

Addison Oaks lakes named for Buhl, Adams

The two lakes at Addison Oaks County Park near Oxford will sport new names in 1987. Names were chosen by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission from nearly 250 entries received to a summer-long contest.

BUHL LAKE, submitted by William Boggis of Lake Orion, was the name selected for the larger, "boat-lake." Almost all buildings of historical significance there were built by the late Detroit industrialist, Lawrence D. Buhl, in 1927. Buhl consolidated several properties into the larger tract of land acquired to become Addison Oaks. Adams Lake was chosen as the name for the smaller, "swimming" lake on the east side of the existing historical buildings. The entry, named after the late Milton P. Adams, was submitted by

William Adams of Royal Oak. Milton Adams for 44 years devoted himself to the preservation of water quality, resulting in the availability of a suitable watershed for recreation use throughout Michigan, including the Addison Oaks lakes.

FIRST PLACE winners will receive a 1987 Summer Fun Passbook, seven days of free camping and a 1987 vehicle pass. Second place winners — Jan Seidell and Howland Fisk, both of Rochester — will receive a Summer Fun Passbook, annual vehicle pass and four days of free camping. Third place entrants — Rosalind Ziegler of West Bloomfield and Jane Wright of Royal Oak — win a Summer Fun Passbook, annual vehicle pass and two days of free camping. Both names will be submitted to the Department of the Interior Board on Geographic Names.

County park fees up for '87

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission adopted a budget of nearly \$8 million for 1987. Some fees will be increased. The operating budget for 1987 is \$6.1 million, and \$1.7 million is available for capital projects. "With the Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights ready to open this summer, the commission will direct its efforts toward new projects," said Lewis E. Wint, chairman of the parks commission.

PARKS MANAGER Ralph Richard said some parks fees will rise in 1987. "In comparing market rates and surveying other leisure activities, we recommended increases for the wave pools, camping and golf," said Richard. Daily permits at Groveland Oaks near Holly, Addison Oaks near Oxford, and Independence Oaks in Clarkston, will increase from \$2.50 per car for residents to \$3. Non-residents will pay \$5 per car, up from \$4.50.

Admission to the Waterford Oaks Wave Pool and Red Oaks Waterpark will be \$5 (from \$4) including use of the waterlides at both facilities. Fees for modern campsites at Groveland Oaks near Holly and Addison Oaks north of Rochester will rise from \$7 to \$10 for Oakland County residents (\$12.50 for non-residents) and will include concrete pad, water and electricity. Golf greens fees for Oakland County residents at Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills, White Lake Oaks near Pontiac, and Springfield Oaks in Davisburg will rise from \$5.50 to \$7.75 for nine holes and from \$9 to \$9.50 for 18 holes. Some \$3.6 million will come from fees and charges. Nearly \$4.4 million will be generated from a 0.25 mill property tax for county parks (25 cents per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation) plus interest on investments.

MAJOR CAPITAL projects in 1987 include: • A master plan for Orion Oaks,

an undeveloped 927-acre park in Orion Township. • Fencing of the 145-acre Waterford Oaks in Waterford Township. • Major electrical rewiring of the conference center and expansion of cross-country ski trails (including a two mile lighted trail) at Addison Oaks, north of Rochester. • 48 new campsites at Groveland Oaks near Holly with matching state grant funds. • Plans for a new beach concession and shower building to be constructed in 1988 at Groveland Oaks.

• A paved pathway providing handicapped accessibility to the Twin Chimneys Shelter at Independence Oaks near Clarkston. • Cart path improvements and tee markers for the golf courses including Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills, Springfield Oaks in Davisburg, White Lake Oaks near Pontiac, and Red Oaks in Madison Heights. • Construction of a parks and recreation administration office building at Waterford Oaks in Waterford Township.

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