

"I suppose you have your pool closed so you've missed all this nice weather," my friend commented as we discussed the unusually warm end of September. She doesn't know our family as well as she thought she did. Put the wraps on our favorite toy before it's absolutely necessary. Not hardly.

On the contrary, I wish to report that we never missed a day of fun swimming either during cool August or as warm September wended its way into history.

That, after all, was our reason for seeking out a house with swimming facilities.

All our clan, but especially the man of our house and I, are pretty eccentric when it comes to swimming. We never could see the reason for

not enjoying the bracing qualities of northern waters, particularly Lake Superior, just because the water temperature was a mile nippy.

We also prefer to swim by the thermometer instead of the calendar. We've spent many a warm May or September afternoon practically alone on the beach of a nearby lake wondering why people think you can go swimming only between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

It was that notion that swimming is strictly a middle of the summer day pastime that eventually made us a bit disenchanted with the swimming club to which we belonged for more than a decade.

It was fine when the girls were young and I spent my time shepherding them. We could go over there for a lot

of pleasurable afternoons. But as they turned to teens they were less interested and their parents became the main club users. Only I couldn't swim early in the morning as I liked to do because team practice was in session, and my husband couldn't swim in the late morning before work because lessons were being given then.

Thus the decision to go for our own pool. I realized while looking at the very first house in our search that we might be considered a bit strange in our quest.

Our youngest daughter and I were giving the house the once-over, and as I looked at the kitchen I heard the seller asking her if she was on her school's swimming team. It took us both a moment to figure out the seemingly strange question. Then I told him no, it



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was the elders of the family who wanted the pool.

It definitely was a good investment, we've decided. On hot summer days, of course. But just as much so on a coolish day when the slightly warmed water feels so good you just want to stay there forever.

Winter will get to us, I suppose, and we'll have to put away our playing for some long, icy months. But not yet. Not yet.

Vitale to address sports fans at OCC

The Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College is sponsoring a pro-sport lecture series featuring representatives from each of the Detroit area professional sport teams.

Dick Vitale, head coach of the Detroit Pistons basketball club, will be the featured speaker on Monday, Oct. 8. The provocative often controversial Vitale will give his assessment of the coming NBA championship season and

the re-Vitalized Pistons.

Vitale's lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of H Building.

Admission to each pro-sport lecture is 50 cents for high school or registered

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