eight years were hers to relive, she'd do it all over again.

Is this Stouffville?

A small town

Recently, The Tribune received the following item published in the Baldur, Manitoba Gazette and the Sudbury Daily Minor and News.

Does it apply to Stouffville? You be the judge.

It's entitled "A LITTLE TOWN."

A little town is where you don't have to guess who your enemies are. Your friends will tell you.

A little town is where everybody knows everybody else's car by sight and also where and when it goes.

A little town is where few people can get away with lying about the year they were born. Too many people remember.

A little town is where people with various ailments can air them properly to sympathetic ears.

A little town is where, when you get the wrong number, you talk for 15 minutes anyway.

A little town is where the ratio of good people to bad people is something like 100 to 1. That's nice to remember.

A little town is where it's hard for anyone to walk to work for exercise because it

takes too long to stop and explain to people in cars who stop, honk and offer a ride.

A little town is where city folks say there's nothing to do, but those who live there don't have enough nights in the week to make all the meetings and social functions.

A little town is where everyone becomes a neighbor in times of need.

A little town is where businessmen struggle for survival against city stores and shopping centres.

A little town is where those same businessmen dig deep many times to help with countless fund-raising projects.

A little town is where it's nice to be when rearing a family.

A little town is where you don't have to lock your door every time you leave the house.

A little town is where many teenagers say there's nothing to do, then are surprised to learn their big-city peers are saying the same thing.

A little town, when all is said and done, is a pretty nice place in which to live.

Reader enjoyed farm section
Dear Editor: My response is late but never-the-less well-meaning. I wish to congratulate The Tribune on its very excellent Farm Section April 24. I especially enjoyed the article on Jack Spang.

I was wondering if your paper could publish a similar section every week, or even a Farm Page? I'm sure it would be much appreciated by we country folk who tenaciously cling to our rural roots. Angus (Gus) Boyle, R.R. 4, Stouffville

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Seventeen-year-old Lora Cooley, 3 Woodside Court, Markham, was awarded a Bell Canada Scholarship in her ballet class at the Lions-sponsored York Regional Music Festival in Newmarket. Lora was selected to participate in the 'Festival of Stars' concert, May 15. She's been taking lessons in ballet, jazz and tap since age nine.

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