

Historical Society Gets Specific About Items It is Seeking from the Past

The Auburn Hills Historical Society (AHHS) is seeking the community's help in finding items of historical significance to the area.

Specifically the AHHS is asking individuals' help in finding old pictures, newspaper articles, books

or anything else pertaining to areas of the community around Pontiac Township, Amy, Auburn and Auburn Heights. Extra care is requested when cleaning out closets, drawers or basements.

AHHS President Tyson Brown

is asking people to be careful not to throw anything away that may have historic significance to Auburn Hills' past.

Among items the society is looking for are pictures of the Blue Star Restaurant on Opdyke Road, the

Oakland County 4-H on Pontiac Road and Perry Street; the Doris Road Skating Rink on Doris Rd., Five Points School, Four Corners Restaurant, Log Cabins on Parklawn, Putt Putt Golf on Auburn, Ron's Roost a.k.a. Martin's Nest,

King Bros. Lawn & Garden; Silverbell Ski Lodge and Game Station.

Also, if anyone has a past memory of Auburn Hills they would like to see preserved for

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GM Math Competition

Oakland County students finished at the top of the MATHCOUNTS State of Michigan Championship held in the GM Tech Center in Warren on March 9.

At the event, the Countdown Round was won by Ankan Bhattacharya from Achieve Charter Academy in Canton. Spencer Liu and Freddie Zhao from Boulan Park Middle School in Troy finished second and third. Kuvam Shahane from Van Hoosen Middle School in Rochester finished fourth. These four will represent Michigan at the national finals in May.

Boulan Park Middle School, coached by Mark Martin, was also the top-scoring team on Saturday, so Martin will coach the state team at the MATHCOUNTS national championship.

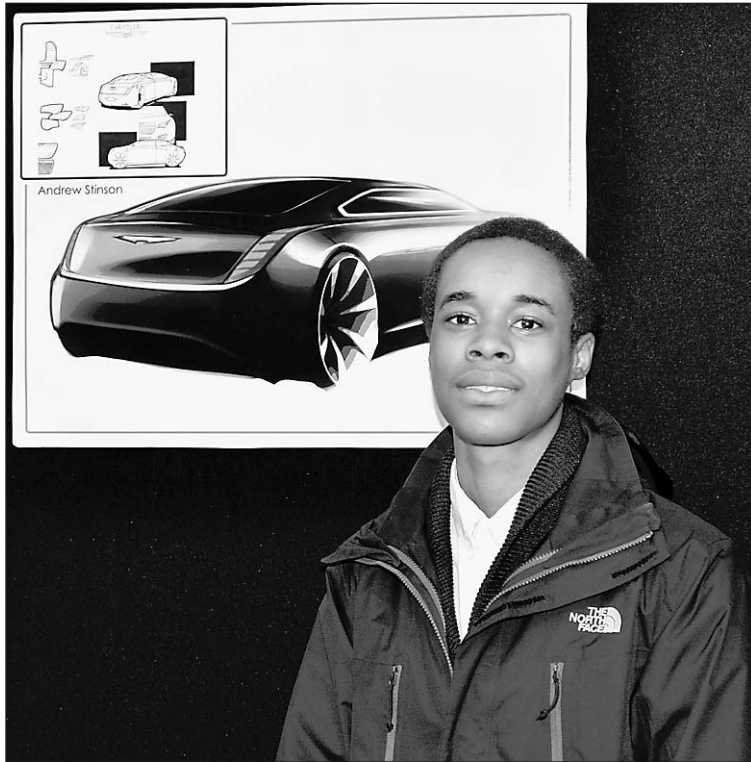
The event, administered by the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, was hosted by GM at the Vehicle Engineering Center once again this year.

MATHCOUNTS, now in its 30th year, is the top math enrichment program in the country. The GM Foundation has been a strong supporter of the national program since its inception and has helped ensure that MATHCOUNTS reaches out to a diverse population of middle-school students.

Students participating in the state championship competed in a series of written tests to identify the top school team and top 10 individuals. The top 10 students then competed on stage in what organizers called the "Countdown Round."

This unique and exciting competition is similar to a spelling bee, but instead of spelling words the students are required to solve rather difficult math problems in mere seconds.

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Chrysler Design Contest Winner Andrew Stinson with his entry, was rewarded with a \$5,000 scholarship to the Center for Creative Studies.

Design Contest Champions Envision Chrysler's Future

by Irena Granaas

A glimpse of the future of Chrysler's automotive design presented itself during the 2013 Detroit Autorama, and it's a very promising one.

