# listory contest winners do their research

The Farmington Historical So-clety has named 16 winners of the 1994 Lee S. Peel Historical Re-search Contest.

search Contest.
'Titled in honor of Peel, a prom-ipant local educator, historian, and author, the contest en-courages original research and writing on Farmington-area histo-

P. Because of the large number of papers, the honorable mention awards, introduced in 1991, have

sharms, introduced in 1931, have been continued.

The winners were announced Jupe 7 at a ceremony at the Farmington Historical Museum on Grend River.

Stephanie Unger, a Power Middle School student, took first plize for her paper "The Oldest Highiness Building in Farmington," She received a certificate goal a check for \$100.

Unger's paper covered the history of the Korner Barber Shopbuilding from its origins in 1872 to present. The paper started by describing the original Grace Dry Goods business and how it sur-

vived the disastrous 1872 fire.

Architectural styles and details found on the building were described, as were the long and varied list of businesses that have occupied the building. Also included were photographs and paintings of the building over the wars, as well as numerous histor-

paintings of the building over the years, as well as numerous historic advertisements from its many tenant businesses.

Unger's sources included new-paper articles, books, research pa-pers from the Farmington Library History Room, are, directories and numerous interviews. Family history is second Second olace was given to

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Amanda Beuckelsare, also of
Power Middle School, for her paper, 'The History of the Drake
Family in Farmington.' She
received a certificate and a check
for \$50.

This paper detailed the movement of the Drake family from
New York to Michigan in 1825
and to Farmington Township in
1867.

and to remain 1867.
The family genealogy was given

from 1800 to date with descriptions of the family members living on the family farm on Drait Road for more than a century. Numerous family photographs, stories and pictures of early Fermington were included as well as old newspaper articles about the family, Beuckelsere's sources include family photos, newspaper articles, books and numerous family interviews.

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Two Best in Age Category awards were given for two video tape entries. One was presented to Jan Gray's third-grade class at illiside Elementary School for its production "Historical Sites from Farmington History."

In this tape, a large number of Farmington area historical buildings were shown with brief descriptions of people and events important to each site. Two historic home owners are interviewed and the Parmington Historical Museum is visited.

This tape was considered to be an excellent third-grade level in

troduction to Farmington Area history. It will be reproduced and made available to area elementary schools.

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The second Best in Age Category award was given to Paul Been of O.E. Dunckel Middle School for his untilled videotape on the Parmington Hills Fire Department's history and the 1872 Farmington fire.

Been started the program by describing the 1872 fire, and the old methods used to bring that fire under control. He then visited a local fire station and interviewed Lt. Mike Garr, of the Parmington Hills Fire Department, to learn more about the department's history and firefighting techniques.

Been ended the tape with a summary of what was discussed.

Each Best in Age Category prize includes a certificate and a \$25 check.

Honorable mention certificates.

Honorable mention certificates and prizes of \$10 each were

awarded to:

Rachel Pawlak, Power Middle School, for "The Farmington Civito Theater."

James Trenkle, O.E. Dunckel Middle School, for "History of the Masonic Temple."

Megan Douglass, Dunckel, for "Hope Lutheran Church."

Ricky Gundlach, Power, for "The House on 23700 Warner St."

Nicole M. Martin, Dunckel, for "The House on 23700 Warner St."

Nicole M. Martin, Dunckel, for "The Life and Times of Luman W. Goodenough."

Mayasa Hillman, Dunckel, for "Lou Bressler's Car Gallery."

Kellee Fournier, Dunckel, for "The MicCabe Funeral Home — 100 years in Business."

■ Daren Lee, Power, for "Meadow Hills Estates."

■ Lauren Fleming, Dunckel, for "From Runways to Roads, A His-tory of Kendallwood Subdivi-sions."

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Erika Rushlow, Power, for "Teenagers 1894-1994."

Justin Hawkins, Dunckel, for "The West Farmington Cemetery."

"The West Farmington Cemetry,"

8 Misthew Wayne, Power, for "Where Did We Come From."

8 Kari Berkesch, Dunckel, for "Williow Ridge Farm."

Copies of these papers will be presented to the Farmington Library History Room for inclusion in the collection of previous years' award-winning entries.



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Gelmen & Grant Management
of Farmington Hills, the event
firm contracted to coordinate the
Summer Fun Series and Hollday
Hunting, developed the regional
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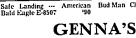
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