

OUTDOORS

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Straight shooter
Lynna shooter **Katie Keleman** recorded three top-12 finishes recently at the U.S. Olympic Festival in San Antonio, Texas.
Competing for the West team, Keleman placed seventh in the Women's Air Rifle competition by scoring 487.5 points out of a possible 509. She scored 576 out of 709 points in the Women's Standard Rifle Prone competition and finished in eighth place. In the Women's Three-Position Rifle division Keleman finished in a tie for 11th with Tamie DeAngelo of Kansas City, Mo., with 560 points out of a possible 709.

BIG FISH
Nancy Dembach, of Westland, had great success on a recent fishing trip in Key West, Fla.

Fighting from the charter boat Rampage under the direction of Captain Rich Howie, Dembach landed a 20-pound barracuda on 30-pound test tackle.
Dembach received a citation from the Key West Fishing Tournament for her catch.

PARKS MAKE MONEY
Michigan state parks play a very important role in Michigan's tourism economy, according to a Department of Natural Resources report on park-spending patterns.

"The report estimates that 21 million state park visitors produced a \$260 million contribution to the state's economy in 1992," said DNR Director Roland Horner. "This is quite a return on a state investment in the park system last year of only \$7 million in general funding support."

Researchers reached the \$260 million figure by applying updated state parks data to regional economic models developed by Michigan State University's Department of Parks and Recreation. The report considered only visitor spending within 30 miles of state parks and travel to the parks.

The DNR Parks and Recreation Division is promoting greater use of state parks as year-round recreational facilities. Many of the parks and recreation areas now offer new mini-cabins and rustic cabins already for rent around the state. State parks camping is available throughout the year to hunters and anglers, and in winter, to cross-country and downhill skiers and snowmobilers.

Information on Michigan state parks is available at state parks and recreation area offices, DNR regional and district offices, and at the DNR Parks and Recreation Division offices, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, Mich., 48909; (517) 373-1270.

WARBLER POPULATION UP
Michigan's population of the endangered Kirtland's warbler is the largest in 30 years with 486 singing males reported in the 1993 Department of Natural Resources count which was completed in mid-June.

The 485 birds represents a 22-percent increase over the 1992 count and is the largest number since 502 Kirtland's warblers were counted in 1961. The numbers have increased every year since a record low of 167 in 1987.

HOME IN THE CITY
The Department of Natural Resources nongame wildlife specialists have announced that Detroit is the first city in Michigan to boast the successful natural breeding and hatching of endangered peregrine falcon chicks in its downtown area.

Although several peregrines have been released by the DNR stop flyers in Detroit and Grand Rapids, the last documented natural nesting of peregrines in Michigan was on a cliff in the Upper Peninsula during the 1950s.

A pair of adult peregrines eight-around the Book Building this spring have nested and produced two chicks, which were banded by DNR biologists for identification and monitoring.

Pop and Judy, as the chicks were nicknamed, used a recessed window well, lined with pebbles, on a ledge on the 33rd floor of the Book Building as a nesting site. Two of the four eggs laid remained unhatched and were sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for analysis.

An earlier nesting attempt by two other peregrine falcons on the Fisher Building proved unsuccessful, but the immature female peregrine is still roosting there.

FISHING FACT
At least two million anglers a year fish for more than 60 species of game fish in Michigan's 38,000 square miles of Great Lakes waters, 22,000 inland lakes and 36,000 miles of river.

DATES AND EVENTS

ARCHERY
The Terminator 3-D course, featuring two challenging 30-target courses including one which is handicapped accessible, is open for weekend practice. The course, located 25 miles west of Ann Arbor, features a variety of shots ranging in distances from 20 to 60 yards. The Terminator is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends; call (517) 622-8777 weekends or 475-2830 weekdays.

The Linden Sportsmen Club will hold a 3-D shoot beginning at noon Saturday, August 28, 629-6402 or 576-6671.

DEADLINES
Sept. 1 is the deadline to apply for Michigan's December elk hunt.

FISHING CLUB MEETINGS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School, 420-2233.

Romeo B.A.S.S. Busters meet 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Romeo Community Youth and Civic Center, 286-6469.

CLEAN UP
Huron River Clean Up begins at 9 a.m. Saturday. Volunteers are needed to help remove debris from the river from the Proud Lake State Recreation Area to Kensington Metropark. The rain date is Aug. 21. For more information and to register, call 665-8731.

SHOWS
The 16th Annual Saginaw Valley Waterfowlers Sportman Show and Clinic will be held Sunday at the I.M.A. Potter Lake Complex in Davison. The show features displays and demonstrations, the Michigan Decoy Contest, the Great Lakes Decorative Decoy Contest, state duck and goose calling championships, seminars and more. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and admission is free. (There is a \$2 parking fee.) Call 667-9769 or 669-8516 for more information.

The Woods-N-Water News Outdoor Weekend, featuring exhibitor booths, seminars, speakers, Camp Chili Cook Off, deer and turkey calling contests, a fishing pond stocked with trout, a replica world-record whitetail deer display, a celebrity muzzleloader skeet shoot, a Puppy Mart for petting and selling puppies, and much more will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10-12, at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds in Inley City (M-53 north of I-69). Admission is \$5, or \$7 for a three-day pass. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Show hours are 9-9 p.m. Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sept. 11 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 12.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

CRISPY CRITERS
A puppet show depicting the world from the bug's point of view, begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY
The Center for Wildlife Information will present a slide program which reminds us of what we need to do to preserve the natural world. The presentation begins at 8:30 p.m. Sunday at Independence Oaks.

MARVELOUS MEADOW
Participants will explore the meadows in the park in this program which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at Independence Oaks.

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all Oakland County Parks programs, 625-6473.

METROPARKS

FRIDAY NIGHT CANOE
Families and individuals will help paddle the 34-foot Voyageur Canoe in this program which begins at 8 p.m. Friday at Stony Creek.

STORIES AND S'MORES
An evening family campfire program including Indian stories, songs and marshmallow s'mores, begins at 8 p.m. Friday at Indian Springs.

PUPPET SHOWS
A puppet show and other activities about Michigan mammals, begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

STAR PROGRAM
Volunteers from the Warren Astronomical Society will instruct participants on the use of telescopes to view stars and constellations in this program which begins at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS
Participants will use field guides and binoculars on the trail to identify birds in this program which begins at 10 a.m. Sunday at Kensington.

NATURE'S RECYCLERS
A naturalist-led hike in which participants will discuss the 3R's of nature — reduce, reuse, recycle — begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
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