

Water slide needs a name

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring a contest to name its new water slide at Waterford Oaks County Park.

The person submitting the winning slide name will receive a 1983 season pass to the water slide and wave pool. Second- and third-place winners will receive 10-day and five-day water slide and wave pool passes respectively.

Names for the water slide can describe its structure, the ride provided by the slide or the area in which it is located.

Beginning at the 31-foot water slide loading platform, riders on plastic mats are swept through 340 feet of loops and turns down two fiberglass flumes ending in a four-foot splash-down pool.

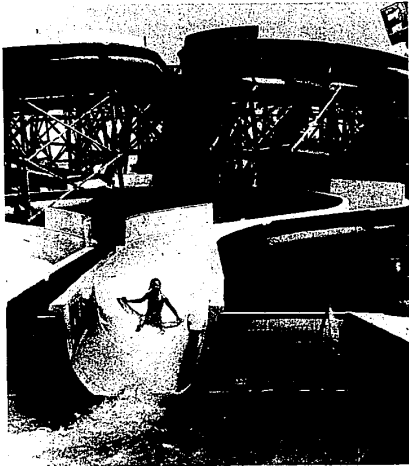
A walkway connects the water slide and the wave-action-pool. Three-foot, ocean-like waves are mechanically simulated in the wave pool.

Winners for the "Name the Water Slide Contest" will be selected on the basis of the suitability of the name, creativity, originality, description and the general appeal of the name.

Entry forms are available at the Waterford Oaks Wave Pool entrance and the water slide booth or by writing to Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Pontiac 48054. The phone number is 858-0905.

Deadline for contest entries is July 31. The contest is open to persons of all ages, and contestants may submit an unlimited number of entries. Daily water slide and pool hours are from 11 a.m. to dusk.

Water slide fees are \$3.50 for an all-day pass or 50 cents per ride. A twilight rate of \$2 is available after 6 p.m. All fees are in addition to wave pool fees.



Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission already has dedicated its new water slide at Waterford Oaks County Park, but the slide is still without a name. Passes to the water slide and accompanying wave pool are waiting to be picked up by the winners of the "Name the Water Slide Contest."

The water slide is located behind the wave-pool on Scott Lake Road between Pontiac Lake Road and Dixie Highway in Pontiac.



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Margaret Miller

Stepping out into life

Two telephone calls, not very far apart in time. The first from just a short distance away. "You'll be interested to know," said Katie's mother when I lifted the receiver, "that your granddaughter has just taken her first steps alone!" The other call from across several thousand miles. "You'll be interested to know," said the familiar voice of our youngest over that line, "that you're going to be marrying off another daughter!"

EARTH-SHAKING announcements, both of them. Of course we needed to know more. Katie was so little, not yet 10 months. How had she done it? "She was standing up and seemed so steady that I took away my hands and then backed up," explained her mother. "She looked kind of surprised and then walked over to me." Our Air Force daughter was so young, not yet 21, and in Alaska only

six months. How could she be so sure? "We've been good friends since I got here," she explained. "I know this is right — I want you to be as happy as I am."

We visited Katie to see her walk. She obliged by stepping unsteadily toward us with triumphant smile and eyes absolutely glowing.

We talked to the young man who will be our son-in-law, heard about his family, his work, his dreams. We couldn't see his eyes, but the love was in his voice.

KATIE'S MOTHER is using a new word to describe her tiny one. "She's a toddler, now instead of a baby," she says. We need some new words too when we think of our "baby." Words like adult, grown-up, wife.

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COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN'S TELEVISION (CCT) has elected Tina Winn chairwoman and Cindy Carney vice chairwoman.

The Birmingham-based, non-profit organization is dedicated to promoting quality television programming and advertising for children. CCT was formed eight years ago in response to community concern about the effects of the programming and advertising on children. The group seeks both to educate parents and children regarding TV

viewing and to present constructive alternatives to viewing. Inquiries will be taken by contacting CCT director Elaine Saum, 642-7919. REMS (Recreation and Education for Multiple Sclerosis) meets at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 18 in St. Kenneth Church, Haggerty Road, north of Five Mile Road. The meeting is open to all persons interested in planning recreational and educational events and opportunities for those with multiple sclerosis. PIONEER WOMEN-NAMAT

Shoshani chapter, meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 19 in the home of Amy Robbles, 3241 Old Forge Lane, Farmington. The meeting is open to guests and prospective members who are asked to contact the host at 553-8674.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

Contest highlights seniors' contributions

Time is waning in the search for Senior Citizen of the Year award winners. "Only a few weeks remain in this contest," says Kenneth E. Oettie, director of the Office of Services to the Aging (OSA), one of two co-sponsoring agencies for the awards. Deadline for receipt of applications by OSA is July 30.

"While a number of applications have been received for this award, I feel there are large numbers of older people certainly qualified in both the category of service and leadership," says Oettie.

The fact that his agency has not been overwhelmed by the number of applications received to date in no way, he says, reflects a lack of dedicated, committed, or well-deserving older Michigan residents. "We just aren't hearing about them," says Oettie.

The contest, sponsored for the past several years by OSA and the Michigan State Fair, seeks to highlight the contributions of persons 60 and over to civic and social life. By singling out those individuals who have particularly benefited their peers in the categories of leadership and service, the commission and OSA believes they will be presenting an accurate picture of today's older adults. Applications for the Senior Citizen of the Year Awards 1992 can be obtained from any of the state's 14 area agencies on aging or by writing OSA at 300 E. Michigan Ave., PO Box 30026, Lansing 48909. Only organizations, however, may submit an application.

FYA calls volunteers

Farmington Youth Assistance, a non-profit community service organization which works toward the prevention of juvenile delinquency and neglect, is seeking volunteers.

Operating through FYA sponsorship are parent education classes, preschool information, teen's summer Activity Center, family counseling and child-related speakers and workshops.

Persons interested in becoming active in Farmington Youth Assistance are welcome to call the FYA office at 476-3840 or stop by the office located in the lower level of Farmington City Hall.

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