

outdoors

Look for better access to Proud Lake area

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It will be easier next year to get to the Proud Lake State Recreation Area north of Wixom.

The Oakland County Road Commission let a contract for relocation and paving of Gargery Road between Wixom and Beaverton roads, an important east-west access route to the popular camping, canoeing and fishing area.

Commerce Township had sought the paving for years and had even voted millage for it. The stumbling block, however, was the existing road's

proximity to a quaking bog in the recreation area. Relocation of the road was made possible by a grant of land from the state Department of Natural Resources.

Construction will start by mid-July and be completed by winter. Low bidder a Ben P. Fyke and Sons, Berkley, at \$575,000. The road commission will pay the first \$272,000 and the township the remainder.

LOTUS AND Maceday lakes are producing fair catches of bluegills and crappies in 4-6 feet of water, says the DNR. Most anglers are using worms.

Crappies are abundant in Lake Six-

teen, Lakeville and Pontiac lakes. Bass are hitting on Lakeville (worms) and Maceday (minnows).

An eight-pound northern pike was taken at Maceday Lake.

NATURE programs coming up at Kensington Metropark near Brighton: • "Natural Signs and Sounds" at 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 26. Naturalist Mark Szabo will show 30 minutes of slides and lead a stroll along the trails. Call the park office at 685-1561 to pre-register.

• "Nature by Bike" at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 28. Bring your own bike for this 90-minute tour. Call to pre-register.

The programs are free, but there is a vehicle entry permit of \$2 for the day or \$7 for the year.

THE WAVE-ACTION pool at Waterford-Oak County Park west of Pontiac has a new solar heating system.

Park Supervisor Tom Jackson can't gauge the money savings for heating the pool and shower water yet, but he sees a reduction in hot water usage.

Reynold Hendrickson, president of Star Pak Solar Systems in Novi, installers of the system, estimated a 75 percent savings. The \$17,000 installation cost should be recovered in three years, he said.

Keep homes secure vacation days, warns AAA

Burglars were "welcomed" into Michigan homes through unlocked doors and windows 49,000 times last year, and they could be uninvited guests again this summer unless homeowners take adequate precautions, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"As we enter the primary vacation season, homeowners should assess their security measures and upgrade them if necessary before they depart on a trip," says Peter Erickson, underwriting manager responsible for the Auto Club's Homeowners' Insurance program.

State police records show there were 98,722 home burglaries last year in Michigan.

Auto Club urges citizens to mark their driver's license numbers on valu-

ables so that stolen property can easily be traced to the owner by police in any part of the country.

Operation Identification kits can be borrowed from police agencies and civic groups. AAA members can obtain the kits free from Auto Club offices.

HOMEOWNERS ARE advised to take the following precautions before going on vacation:

- Have mail held at the post office or removed from the mailbox daily by a friend or neighbor.
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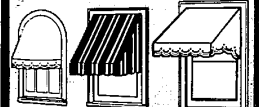
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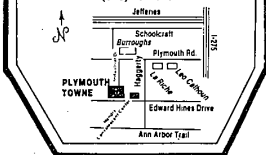
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Lv Royal Oak-12 Mile	4:16	5:01	5:23	5:44	6:11
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