

Moves to produce more gamefish working at 2 Oakland County lakes

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Two Oakland County lakes — Wolverine and Orion — have been treated to remove stunted panfish and restocked with gamefish.

While the impact of the treatment cannot be known until fall surveys are analyzed, the results are encouraging," said Ron Spitzer, fisheries biologist for the state Department of Natural Resources.

DNRR crews used Fintrol in a solution that selectively kills small fish but is harmless to larger fish, animals, birds and humans. Preliminary results:

- Wolverine — 98 percent of the dead fish were bluegills and sunfish 5 inches or smaller; the rest were small perch, minnows, crappies and sunfish.
- Orion — 95 percent were bluegills and sunfish 5 inches or smaller; the rest were alewives, green sunfish, rock bass and minnows. After treatment, 15,000 pike fingerlings were planted.

"In both lakes, there were virtually no largemouth bass or northern pike killed by the treatments," Spitzer said. Volunteers helped clean up the dead fish which drifted ashore.

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outdoors

Take it from someone who has been through it with three dogs. And there are two schools opening up now.

• The Detroit German Shepherd Dog Obedience Club will register at 7 this evening (July 9) for beginning novice classes. Advance novice, open and utility registration is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Classes meet in the American Legion Hall at 31775 Grand River, Farmington. Call Judith Yates at 591-0955 for prices and information on what you'll need the first night.

• Sportman's Dog Training Club of Detroit started one class last week and will start a second at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 177 Vester (near Nine Mile and Woodward), Ferndale. For information, call 557-7117 any time or visit the headquarters between 7 and 10 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

Every teacher has his or her idiosyncrasies, but the courses will have several things in common. Despite their names, they accept all breeds — and cross-breeds. They run one hour a week for about three months. The dog must be at least six months old. They don't train the dog; they train you to train the dog.

They'll tell you constantly, "Use your voice" — whispering and pleading don't work. As the weeks go by, you'll be able to tell which owners practiced during the week and who goofed off. One personal tip: It's not necessary, but it helps, if you take along a friend or spouse to give you extra criticism after class and during practice.

And when you score a passing 170 points out of 200 on the final exam, you'll be prouder of that diploma than of your own sheepskin because you were the teacher as well as the pupil.

OAKLAND COUNTY Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring day camps throughout the summer at Waterford Oaks County Park west of Pontiac.

Next session begins July 16 for boys and girls ages 10-15. Sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 per child and \$45 for each additional youngster in a family.

Activities include swimming at the Wave Action Pool and Slide/under water slide, soccer, tennis, roller skating, volleyball, softball, bicycle motocross and a day trip to Independence Oaks for fishing, boating, nature exploration and a picnic lunch.

Other summer sessions will start July 23, July 30, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13. For registration and details, call the parks office at 858-0916 (Pontiac).

Swimming lessons are being offered at the Wave Pool, too. Instruction for adults and children, advanced swimming and aerobics classes start July 16 and 30. Classes are two weeks long and cost \$20.

For registration and details, call the park office at 858-0916.

BUDGET \$141 a day — \$2 more than a year ago — for summer travel in Michigan, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

Its estimate is based on a family of two adults and two children eating three restaurant meals a day, sharing a motel or hotel room and traveling 300 miles daily by car. That doesn't include tips and cocktails.

Of course, you can save by eating at fast-food restaurants, picnicking, driving less or camping.

Figure \$24.30 to travel 300 miles if your car averages 20 mpg and you pump your own unleaded gasoline at \$1.29 per gallon. (Gasoline runs a dime a gallon or so more in the north country if you buy in a competitive market; much more if you buy at an isolated outpost.)

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Reynolds again heads OCC board

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Sandra Ritter of Waterford was re-elected vice chairman. She is on the district staff of U.S. Rep. Bob Carr, D-Oakland, who administered oaths of office.

Trustee David Hackett of Avon Township was re-elected secretary. Anthony Jarson, college vice president for business, was re-elected treasurer. Officers hold two-year terms.

Joining the board for his first meeting as a trustee was Douglas Wakefield, elected June 11. He and Ritter won six-year terms.

The board pushed its scheduled July 26 meeting back a week to Aug. 2. Board meetings are regularly held at 8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month in the college's George A. Bee Administration Center, 2480 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills.

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