Finalists among Detroit High school students competing in the Autorama High School Design competition presented their entries. Contestants were asked to create their own design for a future luxury Chrysler vehicle, something that would hit dealer showrooms in the year 2030.

Entries were evaluated by a panel of judges from Chrysler, the College for Creative Studies, which collaborated with Chrysler on the competition, and Detroit Autorama. The contest was launched to benefit United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

Eight students, a first- and sec-

ond-place winner from each grade from 9 to 12, were named winners and received not only acclaim from the judging panel, but some valuable awards and prizes.

First-place winners were Andrew Stinson, grade 12, Cass Technical High School; Michael Martinez, grade 11, Randolph Career & Technical Center; Lawrence Johnson, grade 10, Davis Aerospace High School; and Howa Rahman, grade nine, Detroit International Academy for Young Women.

Earning distinction with second-place honors were Charity Pinchum, grade 12, Cass Technical High School; Erik Barnes, grade 11, Randolph Career & Technical Center; Qujuan Brummitt, grade 10, Southeastern High School of Technology and Law; and Mushtary Chowdhury, grade

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BAE Industries Among Firms Receiving 'Supplier of Year'

Lear Corporation presented the Lear "Supplier of the Year" Award – the highest honor Lear can bestow upon a supplier – to 13 suppliers based on their outstanding performance during 2012, including four Michigan companies.

This year's award recipients demonstrated excellence in quality, innovation, delivery, service and competitiveness during 2012. In addition, this year Lear presented its first award to honor a supplier for significant contributions to the community.

"The suppliers we recognized today performed at the highest levels during 2012," said Matt Simoncini, Lear's president and CEO. "Providing the best possible cost, quality and value to our customers requires the hard work of thousands of Lear employees working together with all of our suppliers. We truly appreciate

the tremendous support we receive from our supplier partners, and I would like to especially thank this year's award winners," Simoncini said.

The Lear Suppliers of the Year for 2012 were selected from among the more than 2,000 companies that supply Lear globally.

Michigan winners included three metro Detroit companies, one of which is BAE Industries Inc. of Auburn Hills. The company is a certified Minority Business Enterprise, supplying latch and recliner mechanisms to Lear. BAE continues to demonstrate commercial flexibility, and supports Lear's operations with world class quality and delivery performance. And throughout 2013, BAE will be instrumental in supporting Lear's successful launch of the K2XX program.

This is BAE's second consecutive award for Supplier of the

Year and the fifth award since 2002.

Grand Rapid Controls LLC, headquartered in Rockford, supplies control cables and assemblies to Lear. GRC had exceptional performance in 2012, with world-class quality and customer service, and demonstrating superior flexibility in addressing and meeting Lear's commercial requirements.

This is GRC's second consecutive award for Supplier of the Year.

MSX International Inc., headquartered in Warren, is a global provider of customized business solutions and technology services to the automotive industry.

Its Human Capital Solutions recruits, administers and supplies talent for global business.

"Since early 2012 MSXI has taken the lead to consolidate seamlessly our temporary labor into one well organized solution.

Their outstanding support of our facilities temporary labor needs has proven time and time again to be effective and well managed providing significant value to our organization," said Simoncini.

Netlink Software Group America Inc. is described by Lear as a "premier provider of information technology, supply chain and business process solutions," and is headquartered in Madison Heights.

Netlink has a global presence spanning 42 countries and six continents, and is also a Certified Minority Business Enterprise.

Netlink's commitment to serve Detroit and surrounding communities through their support of various not-for-profit organizations, such as VIP Mentoring and Netlink Foundation a children's rights organization, make them the award winner of the first ever Lear supplier "Community Service" award.



Construction of Oakland University's Engineering Center is underway.

Engineering Center Slated to Attract Best in Faculty, Students to Oakland

Oakland University, which has been allocated \$30 million from the Michigan fiscal year 2010-11 capital outlay budget, is using the funds to help finance a \$74.6 million engineering center at its Rochester campus.

The university broke ground on construction of the 128,000 square-foot facility Oct. 3, 2012; and the facility is slated to be ready for occupation by fall 2014.

The Michigan capital outlay budget bill provides \$383 million in state funding to support nearly \$1 billion in university, college and state infrastructure projects.

"We are extremely grateful that funding for the engineering center is included in the capital outlay

bill, as we believe it will help expand our highly skilled workforce, advance research and foster technological innovation that will fuel the development of a 21st Century economy in Michigan," Oakland University President Gary Russi said. "The allocation of this funding demonstrates that the state not only sees the wisdom in investing in higher education, but also acknowledges the exceptional work being done by Michigan's universities and colleges."

The new five-story facility will have five general purpose classrooms, 22 teaching laboratories and seven research laboratories.

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