## Manufactured houses popular in Michigan

DETROIT (AP) — More Michigan residents are calling manufactured housing home, but the structures don't resemble the old trailers many people still associate with the term. "People have the image that everyone who lives in a manufactured home is a bick that lives in a trailer," said Jerry take when the said the middle class. "The Michinel, who lives in a loss of the manufactured home in Romulus. "That's just not true. These are beautiful homes that are just as nice as any othera."

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The Michigan Manufactured Housing Association reported sales of 8,511 manufactured homes through October and could set a record for 1995. Pushing the change in Michigan are lower prices, better quality and the passage of Proposal A. "Sales in the manufactured housing industry have exploded in the last couple years. We can harely keep up with the demand," said Tom DeWitt, asso-

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More than half the manufactured homes in Michigan are situated in their own communities, with the rest on private lots. Depending on the community, residents pay \$200 to \$425 a month. Another factor that helped communities of manufactured housing become accepted was the passage of Proposal A, which altered school funding to diminish the importance of property taxes.

## Cathedral ceilings need planning

Having a house built is one of most exciting yet trying times in a family's life. And it's the perfect time to build in all of the beautiful design options and amenities you have always dreamed of.

One of the most popular deelgn options in houses today are cathedral cellings, and it's easy to see why. Cathedral cellings offer a dramatic appearance both inside and outside of a house. They can, however, pose some construction challenges, particularly in the area of insulation, ventilation and condensation.

If your house plans call for cathedral celling, the CertainTeed Home Institute recommends that

you discuss the following with your contractor or builder to en-sure comfortable, energy efficient construction and a beautiful exte-

construction and a beautiful exterior design.

■ High-performance fiber glass batts: Unlike standard insulation, high performance batts are designed specifically for cathedral cellings to provide greater thermal efficiency in smaller space while allowing room for ventilation. High density batts like CertainTeed's are available 84-inchthick R-30 and 10-inch-thick R-33.

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Air Space: Insist that your der the roof deck, which can minibulider leave at least some space, mize moisture problems.

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circulation between the insulation and the roof deck.

If Ventilation: The best system of centilation is a combination cave (or soffit) or continuous ridge.

This type of ventilation system allows for the movement of air under the roof deck, which can minimize moisture problems.

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For more information on cathedrai ceilings and insulation write to the CertainTeed Home Institute, P.O. Box 860, Valley Forge, PA 19482 or call 1-800-182-8177 and ask for the "How To Insulate Cathedral Cellings" brochure.





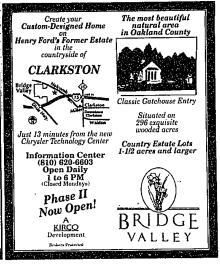
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