

# Waning joys

## Youth captures simple pleasures



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It's that time again—mid August. Youngsters suddenly begin to make the lay-carefree days of summer are numbered. Already there is talk at the dinner tables on when school opens is a new physical examination necessary, and what will the family do for Labor Day.

This is the month for getting ready. In the three weeks remaining mothers and youngsters will be shopping for school clothes—skirts, slacks and sweaters, sensible shoes to replace the open summer casuals and a coat or jacket for rainy days.

Little girls who are best friends hold hands and hope they will be in the same room and the shy ones secretly pray for a new friend and a teacher who will love them.

A FEW HIGH schoolers think over the classes on the fall schedule and wonder whatever prompted them to sign up for Algebra III when they could have graduated without it.

The football players and marching band members are practicing for the opening of a new season. Many of the musicians and

team members have been at band and football camp this month polishing skills. In contrast to the flurry of youthful activity in the first weeks after school closed in June, there is an unusual calm around the cases as August turns the corner—as if everyone was waiting for something to happen.

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Wendy Stosick (right) climbs slowly and carefully to the top of the big tire in the Farmington City Park. (Left) A swing in the park is a nice pastime for a muggy, August afternoon. Enjoying it is Kathy Day. (Below) The days of summer are slipping away, but Wendy Stosick, left, and her friend, Mindy Touscany, are determined to enjoy them as long as possible. (Far left) Mark Poindexter, running back for the Farmington High School football team, jogs around City Park as part of his conditioning program.



## Quiet fun on a smooth pond

There's a small lake on the west side of Halstead Road north of Grand River. On a clear day, you can usually find a half-dozen kids sometimes an adult or two sitting on the shore holding on to a fishing pole. The boppers float nonchalantly on the surface, but every once in a while one goes down.

Clark Scott Green and his father, Wallace, are regulars on the marshy shore with its stands of cattails. Clark, now 9, began fishing there about five years ago. Since neither he nor his dad knew if the lake had a name, Clark has given it one of his own choosing—Good Luck Lake. That's because he regularly hooks sunfish, bluegills and an occasional bullhead in the quiet waters.

Confident in his ability as a fisherman, Clark and his father branched out to other lakes in Lake Orion and Northville. Clark is presently the first-place record holder in Lake Orion competition for his one-pound, 14-ounce bullhead and holds second place at Northville for a two-pound black bass.

Green says he doesn't know too much about Good Luck Lake except that it's shallow near the shore and quite deep further out. And of course, that it has enough fish to keep a youngster happy.



## Gone fishin'

Clark Scott Green (right) and his dog, Chuck, wait quietly for a bite. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

## Farmington Enterprisers

There was quite a mix-up in the Aug. 3 primary election in Farmington Hills, but a little humming by city workers soon straightened everything out.

In six of the city's 23 precincts, two candidates were to be elected delegates for the Oakland County Democratic Convention.

But the voting machines at these six polling sites were rigged to record only one vote.

So when voters went to the polls to cast their ballots, the machines were locked after the first vote for a precinct delegate was made, preventing the second from being recorded.

At several of these troubled precincts, workers were unaware of the problem until voters told them they could vote for two candidates.

Well, election workers finally realized the problem and it took the clerk's office until about noon to solve the confusion.

In the meantime, several votes for some of the candidates may have been lost.

Election workers explained the problem as being an oversight on the part of the city during election preparation and confusion.

The problem really affected only one of the six precincts where three candidates

ved for the two positions. It was the only delegate contest in the entire election.

Ross Crown Jr. won one seat while Vito Perrano and Aldo Vagnoni battled it out for the other spot in the 12th Precinct. They tied with 33 votes apiece.

A drawing was held Friday morning in the County Clerk's Office to determine who would represent the district at the convention and county officials picked Vagnoni's name out of a hat.

Other precinct delegates not mentioned in previous articles are: William Heaphy, George Poertner, Mark Freedman, Allen Spohn and Arlene Butler.

They will join the 23 other precinct delegates at the county convention.

ROBERT V. WHALEY, of Farmington, has been named processing department group manager at the Automobile Club of Michigan and the Insurance Exchange.

Wahley, who joined Auto Club in 1988 as a systems analyst, was group manager for the systems department prior to his recent appointment. He was an analyst for Safeco Insurance Co. of Seattle, Wash., before employment with the Auto Club.

The 42-year-old Detroit native attended Redford High School before graduating from Central Michigan University.

OAKLAND COMMUNITY College lists a host of Farmington residents who were among the 1,122 students who participated in the college's commencement exercises this spring.

Those receiving degrees from the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills are: Vonda Brilanger, Lorene Blake, Karen Bliss, Robert Bowland, Donna Bylski, Craig Chabala, Mary Clark, Henry Coert, Cheryl Collins and Debra Cox.

Others are Nancy Cox, Farnbor Danat, Robert Dunne, Mary Eilers, James Ferquast, Stuart Flaherty, Beth Fordyce, Barbara Fries, Douglas Geemans, William Germaine, Jody Givens, Dana Griffiths and Michael Hager.

Others are Kenneth Hill, Elizabeth Hoskins, Cynthia Hund, Debra Jackson, Patricia Kopschko, Janet Kray, Jerry Ledema, John Lindenmuth, Kay Manerke, Carol Mannisto, Patricia McAskin, Kristi Miller, Patricia O'Keefe, Francis Ormond and James Platzer.

Others are Kathleen Regan, John Rindan, C. Thomas Rutherford, Joel Schoenberg, Beverly Spejak, Jeff Thayer, Donal Trombley, Robert Truesdell, Virginia Trytlen, John Walsh, Myrna Wigger, Thomas Williams, John Wilson and Barbara Yeasowich.

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