

# Move to boondocks can be mistake

By LEM MESESE  
If, during your trips up north to canoe, fish and hunt, you have ever thought about leaving the metropolitan area for the more serene rural life, you may be making a big, big mistake.

So says Dr. Margaret Bubolz, professor of family and child sciences at Michigan State University. Many outdoorsmen who have also been around awhile will tell you the same thing.

The good professor conclude in a study of Ontonagon County in the Upper Peninsula, that both natives and those who are relocating can rub each other the wrong way in a "population turnaround."

All too often, people who move from a metropolitan area to the boondocks are not really prepared for the drastic change in lifestyle.

The expectations of people moving from the city to the country are frequently too high, Dr. Bubolz wrote. Job opportunities are limited or nonexistent and many rural communities have little in the way of entertainment or medical facilities.

Dr. Bubolz also concluded that many times, natives resent outsiders coming in and perhaps speculating in land, pressing for zoning changes or the younger, unattached element taking fraudulent advantage of welfare regulations.

Native of rural communities can be provincial, too.

On top of all those potential difficulties, increased growth of rural areas can put a drain on the local ecology. "The nature of the land in the region (with too much migration to



Ontonagon County) creates water shortages and sewage disposal problems," said Dr. Bubolz.

I KNOW THAT it's good to get away from it all for a couple of days or a week up north, but I also know that a life of rural leisure is not for most city folks.

One of my fishing buddies, Dan, in a bit of a depression once with regard to the work-a-day world, decided to chuck it all and move up north where the pace would be slower.

He found what he thought was a perfect spot on a lake near good trout streams and hunting fields.

It turned out that he quickly tired of fishing and hunting when that's about all he had to do every day because he didn't have a regular, full-time job.

The kids were upset because they didn't have to play with and the wife was unhappy because the family finances were draining. The

neighbors didn't seem neighborly and Dan and the kids were always under foot.

Luckily, they had rented rather than sold their home in the city and made the move back, poorer, but much the wiser—and happier.

I guess the moral is not to confuse the pleasure of a vacation with how you would feel living in a rural area all year around. The grass may be greener on the other side, but greener grass must be mowed, too.

A COUPLE OF spring activities are coming up at the Metroparks.

A "canoe-in" along the Huron River will start off 1 p.m. Saturday from the Big Bend Picnic Area at Willow Metropark and end at the nature center of nearby Oakwoods Metropark near Flat Rock.

Naturalist Bob Wittersheim will guide. Participants must have their own canoes. Transportation will be provided back to the point of origin.

## Girls' track listing planned

Listings of outstanding track and field performances by high school girls in the area, compiled by coach Mark Timmins of Farmington Harrison High School, will appear in the Observer & Eccentric's sports sections, beginning soon.

Coaches with times and distances to report should call Timmins at 476-2889 from 7-9 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

One of the best ways to get to Willow is take I-275 south, exit and go east on Will Carleton Rd., turn left on Romine Rd., then turn left on Willow Rd.

For more specific information, contact the nature center at Oakwoods, 782-1255.

A WILDFLOWER WALK, conducted by Glenn Dent, part naturalist at Oakwoods, is on the schedule for 2 p.m. Sunday at Oakwoods.

To get to Oakwoods, follow the same route as for Willow Metropark except turn right on Willow Rd.

As always, a vehicle entry permit, \$5 for a year, \$1 for a day, is necessary to enter any of the Metroparks.

## Southfield to sell soccer tickets for Express game

Tickets for the Detroit Express home opener on Sunday at the Pontiac Silverdome may be purchased in advance at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen.

Tickets purchased in Southfield are priced at \$6 for adults and \$3 for children younger than 16, and will be for seats in Section 116 in the Silverdome's lower level. The Parks and Recreation Department Building is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Saturday.

The Detroit Express will play the Tampa Bay Rowdies in Sunday's home opener. It'll be Youth Soccer Day at the Silverdome.

## save energy

Most ovens do not need to be preheated as long as your recipe may indicate. The oven in your electric range can be turned off about ten minutes before the food is done; the residual heat will finish the job.



You don't have to live with an **OBSELETE KITCHEN** ANY LONGER!

Let us show you how there can be a new kitchen in your price range. Experts in minor or complete kitchen remodeling.

**CREATIVE CABINETS**  
20440 Schoolcraft, Detroit • 534-8750

## NURSERY

COMPLETE GARDEN CENTER  
QUALITY NURSERY STOCK  
DESIGNING AND PLANTING

The finishing touch to a fine home is a unique landscape. Plymouth Nursery can help you achieve the best effect for your home. Our designers draw scaled landscape plans at no charge when you buy your plants from us - just bring in your site survey or lot dimensions and photos, designers will do the rest. For the professional touch at everyday low prices come to Plymouth Nursery.

