Fishing tourney aids child abuse centers

N INFANT cries out in hunger and pain from his cradle in a dimly lit crom . . . but no one hears. It's been several hours since the child has eaten and his bottom and legs are raw from the cries out for help, but no one hears. His mother is down the street selling her soul at a local crack house.

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A little brown-eyed girt snivels in the corner pleading for for-giveness. "I'm sorry daddy, Don't be mad. I promise I won't spill my milk again," she pleads as her eye begins to swell from the backband she just received from "daddy".

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Child abuse is a very ugly, but real, tragedy which strikes every community in America. Nationally, five children die each day heause of some form of child abuse. In Michigan alone there are an average of 49,000 reported cases of child abuse each year. And those are only the ones that get reported.

VICTIMIZED CHILDREN cannot battle this abuse themselves. They need help.
On April 21, a group of anglers from throughout the state will be doing its part to help battle this tragle abuse of children by participating in the 12th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes lishing ournament, sponsored by Chuck Muer's River Crab restaurant in St. Clair.
Money generated through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets is distributed to child abuse and neglect centers throughout the

glect centers throughout the state. The tournament has raised better than \$50,000 each of the past two years. The six-year total is better than \$240,000.

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DANCE Clinic in Garden City is one of the agencies that benefits from the tournament.

"This is the third year we have been a recipient of part of the raffle funds," said Stefanie Ott-O'Toole, director of resource development at the Northwest Guidance Clinic. "The tournament has been a very positive (fundratiser) for us."

The Northwest Guidance Clinic receives 50 percent of the money from the Usekei soid at the clinic. That has ammounted to between \$12,000 and \$15,000 each year, according to Ott-O'Toole.

"I think It's wonderful that the lishermen, or any sportsperson, gets Involved with a worthy cause," Ott-O'Toole said. "I have found that sport people in general found that sport people in general

found that sport people in general tend to be very philanthropic. It's very nice of these people to try to help other families that are in need."

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The Northwest Clinic assists close to 2,500 families in Wayne County and the surrounding area each year.

ANGLERS AND non-anglers alike can do their part to help by purchasing a \$10 raffle/entry ticket at either the Guldance Clinic (6012 Merriman Road, Garden (City) or the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic (1501 Kraft Road, Port Huron) the primary beneficiary of the tournament. Donations are also accepted.

All tickets are good for entry into the tournament and for \$10 off dinner-for-two at any of the

Chuck Muer restaurants state-wide. All tickets also go into a raffic with prizes including an attitude of the state of the

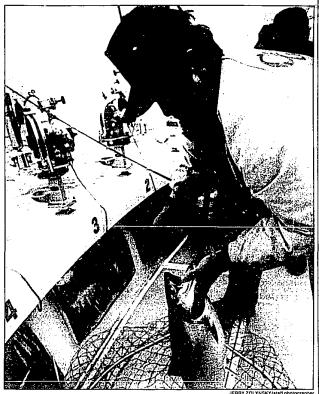
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ANGLERS WHO WISH to get in on the lishing action can particlipate in either the salmon or walleye division.

With all the proceeds donated to charity, there aren't any huge cash prizes, although some lucky anglers can walk away a little pocket money.

The angler catching the largest walleye wins \$500. The angler catching the largest salmon reactioning the largest salmon relations to the largest salmon relations and the largest salmon relations and largest salmon will receive \$100 cach.

Several local anglers cashed in last year, including Rochester's Mark Duval, who received biggest fish honors for landing a 19.78-pound king (chinook) salmon. The lish is displayed at the Livonia's Chuck Rachwitz, Birmingham's Ron Huey and Troy's Rick Pearsall cach received \$100 for catching a DNR In-clipped salmon.



Larry Lixey of Lixey's Bait and Tackle in St. converge on St. Clair on April 21 for the River Clair removes the hook from a Lake Huron king Crab Salmon Stakes fishing tournament. salmon. Hundreds of anglers are expected to

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April 19 — Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its annual fund-raising banquet became in the property of the

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from the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will be used to benefit child abuse and neglect programs statewide. Tickets are available at the Northwest Guldance Clinic, 6012 Merriman Road, Garden City, The Sanctuary Inc., 1232 S. Washington, Royal Oak or by calling the River Crab at 329-2216.

students. Call 350-8484 for more information.

April 27 — Trout season opens on designated trout streams and trout lakes.

• April 29 — The Western Wayne County Conservatin Association will boid a 3-D archery shoot at its walk-through range in Plymouth. The shoot is open to the public and archers may use their own equipment or arrangements with the WWCCA staff to try out a bow. Call 433-8934 during business bours or 525-1368 evenings for more information.

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• June 9-10 — Free Fishing Weekend statewide.

METROPARKS

Slopping the Hogs, a program in which children can learn about life on the farm, will be offered at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Kensington Farm Centler.

Early Spring Wildflowers, a walk through the park in search of spring wildflowers, will be offered at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

Nature's Easter Flowers, on opportunity to spend Easter afternoon among spring's early woodland wildflowers, will be offered at 12 p.m. Sunday at Stony Creek.

Wildflower Walk, a naturalistied walk searching for spring wildflowers, will be offered at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs. Check the dates and times below

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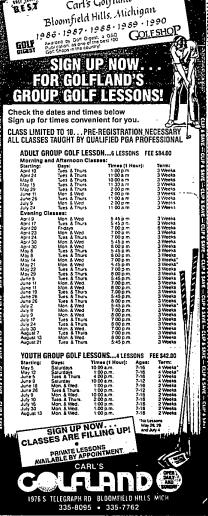
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