outdoors

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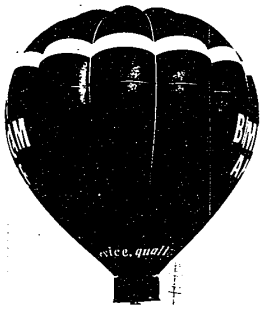
Outdoors writer

Balloons, fishing, garden inspecting, nature viewing — there's lots to do outdoors in Oakland County this Memorial Day weekend.

Addison Oaks County Park, on W. Romeo Road, Oxford, will be scene of the Highamerica Balloon Festival May 23-26.

Twenty ballonists from the Midwest will race for trophies and prizes. Most activities are 6-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m., when winds are calmest.

Festival entrance is off Lake George Road just west of the main entrance. Admission is $5 per carload.



Ground attractions will include pancake breakfasts, a bluegrass band, the county's puppet mobile and Clown Alley.

BASS SEASON opens Saturday except on the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair and Detroit River.

East of Lake Orion is a 27-acre pond called Prince Lake. The DNR folks say it's a hot spot for big bluegills.

Big 'gills and perch are coming out of Trout Lake in the Bald Mountain State Recreation Area north of Rochester.

Walleye fishing is reported spotty on the St. Clair River, improving in Lake St. Clair and good on the Detroit River. Don't take a musky until June 7.

THE COUNTY parks system this week dedicated its tennis and court games complex at Waterford Oaks park, on Scott Lake Road west of Pontiac.

It consists of eight all-weather, wind-screened tennis courts, four lighted platform tennis courts, 10 horseshoe pits and 10 shuffleboard courts. Equipment can be rented.

It's named for County Executive Daniel T. Murphy in honor of his "continued support of the countywide recreation system and his accomplishments as a tennis player," the parks commission said.

At Red Oaks park, John R and 12 Mile in Madison Heights, there's a new driving range, named in honor of State Sen. Bill S. Huffman. It has 25 elevated tees on 10 acres.

It was a bipartisan deal — Murphy is a Republican, Huffman a Democrat.

STONY CREEK Metropark near Rochester has three nature programs coming up.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday naturalist Bill Thomas will lead a "Voices of the Night" nature walk. Those who appreciate tree frogs, toads and standard frogs will like this program.

At 9 a.m. Sunday, Thomas and Julie Cerbus will teach you how to explore the natural world using senses other than sight in a program called "Common Sense."

At 8:30 p.m. May 30, Thomas will lead a nature center program called "Under the Story-telling Moon," relating tales of pioneers, trappers and Indians.

All programs are free, but register in advance by calling the nature center at 781-4621. There is a vehicle admission at the park gate.

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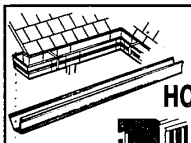

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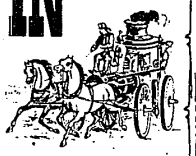

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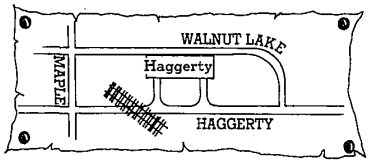

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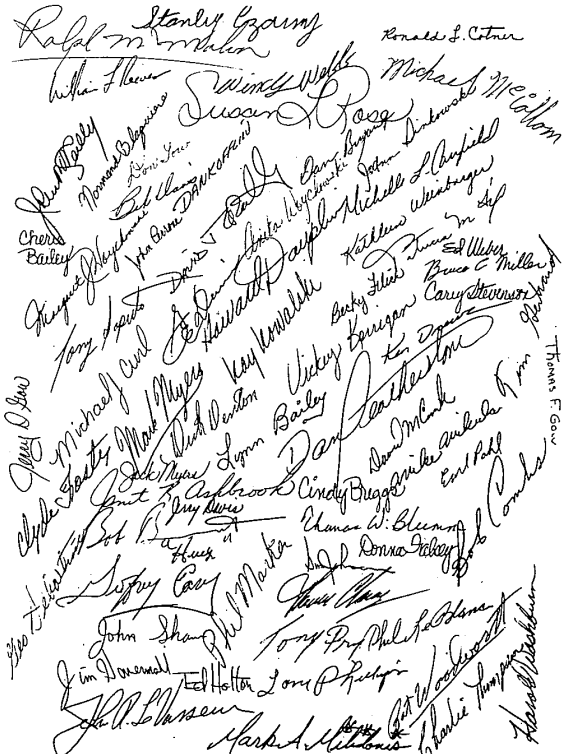
We all want to thank you for all the concern you have expressed.

By the way, our mascot, Ramona the Cat, is alive. She's in the hospital and is on her way to a speedy recovery. She thanks you also for all your calls of concern.

PLEASE COME OUT AND SEE US!



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