For Example:

THIS IS A 45' BI-LEVEL ON A 60' LOT WITH THE FOLLOWING PLANT MATERIALS

EACH			
3 Cistena Plum.....	10.95	2 Hicks Yew .....	18.95
3 Procumbens Juniper.....	8.95	1 Sweetgum.....	15.00
1 Mahonia.....	15.95	1 Kwansan Cherry.....	20.95
3 Dwarf Cranberry.....		20 Plants	Subtotal \$234.05
2 Cranberry Coloneaster.....	5.95	Tax	9.36
4 Emerald n Gold Euonymus.....	12.95		Total \$243.41

8800 ANN ARBOR - PLYMOUTH RD. (M14)

7 MILES EAST OF U.S. 23, 5 MILES WEST OF SHELDON

OPEN DAILY 9 - 6  
SUNDAY 10 - 6

ph. 453-5500

## How to get your news in the paper

When you submit information for an article in Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, keep in mind the following pointers. By heeding these recommendations, you will save delays and avoid errors.

• Be certain you give us complete information. It's better to submit too much information than too little.

• When an individual's name is to be used in an article, be sure to give us the first and last name. For instance, you and the members of your church may know that Rev. Smith's first name is John, but our other readers may not.

• Be certain that the information is readable. Illegible information is the prime cause of errors in any newspaper.

• Be sure to include your own name and phone number. If you have accidentally omitted information or if we cannot read your writing, we will have a means of checking.

• A sharp black-and-white photograph is best, but even color photos will work if they are in focus and have good contrast.

### Greenview

## Get it while it lasts!

And the green will last and last and last... 6 to 8 weeks.

We guarantee it!

This year, give your lawn what it really needs... Green Power. It's high in nitrogen to green and thicken your lawn now, and the controlled-release, 30-4-4 formula keeps on feeding for 6 to 8 weeks. Apply it any time, even when seeding.

**WEEKEND SPECIAL!**

NEW bigger bag means bigger savings!

**\$1988**

20,000 sq. ft. suburban size  
Reg. \$24.95

*Harold Thomas*

**NURSERY**

14925 MIDDLEBELT RD.  
SOUTHFIELD 421-2888

Quick Greening  
Extended Feeding

April

## INSULATION

Special

**\$279**

per 1000 sq. ft. ceiling  
or blown ceilings  
FREE ESTIMATES

478-6046 • 227-4839

Jones Insulation Supplies

### GARAGE DOOR OPERATORS

*Genie* 450

\$175.00 installed

CRYPTAR II DIGITAL CONTROLS \$10.00 extra  
1 Year Warranty - Any Suburb

ALLIANCE AUTOMATIC DOOR CO.  
358-3833 SOUTHFIELD

A FULLY INSTALLED  
STRUCTURAL POLYMER  
INGROUND POOL

**\$1995**

This TOTALLY Non-Corrosive Pool comes COMPLETE with FILTER & ACCESSORIES!

Imagine! An inground pool completely installed for less than half the price you would normally pay! How is this possible? Because of new superior Structural Polymer, which will not rust, rot or corrode. Introduced and developed by PACIFIC—one of the nation's oldest and largest swimming pool manufacturers.

**DON'T WAIT**  
EARLY INSTALLATION TIMES GOING FAST

Convenient Bank Financing Available

28875 Joy Road  
(bet. Middlebelt & Inkster)  
Westland 425-8830

Open Mon.-Sat. 10-9 Sunday 12-5

## KEEP UP WITH A FAST MOVING SPORTSWORLD

# NEWSRADIO 95

## WWJ/CBS IN DETROIT

It's the most measured sports and weather station in the state as far as accuracy goes on the network.

You can keep up with the standings, injuries and action on NEWSRADIO 95. We'll keep you up to date on the latest sports news, and the CBS Radio Network will keep you up to date on the latest sports news.

For a complete sports and weather report on the sports and weather station, call the national sports news and features station, the CBS Radio Network.

For more information on the sports and weather station, call the national sports news and features station, the CBS Radio Network.

## CLOSE-OUT SALE

### PLY-GEM PANELING

- BLACKTHORNE HICKORY • OLD BARNSIDE
- RANCH HOUSE KNOTTY CEDAR
- APPLE JACK HICKORY
- RUSTIC BRIARWOOD

**\$700**

48 x 96 - AS LONG AS STOCK LASTS Each

### LIQUID NAILS 6-PAK

Adhesive

**\$670**

Reg. \$1.49 ea. Save 25%

### PECKY CEDAR

1 x 8 26' Lin. Ft.
1 x 10 33' Lin. Ft.
1 x 12 39' Lin. Ft.

### ABITIBI

BATHE IN BEAUTY

TUB SURROUND  
INSTALL YOURSELF  
QUICKLY & EASILY  
WITH SIMPLE TOOLS

—REG. \$59.95

Snow White  
True Blue  
**\$49.95**

### 2 x 4 Econo Precuts .69¢ ea.

ALL PRICES ARE CASH-N-CARRY

WALLED LAKE: MON-FRI. 8-6, SAT. 8-5, SUN. 10-3  
HOWELL: MON-FRI 8-5 SAT 8-2

## HAGGERTY LUMBER & SUPPLY CO.

2055 HAGGERTY, WALLED LAKE, (313) 624-4551 OR 356-6166  
227 N. BARNARD, HOWELL, (517) 545-9320