Zilwaukee Bridge ready in '83

Outdoors writer

Northbound travellers have seen work going on at the new Zilwaukee Bridge on 1.75 over the Saginaw River, but don't look for a new bridge until late in 1983.

That's the word from the Michigan Department of Transportation, which is in charge of the nearly \$77 million project.

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This largemouth bass is hooked exceptionally tight — otherwise it would lop easily off the hook if you lifted it without using a landing net. Outdons: columnist Lem Mesee says some of Michigan's best bass lakes are in Oakland County.

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MDOT asks shippers to avoid coming through during peak auto hours — 4-10 p.m. Friday's, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and 2-10 p.m. Sundays. Under federal law, even an interstate bridge must be opened on demand for commercial shipping, though not for a sailboat.

herical suppling. would be 450 feet northeast of the present drawbridge. It will have 12 (feet of clearance. It will be 21.00 feet long — a mile and a half. Joint contractors for the substructure are Walter Toebe Construction Co. of Wixom and Stevin Construction Co. of The Netherlands. The federal government is paying 90 percent of the cost, the state 10 percent.

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BIG BASS? You think of the north-land. But more than half the bass fish-ing in Michigan takes place in the southern lower peninsula. And Oakland County holds the record for the greatest number of large bass reported by anglers to the Department Program – 124, and mostly large-mouths, according to Bon Spitler, DNR district fisheries biologist. DNR ranks Oakland first in the state for the greatest number of lackse with 'better than average' largemouth bass' fishing. Among them: Lakeville, Prince, Orion, Stringy, Heron, Wildwod-Valley, Tipsico, Big. Oakland, Woodhull, Loon, Big Silver, Crescent, Little Silver, Cass, Pontiac, Union, Long, Orchard and Kent.

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Ox roast tickets on sale Lárgemouths are found mostly in shallow lake-edge water, in lily pad or bullrush areas, around stumps, sub-merged logs and other types of cover. If the bass you get are "muddy" tasting in warm weather, try skinning them.

An ox roast will be held Sunday, Sept. 14, by the Oakland County Republi-can Committee at Grove-land Oaks Park near Hol-

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Flag raising will be at noon with food served from 1:30-4 p.m.
Tickets at 34 general admission (52 for persons under 12 and over 62) may be obtained by call-ing Kevin Martin at Re-publican headquarters in Birmingbam at 646-8414.
Information on free bus transortation will also be available. them.

KENSINGTON Metropark on 1-96 near Millord has a two-hour evening nature hike beginning at the nature center at 7-30 pm. next Wednesday, Aug. 27. Naturalist Gordon Lonie will lead the walk and help you observe wild animals and hear the songs of birds and insects. Call the nature center at 685-1561 to register in advance. Guided tours of the Kensington Farm Center are available to school and civic groups Tuesdays through Saturdays. They begin at 10 and 11 a.m., noon, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. and can last one hour or two.

Groups of 10 to 35 may make appointments by calling the farm center at 883-9105.

Farm manager Dave Moilanen says your grop may select the basic* tour, with a look at such farm animals as goats, rabbits, chickens, pigs, sheep, lambs, calves and docks, or a more specific farm topic such as gardening.

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More than 1,200 persons attend last year's ox roast for meals of beef, chicken, corn-on-the-cob and cole slaw and the music of the Dixie-Cats.

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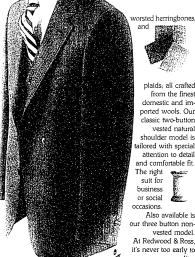
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