

Spring, Kids And Animals

One of suburbia's charms is that it's part city, partly country. It's a great place for kids to grow up, and it's a great place for adults to feel rejuvenated in spring when the baby animals are born.

Fran Evert, our Farmington photographer, visited several farms in the area, only a short hop from subdivisions and stores and high schools.

One was the farm of Bill Clark on 14 Mile between Halstead and Haggerty. A member of the Farmington Township mounted police auxiliary, Clark raises a variety of thoroughbreds and standard-breds.

The other was the 17-acre farm of Robert Drury on 13 Mile between Haggerty and Halstead. A plumber who has seven children, Drury raises prize Hampshire sheep, several dogs to guard them, a couple of goats and some baby pigs.



JULIA CLARK gets a kiss from Rascal, a Welsh pony, one of a variety of horses on the family's 14 Mile Road farm.



MOTHER ROBIN lands on nest to feed babies, whose upturned beaks are barely visible. Mrs. Evert shot this photo near her home a few days before a cat got to the young robins.



LUNCH BREAK is taken by this spindly-legged foal, a thoroughbred who will one day be able to skim over long distances with grace and speed. Scene is the Clark farm.



ORPHANED PIG is fed from a bottle by Tom Drury on their 13 Mile Road farm.

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ROBERT DRURY, a North Farmington High School student, is proud of his ram, one of a flock of 100 Hampshire sheep his father began raising 10 years ago. This spring, the Drurys had a crop of 50 lambs. Hampshire fleeces are about an inch long.