

### **Pontiac Road, S.E.**

- 1431 Pontiac S.E. This fanciful home is practically a castle. It was built by Jelle Hekman, a member of the legendary baking and furniture-making family. Purchased in 1990 by John and Cathy MacDonald, the house sits diagonally on the northwest corner of Pontiac Road and Iroquois Drive in Ottawa Hills. A 2-story turret frames the front door, and includes the foyer and a winding staircase. A star-shaped chandelier lights the way. Begun in 1923 on the site of the old Highlands Country Club (later the Grand Rapids Golf Club), the massive structure of 5,500 square feet took five years to complete. It includes hand-crafted interior details such as a vaulted living room, ornate curving pillars, hand-painted tiles, and leaded glass windows. (Cf. Karin Orr, "Christmas in a Castle," GRP, Sunday, December 25, 1994, p. I1-2.)
- 1550 Pontiac S.E. The Wynbeek family lived here in in 2000, when the house was on the Right to Life Christmas Tour of Homes.
- 1556 Pontiac S.E. This Southern Colonial home, built in 1939, features a traditional red brick and white pillars. The interior contains traditional lines. In 1995, it was the home of Laurence and Marian Burns.