

Make Way--There's Outdoor Living Ahead!



William Neudt of Livonia and his family are avid outdoor campers. His daughter also goes on camps with the girl scouts, his two sons are involved with softball.

Jean Daniels and her daughters, Michele, 5, and Kristin, 2, spend their time outdoors going on picnics, to the zoo and to Bob-Lo. "We enjoy doing things around the city," Mrs. Daniels said. The Daniels live in Livonia.



"Go 'up north for a week" is what Tim Backiel, 9, can not wait to do. "Go fishing," echoed his seven-year-old brother Terry. Mrs. Backiel was all for "just relaxing outdoors." The Backiels make their home in Plymouth.

Outdoor living means different things to different people.

To the senior citizen, it is a warm hazy day perfect for reading the newspaper on a patio lounge chair. To the middle-age homeowner it is a chance to have his neighbors over for a backyard barbecue. To the young marrieds, it is a picnic at the park.

For children, old and young, it is no more television—except on a rainy day or an occasional Tiger ball game—but tree climbing, Little League, hiking or fun on a backyard swing set or—at the school playground.

Outdoor living turns your patio or porch into the most used room in your house. It is spending time weeding the garden or spraying roses, rather than cleaning the basement or straightening the pantry.

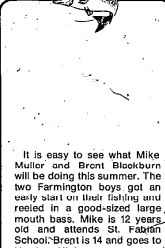
It is quick meals cooked on your outdoor barbecue, and eaten on your picnic table, instead of longer, more involved home made soups or pot roast-type dinners eaten under more formal conditions.

Outdoor living means getting to know your neighbors better, especially when you are mowing your lawns back to back. It is leisurely walks around the block and going out for ice cream late at night.

Just wander around Observerland on a sunny spring day and you'll get a taste of the outdoor living ahead.



Mrs. Jack Macey of Livonia, and her 16-year-old daughter Michelle practice golf in their front yard. Golf, tennis and boating will fully occupy their leisure time this summer -- "You'd better believe it," Mrs. Macey said.



It is easy to see what Mike Muller and Brent Blackburn will be doing this summer. The two Farmington boys got an early start on their fishing and reeled in a good-sized large-mouth bass. Mike is 12 years old and attends St. Fabian School; Brent is 14 and goes to Harrison High.



Charles McDonald, of Redford, will spend a few weeks tent camping with a group of friends. "We have gone up to a state park near Traversa City for the past three years," Charles reported. "A bunch of guys, a caravan of cars and we go."



Gary Cohen, of Farmington, now that the weather promises long sunny days. He also plans outings with his one-year-old daughter "probably to the local sand box."

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