

Dunckel students win top awards in research contest

The Farmington Historical Society has announced the winners of the 1993 10th-annual Lee S. Peet Historical Research Contest. Named in honor of Peet, a prominent local educator, historian and author, the contest encourages original research and writing on Farmington and Farmington Hills history.

Because of the continued entry of large numbers of papers, the "Honorable Mention" awards, introduced in 1991, have been continued.

First prize was awarded to Jennifer Daniels, an O.E. Dunckel Middle School student, for her paper "Farmington History in the Making... 1888-1890..." She received an award certificate and a check for \$100.

Daniels' paper covers the concept, design, construction and startup of the Hillside Elementary School.

Every phase of construction and first use are covered and illustrated with a series of color photographs. The paper shows how a new school requires the

building of both a structure and an educational team to be successful.

Also covered are initial reactions to the new school from teachers and students and details about the school's dedication and mission.

Many sources used

Daniels' sources for the paper's content were architectural publications, school publications and newspaper articles as well as private family photographs of the building during construction.

Second prize was given to Meg Wolff, also from O.E. Dunckel Middle School, for her paper "The History of the Colony Park Subdivision, Farmington Hills, Michigan." She received an award certificate and a check for \$50.

This paper details the history of the land and its ownership as well as describing the origins of the subdivision's development and the development stages.

A brief history of former landowners is given including a history of the subdivision's developer

including his goals and visions.

The paper also gives details from the original home sale brochures and discusses an incident which almost resulted in the building of cluster homes within the subdivision.

Homeowners' history

The history of the homeowners' association is also included.

Wolff's sources for this paper include numerous interviews, newspaper articles and references, maps, documents and papers, many currently on file in the Farmington Community Library History Room.

One "Best in Age Category" certificate and \$25 prize was awarded to Todd Affenbaugh, of Power Middle School, for his paper "Almost a Century at 31505 Grand River Avenue," which gives the history of the building first used as the power generating station for the DUB interurban light rail system of the 1890s.

His paper describes the initial use by the DUB, then the change of usage to Detroit Edison and then to the La Salle Winery and

Champagne Company. The current usage is a sort of shopping center.

Material for this paper was taken from magazine and newspaper articles as well as locally produced books on Farmington history.

Nineteen honorable mentions

Nineteen honorable mention certificates and prizes of \$10 each were awarded as follows:

Tracy Gies, Power Middle School, for her paper on "Community Contributions: Our City Parks";

Kevin Hall for his paper "The Competitive Marching Bands in Farmington";

Parini Doshi, O.E. Dunckel Middle School, for the paper "The Farmington Community Library";

Juliet Petrus for her paper "The Farmington Founders Festival";

Merchelle D'Anna for her paper "Farmington Women's Club";

Krisley Rehn for her paper

"First United Methodist Church of Farmington";

Elizabeth Lamping for her paper "Farmington's History";

Becky Nagle, O.E. Dunckel Middle School, for her paper "The History of the Butterfield";

Jeff Kotrus for his paper "History of Grand River Road";

Lauren Jones for her paper "A History of the Local View of National Historical Events as presented by The Farmington Enterprise/Observer from 1941 to 1989";

Kirstin Porter for the paper "The Jones of Farmington Hills";

Maureen Carolan for her paper "One Ringy-Dingy, Two Ringy-Dingy";

Shamita Shah, Power Middle School, for her paper "Power Middle School from the Past to the Future";

Linda Louise Lacina for her paper "The Warner House";

Heather Murray for her paper "The West Farmington Cemetery";

Matthew J. Primeau for his paper "The West Farmington Cemetery";

David Zorn for his paper "The West Farmington Cemetery";

Kelly Wachberg for the paper "Warren Rex Cawley" and

Rob Gingerich for his paper "Wrestling in Farmington." Copies of these papers, along with the previous years' award-winning entries will be preserved in the Farmington Library History Room.

Peel, namesake of the contest, taught English and journalism at Farmington High School for 30 years, retiring in 1980. During his tenure he taught an advanced English class during the decade from 1959-69.

One of the writing options assigned in this class was an original research, historically oriented paper similar to the requirements of this contest.

Peel is a past president of the Farmington Historical Society and remains active in the society. He has also authored a book, "Farmington, a Pictorial History," originally published in 1970, which was the first major work on this topic. He has just published an updated revision of this book.

Barbershoppers' concert to feature pirate theme at Mercy High show

The "Pirates of the Barbershop Coast" will invade the area March 4-5 when the Renaissance Chorus of the Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA) puts on a show.

The chapter's annual show will begin 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 4-5, in Our Lady of Mercy High on Middlebelt north of 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

The 40-man chorus, directed by Captain Matt Coombs, will explore the vast seas during their voyages of adventure and piracy.

Among the songs their crew will sing to entertain their "hostages" will be "Safe Harbor," "The Pirate's Life," and "Slippery Sal."

Two quartets will be featured at the show — "The Cascade Convention" and "The Patch Chords."

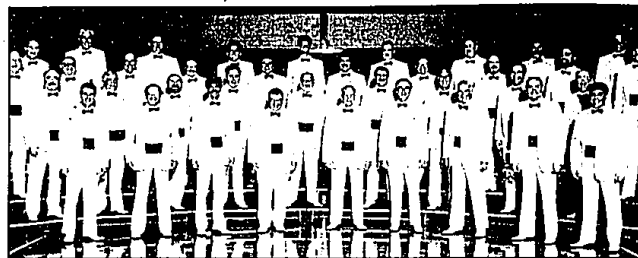
"The Cascade Convention" feature a lead and a bass from Oregon and a tenor and a baritone from Wisconsin. The quartet has been district champion and has competed twice in international competitions.

"The Patch Chords" from Lansing entertain audiences of all

ages with a fast-paced show package that includes rib-tickling antics mixed with show tunes, upbeat contemporary numbers, and nostalgic favorites.

Tickets are \$10 for either performance. Persons 62 and older or full-time students may buy tickets for \$7 each. Tickets may be ordered by calling John Lynn of Redford at 937-1322.

The Renaissance Chorus meets at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail just east of Newburg in Livonia.



To perform: Members of The Renaissance Chorus are rehearsing weekly for the annual show March 4-5 in Mercy High School. The show is entitled "Pirates of the Barbershop Coast."

Foster grandparent program needs volunteers

The Oakland County Foster Grandparent Program, a unit of Catholic Social Services, is seeking people 60 years of age and up

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