

Can you walk on water?

It's that time of year again when the lakes are treacherous. The ice may look solid enough, but it is deceiving. The months of November, December and March are the worst because of the fluctuations in temperature. Oakland County Sheriff Johannes P. Soren would like to warn parents to keep their children off the ice until it is safe, and offers some hints for ice safety.

- Ice should be at least three inches thick for skating.
- Ice should be at least six inches thick for snowmobiling.
- Parents should always insist their children tell them when they are going on the ice.
- Children should always advise their parents where they are going to play on the ice.

ice and should check the ice thickness in more than one spot.
 • Parents should not take the ice thickness lightly and check it from time to time.
 • Remember, the more weight on the ice, the thicker it must be.
 • An early snow acts as an insulator and keeps ice from freezing.
 • If you go on the ice, you should use the buddy system.
 • If you have a location on the ice to be used for skating and sports, it is a good idea to have some safety equipment on the scene. Mats for safety include a 1912 foot ladder, a length of rope and a canoe or small boat.
 • When someone falls through the ice and you go to their aid, do not let more than two people go near the hole. You should crawl to the hole to spread your weight out evenly on the ice.

Michigan is fair tax state

Michigan ranks 23th in the nation in terms of the total state and local tax burden, but it ranks the nation in tax revenue figures.
 A recent census bureau report shows that the combined state and local tax burden in Michigan last year was \$116.65 per \$100 of personal income. That put Michigan in a virtual tie with Pennsylvania (\$116.75) and Delaware (\$116.50), but well below the national average of \$122.48 for all 50 states during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

and state-financed property tax relief for renters.
 On the one hand, the ACRS study shows that Michigan is better than the majority of states in terms of having a fair and equitable tax structure, said Gov. William Milliken. And on the other hand, the census bureau shows us to be right in the middle on another important scale—the level of tax effort.
 Both of these reports should help put to rest the myth that Michigan is a high-tax state.

WSU to honor OCC's Hill

Dr. Joseph E. Hill, president of Oakland Community College, will be among six alumni to be honored by Wayne State University at Dec. 7 commencement exercises.
 The six will receive distinguished service awards in ceremonies that began at 8:30 p.m. in Cobo Hall. Some 2,500 graduates will receive degrees.
 Received the awards will be:
 Dr. Hill, a 1937 graduate and former associate dean of graduate studies at WSU; James Frazier, a 1963 graduate and past president of the Philadelphia Orchestra; William A. B. Book, painter and administrator of the Detroit Institute of Arts; Kathleen Landre, a 1934 graduate and retired director of radio and television, Detroit Public Schools; and Mr. J. J. Raynor, a 1943 graduate and former member of Detroit Common Council and professor of sociology at WSU.

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Oakland wave pool a success

There is no ocean in Oakland County, but the WatersideMax pool outside Pontiac on Scott Lake Road boasted six feet swells and three-foot waves last summer. It drew 329 persons a day over the 61 days it operated in its first season.
 The \$1.3 million specially designed pool is one of only three pools in the United States that simulates ocean wave action. It is also the largest municipal wave pool in the United States, accommodating 600 swimmers.
 Eric Beckel, Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission director, explained that part of the reason the pool is so popular, even on cloudy days, is that the waves create constant action.
 At a normal pool, most of the people spend their time relaxing on the deck instead of swimming. At the wave action pool, however, almost everyone is in the water playing in the waves. Our pool gives them something to do, he said.

Music teachers hear pianist on anniversary

Members of the Oakland Music Teachers' Chapter of the National Guild of Piano Teachers observed the organization's 12th anniversary Nov. 12 with a program by Diane Walsh, pianist in residence with the Warren Symphony.
 Music teachers from the Birmingham Bloomfield area who attended the program were Louise Anzures, Roger W. Jamison, Alice Kuntz, Sara Raymond, Helen Schmitz and Margaret Wernick, all of Birmingham.
 Also present were Rose McGregran and Margaret Sedler of Bloomfield Hills and Arlene Wall and Beth Weingarten of West Bloomfield.
 The program was held at the Royal Oak Women's Club.

Bus rides a bargain

The Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority has reduced rates for the holiday shopping season affecting SEMTA bus rides between 34 shopping locations.
 Shoppers may ride to any of the areas for 25 cents. Previously, there was a base charge of 45 cents and rates could range up to \$1.25.
 The special rate reduction will be in effect through Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays. Transfers will be free and children age six and under will continue to ride free.

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