



CARES FOR YOUNG — Jennifer Faivey, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Faivey of Livonia, takes good care of dolly while resting from visiting the many activities last week of the Farmington Founders Festival. (Photo by Fran Evert)



COUNTY GREEN — Tree-shaded and hilly is the nine-hole golf course at Springfield Oaks. Greens feel paid by golfers go toward maintenance.

Takes Course

Gregory Kent Snider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Snider, 3051 Wicklow, Farmington, was one of 102 graduates to receive the Bachelor of Arts degree from Olivet College this month.

Frost Kills

Light frosts usually kill beans, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, egg plant, okra, sweet potatoes, squashes, pumpkins, muskmelons and gourds, according to horticulturists at Michigan State University.

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Parks Need Millage Renewal

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offer a variety of recreational uses and have fresh, unpolluted water.

"Because we've concentrated on getting the land we haven't as yet had the necessary funds to work on development of the parks we have," he said. "But that is being worked out."

ONE COUNTY PARK is near 75 percent complete. This is Groveland-Oaks, 194-acres on the Dixie Highway, east of I-75. Here, in summer, some 200,000 persons pitch tents, park camp trailers, picnic and enjoy the sandy beach of spring-fed Stewart Lake.

"It's not for sale at any price," VanNatta added. "But it gives you an idea of the value placed on Addison-Oaks."

Another park that is primitive is Independence-Oaks, 337 acres. It's on Crooked Lake at the headquarters of the Clinton River. Its natural state will be preserved in development

while providing complete summer and winter sports.

Springfield-Oaks was the county's first park. Paying only \$59,175, which VanNatta estimates cost less than 7 cents per county resident, it offers a challenging 9-hole golf course, picnic area and ball park. Plans include building another 9-holes and enlarging present facilities.

ALMOST AT THE geographical center of Oakland County is Waterford-Oaks. Adjacent to the county's service center, it has a large activity center for

use of group meetings and similar gatherings. Future development will add a 9-hole golf course plus a par-3 and facilities for other sports.

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Parks Group Favors Tax

The Northwest Parks and Recreation Association recently passed a resolution supporting a proposed one-quarter mill tax for five years for the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Association's membership consists of full time public recreation and park administrators and supervisors in the Oakland County Area.

The resolution said: "We support the proposal for a one-quarter mill tax for five years for the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission."

"We offer assistance to campaign to win voter approval and help in the job coordinated planning of parks and programs."

On Carrier

William J. VanMeter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. VanMeter, of 23130 Colgate, is now in the Mediterranean, aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Saratoga.

The 14-year-old carrier will take part in Sixth Fleet operations, and conduct flight exercises.

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Guess who I woke up with this morning?

Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass.
At exactly 7:15 A.M. Which is when my clock-radio goes off every morning. Good, honest music... it's such a delightfully refreshing way to wake up every morning.

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