

# 4 take awards for excellence in American history

Lenore Benoit, Beth Emery, Don Hannah and Howard Weiner are the four high school graduates who took the Daughters of American Revolution's (DAR) "Excellence in American History" awards this spring.

The award presentation is an annual event for DAR chapters nationally. Locally, Quakerstown Chapter DAR gives a silver medal on a ribbon, plus a certificate, to one student in each of the sister cities' four high schools who has shown excellence in his or her study of American history.

The winners are recommended by their American history teacher. The presentation is made at each of the school's honors assembly.

BENOIT SAID history has been her favorite subject since seventh grade when her teacher at Beahan Junior High, Carol Dickinson, inspired her to read books about the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

At Mercy High, the inspiration came from Sr. Jan Stocking and Roxann Eathorne when she took "every American History course available."

The singer, dancer and percussionist who was a member of Mercy High's "Mercedians" for three years told "I must have read Johnny Remain five times," in between volleyball and softball games and serving on her school's Congressional Student Forum.

She has participated in Mercy's plays in a number of capacities, and will be taking business courses this fall at University of Michigan-Dearborn.

EMERY SAID winning the award was a "dream come true because I have strived for it since my freshman year."

The National Honor Society member who graduated with a 3.85 average from North Farmington High School credits her school's "fine history department for given me such an excellent education in history, making it possible for me to receive this award."

Emery holds four school records in track and one in cross-country. While at North, she served on the student council, played in the marching band and symphonic band, sang in the



Lenore Benoit



Beth Emery



Don Hannah



Howard Weiner

choir and was a member of the French Club.

This fall she will be attending Miami University in Ohio, majoring in psy-

chology, with minors in political science and history.

HANNAH played football during all

four years at Farmington High School and was a four-year member of the school's Ski Club. He was also a member of the Physics Club and the French Club.

His out-of-school hours and summer are spent as a cook in Pizza Hut. He will attend Michigan State University next fall.

WEINER STEPPED forward to receive a host of awards during Harrison High School's honor assembly.

In addition to the award from Quakerstown DAR, he took the English and Social Studies Departmental Awards, a Presidential Academic Fitness Award, a National Merit Scholarship of \$1,000 from Del Monte Corp., a State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Certificate of Recognition and a University of Michigan Regents-Alumni Award of \$750.

He also received an honorable mention as a member of Detroit Free Press All-State Academic Team.

During Weiner's ninth and tenth grades at school he served as the religious vice president of his synagogue's chapter of United Synagogue Youth.

During that time he worked with the Round Table of National Conference of Christians and Jews for its annual symposium on the Holocaust.

Meanwhile he was treasurer of Harrison's French Club. The next year he founded his school's Future Physicians Club and was inducted into the National Honor Society where he again took the office of treasurer.

He also was business manager of Literary Magazine that year and was elected president of his synagogue's youth group.

Simultaneously he was attending United Hebrew School's Hebrew School and graduated last year as that class's Valedictorian and Pearl Scholar.

This year he received the "Outstanding Jewish Student" award from National Council of Jewish Women's Organizations.

This fall he will be attending University of Michigan where he has been accepted into the Integrated Premedical Medical program. He will pursue a career as a physician and has given serious thought to becoming a psychiatrist.

## Getting the bugs out of summer

By Louise Okrutsky  
staff writer

Sometimes commercial sprays and electronic bug zappers remain useless in the face of an insect invasion. For those occasions, experts have the cure for what's bugging you.

"There's not a significantly higher amount of insects than usual this year," said Greg Patchen of the Oakland County Extension Service. "At certain times of the year, the life cycle is such that they're out more and you see more of them."

However, those who must put up with such common pests as carpenter ants and bees come to regard these summer visitors as real weather friends.

If only a few carpenter ants are spotted inside the house, chances are they're nesting outside. "They go foraging in the spring for tidbits," Patchen said.

So called because they can leave small mounds of sawdust behind them, carpenter ants make nesting galleries by gnawing their way through soft, wet wood. They are drawn to old tree stumps, dead trees and older trees

which have fallen into decline. Decaying wooden garden ornaments such as gazebos or railroad ties also attract carpenter ants.

The problem can be attacked on three fronts. First, caul openings in the house's exterior. Pay attention to openings which serve as entry points for electrical wires or pipes.

Next, homeowners are required to do a little detective work. If you suspect the ants are nesting in railroad ties or other wooden ornaments, probe the areas with a screwdriver or an ice pick. If the ants are there, remove the object.

Finally, the chemical diatom, available at garden and hardware stores, could be spread around the exterior of the house and sprayed on nearby trees if necessary. Be sure to treat any cavities in the tree trunk. Remove old trees they're festering in an outside wall, the roof or a porch. Look for wet wood such as a leaking window. When checking the roof, concentrate your attention on the structural timbers supporting it.

Make sure household appliances and plumbing aren't leaking water thereby creating a place attractive to the ants.

and tree stumps which can harbor carpenter ants.

IF, AFTER treating the exterior of the house ants can still be found inside, then the search for a nest moves indoors. If ants make their appearance when the weather's warm, chances are they're nesting in the house. Patchen cautions. Not only does it attract such pests but they may be brought into the house along with the wood.

Occasionally, people plagued with carpenter ants inside their home swear to incredulous friends that they can actually hear the insects foraging through the walls. But Patchen says one of the best ways to figure out where the ants have nested is to put your ear to one of the house's hollow-core doors. "You can hear them and get an idea of where the nest is," he said.

He recommends using an ant and roach spray or a home pest control kit close to the nest and around the baseboards. If that doesn't control the problem the next step may involve ripping off the paneling or drywall.

"You have to take a look at the severity of damage" before deciding on

calling in an exterminator, according to Patchen. His attitude toward ridding homes of any pest except termites is that most insect problems can be treated by the homeowner.

That extends to ridding oneself of bees, wasps and sweat bees.

Sweat bees, small bees with hourglass-shaped bodies burrow into the ground instead of making a nest which hangs from a tree or building. They're attracted to perspiration and to anything sweet, like sodapop.

Find their nest by walking around your property and perhaps asking your neighbors to check theirs. "You'll be able to see them," said Patchen.

For eradicating sweat bees, he recommends treating the nest area with diatom or insecticide.

As when treating any bees' nest, this operation must be done on a night when the temperature dips below 50 degrees.

"THEY'RE NOT warm blooded so they'll slow down in cool weather. Be sure to wear clothing which doesn't leave much skin exposed. Pour the chemical over the nest area or in any entry hole. Then clear out," he cautions.

For above-ground nests, such as a wasp's, Patchen recommends spray bombs which dispense the chemicals in a forceful stream.

But Patchen doesn't believe that the only good bee is a dead bee. "Honeybees aren't a problem. Unless you're really aggressive to them," he said.

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