

Dangerous beauty

New Year's ice storm sends icy fingers through area



The noonday sun fails to add much warmth to the icy scene in this field off 13 Mile between Halsted and Haggerty roads.

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Bob Powers is a Detroit Edison lineman who can appreciate the beauty in an ice storm — even if it has caused him a few long, cold and dangerous days.

"It's pretty if that's any consolation," said Powers last Thursday morning while studying the best way to handle a downed power line in the back yard of a house on Green Acres in Farmington Hills.

An ice-laden tree limb had fallen, snapping the wire and leaving it live and deadly on the frost-covered lawn.

"It's a beautiful scene up north, up around Clarkston," Powers said. "When we bring in a circuit and all the lights start coming on and the ice is shining, yeah, it's real pretty."

The Farmington area was in what Powers called "the lower part of the

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ice storm" which last Monday and Tuesday raged throughout southern Michigan, leaving 250,000 homes and businesses without electricity.

Oakland County was especially hard hit with 34,000 Edison customers still without power as of Thursday morning, according to an Edison spokesperson. The northern part of the county was "just devastated," the spokesperson added.

At week's end, many trees, road signs and utility poles still wore a thick

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Ice covers trees and utility poles throughout most of the northern part of Farmington Hills.



Detroit Edison's Bob Powers holds a live electric wire which came down with an ice-laden tree branch in a Farmington Hills back yard.

INSIDE ANGLES

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ARMY PVT. PRAETHER COOPER III, son of Praether Cooper Sr. of Farmington Hills and Charlene Cooper of Ellington, Conn., has completed basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. During the training, he received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

JENNIFER ENGLE, Cathie Harris and Janice Lim from Farmington Hills and 1982 graduates of North Farmington High School and juniors at Michigan State University have been inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society. They are life members in recognition of scholastic achievement and excellence and are granted all the honors and privileges pertaining to the society at MSU.

Opera workshop for teachers

Madonna College will be the site of an opera workshop designed for people who work with handicapped students.

Sponsored by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts, the one-day workshop, Overture to the Opera, will be Saturday, Jan. 19.

The goal and activities of the workshop will be related to teachers, volunteers and others who work with handicapped students.

For more information or to register, call the Madonna Office of Continuing Education at 921-5188.

CHILDREN OF THE FAMILY Learning Hour of Hope Lutheran Church were taken to Mayberry State Park Petting Farm, dressed in costumes of characters in the Christmas story. Slides were taken at various places on the farm, some with animals, depicting the entire Biblical account of the Nativity and even a baby from the congregation. These slides were shown in a program during the Sunday morning worship. Young people of the Junior High Class, and their teacher, Bill Douglass, read the narration. Pictures were taken and the slide presentation prepared by Larry Davis.

THE OAKLAND GOLF DOME at Red Oaks County Park is open all winter so that golfers can improve their swing for spring. The cocon-shaped, air-supported structure, located on John R in Madison Heights, offers 39 tees for driving practice. The Golf Dome is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. for golfers. The cost for 30 minutes of driving practice is \$6. There are special rates for women, senior citizens and students. At 9:30 p.m., the dome is transformed into an indoor ball field for several softball leagues. For more information, call the Oakland Golf Dome, 548-1857.

CPL. BRADLY SPENCER, son of Thomas Naudas of Farmington Hills and a 1983 graduate of Clarenceville High School, has deployed to take part in Michinoku '84, a joint training exercise with the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force in the Doji training area near Sendai, Japan. Spencer is an infantryman with the 7th Infantry Division, Fort Ord, Calif.

SENIOR CITIZENS will not be left out in

CHRISTINE CUMMINS, Timothy Fox, Stacy Kubler and Maureen O'Connor have been named to the dean's list for the fall term at Northwood Institute. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

the cold this winter. They will be able to participate in cross country ski clinics at Glen Oaks Golf Course Tuesday and White Lake Oaks Golf Course Wednesday, Jan. 16. Hosted by the Farmington Hills and Oakland County Parks and Recreation Departments, the clinics include a movie; a lecture on equipment, dress and technique; and a ski lesson/tour. Two sessions are offered at both locations from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Participants must pre-register. Cost is \$3 per person. Glen Oaks Golf Course is on 13 Mile, between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt Road. White Lake Oaks Golf Course is on South Williams Lake Road, just south of M-59 near Pontiac. For more information, call 858-4948.

THE SECOND ANNUAL Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport and RV Show has been announced for Wednesday, Jan. 16, through Sunday, Jan. 20. Produced by the Show Michigan Corp., which has been staging similar shows in Grand Rapids for the past 39 years, the show will again be Michigan's largest such event. General admission to all displays, special shows, lectures and presentations will be \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 6-12, and kids age 5 and under will be admitted free.

LARRY V. MOORE, has been promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer of ASC Inc. A 20-year veteran of the Ford Motor Co., he most recently served as director of Ford's Corporate Product Quality Office. Moore was graduated from the University of Kansas with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He also holds a master of business administration degree in marketing from Michigan State University.

PFC. TIMOTHY PARKER, son of Robert and Arlene Parker of Farmington and a 1983 graduate of Farmington High School, has completed a petroleum storage specialist course at the U.S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va.

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