



Courier-Journal Mother of the Year Marcia DeBell

Karen DeBell has been winning art contests since she was 18 months old in San Antonio, Tex., her mother said last week. Karen's four-panel drawing depicting herself and Mrs. David DeBell in activities around their Chesfield Overlook home in Perinton won a runner-up designation for the Courier Journal Mother of the Year contest.

Karen, a 7 year-old second grader at Dudley school, has "always been art-oriented," her mother said last week.

David DeBell, who works for Mobile Chemical, is a native of Ithaca, and Marcia, his wife, is from Chicago. The couple's children both were born in Texas where David was stationed with the Army.

The family attends St. Joseph's Church, where Karen last Saturday made her First Holy Communion. Karen has an irrepressible younger sister Nancy who is just three.

Last week a family conversation in the DeBell's home collapsed in giggles and excitement over winning the contest. David described his daughters as "rambunctious" as the children singly and as a pair dove repeatedly into their parents' laps.



Marcia, Karen, David and Nancy DeBell.