## Coleman, Lorenger find hunting success

HILE MOST 9-year-old boys are busy worrying in Michelangelo and Donatello will be able to fend off the evil powers of Shredder, West Bloomfield's Brett Coleman has other things on his mind — like when his next hunting trip will take place.

Few 9-year-olds have had the opportunity to shoot a gun much less bunt with one, but Coleman has excelled at both.

celled at both.
Michigan law requires that children be at least 12 years old before
purchasing a hunting license, but in
Texas the minimum age is 6. For the
last two years. Brett and his father
Boh have taken an annual hunting
trip to the Anchor Ranch in Utopia,
Texas.

Last year, the young sharpshooter List year, the young sharpshooter enjoyed enough success to turn most hunters green with envy. He shot an eight-point whitetail buck, a coyote, an armadilo and a Black Hawaiian ram. In November, during this year's trip, Brett shot a Russian boar and a Corstein ram Palk and a Corstein ram Palk and a Corstein ram Palk and week.

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Opening day of the 1990 firearms deer season will be a memorable one



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for Mike Lorenger.
Hunting from a blind near the edge of a swamp in Lake County, the 15-year-old Livonia resident shot his first buck, a 150-pound three-point.

### FIRST ELK

Bob Clay has hunted deer all his life, but he never saw an elk until

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Clay was one of the lucky hunters to receive am anterless only permit for the 1996 fall elk hunt.
With the help of guides Jim Caven-der and Ilay Lucas, Clay shot a 220-pound cow at 1:15 p.m. on opening day.

der and Ray Lucas, Chay shot a 320pound cow at 1:15 p.m. on opening
day,

"I had a great time," explained
the Redford resident." I was hunting
on the Canadian Creek Ranch near
Atlanta and that place is loaded with
lek. The one I shot was in a herd of
about 30 or 40 and they were about
500 feet from the road."
When the memory, of the hunt begins to fade in the years to come,
Clay can cosliy freishen his memory
since his neighbor. Harold Prieve,
joined him on the hunt and videotaped all the events.

### TROPHY HUNTERS

-Commemorative Bucks of Michigan encourages all hunters who took a large antiered buck this year to have the rack secred by an official measurer and entered into the 1990

H's official.

The National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in Bayward, Wiscomon has certified Chip Drotos' 1-pound 8-ounce green sunfish as an official world record in the 10-pound line test class.

Drotos, of Bloomfield Hills, caught the fish on Oct. 17th on Kirkwood Lake, He was fishing a "Montmat's Cat" crankbart late in the afternoon.

(Bill Parker is happy to ansiver questions readiers hape about the outfloors Auglers and hinters are sirged to report their success. Send questions or comments in Outdoors, 805 E. Majile, Hirtman him, M. 48009, or call Parker at 444-1191 on weekday evenings)

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### outdoors calendar

IMPORTANT DATES
AND EVENTS

Jan 5 — Special late Canada goose season opens in the southern Mechigan Goose Management Area.
 Jan 25-27 — Northern Wildlife Art Expo will be held at the Crue Area in Lansing, Call 623-6544 for more information.
 Jan 31 — Haccoon season ends statewiste.
 Feb. 1 — Sturgeon spearing through the ree opens on non trout waters.
 Feb. 1 — Application deadline

waters

• Feb. 1 - Application deadline for the spring, wild turkey hunt.

• Feb. 3 - Special late Canada goose season ends in the southern Merbigan Goose Management Area.

• Feb. 8-10, 15-17 - Southeast Merbigan Goose Management Area.

• Feb. 8-10, 15-17 - Southeast Merbigan Camper and RV Show will be held at the Detroit State Fair buildings.

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• Feb. 22-March 3 — Detroit Outdoorama Sport and Travel Show will be held at the Detroit State Fair

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• Feb. 28 - Spearing through the

ice ends.

• March 31 — Bobeat and fox seasons end statewide.

## OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

Brunch für Blrds, a nature program för blrd lovers, begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Independence Oaks Nature Center.

Senior Outdoors, a cross-country, skiung luking workshop for sen-iors, begins at 10 a.m. Thursday,

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Jan 3 and again at 10 a m. Thursday, Jan 17, at Independence Oaks. In addition to a 5xt tour (weather permitting) seniors will participate in warm-up exercises and will receive sking instruction Refreshments will be served.

• Family Affair Ski Tour, a non-competitive sking event for the whole family, begins at 12 p.m. Saturday, Jan 12, at Independence Oaks. Open Sking, Lessons, lectures and demonstrations are on the agenda.

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• Observer: & Eccentrie Ski
School, a series of cross country ski
ing clunes will be held tweather permitting; Jan. 12, 19 and 26. Clunes
begin at 9 30 am, 1730, am and
630 pm, at Addison Oaks (693-2432)
and at 9 30 am, and 11 30 am at
Indeplendence Oaks (623-0877). Advanced registration is required by
the Friday of the week prior to the
lesson.

· Snowshoe Tracks, a naturalist-• Showshor Tracks, a naturalist-led walk on showshors tweather permitting) to find wildlife tracks, beingins at 11 pm. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Independence. Oaks, An alternate walk will be held if not enough snow is present for showshoeing. Space is limited and advanced registration is

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• Winter Family Fun Day, a day, full of family events including cross country skiing and lessons, ice skuting, snowsheeing, snow games, hay rides and more, begins at 12 p.m. Sunday, Jan 20, at Addison Oaks

• Tuning Your Tot Intu Winter, a nature program for children, begins at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. at In-

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information.

### METROPARKS

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 New Year's Bird Count, the 15th annual Kensington New Year's Bird Count, a census of the bird population within the park, begins at 8 am Saturday at Kensington. Participants will be placed in groups led by experienced, birders. Participants should dress for the weather and should bring binoculars and a lunch — Saturday Morning Stuff — Animal Tracks, an opportunity for children 6-12 (coronjamele by an adult) to learn about some common animal Tracks, begins at 10 a m Saturday at Sony Creek. There is a \$1 charge per person.

Winter Wildflowers, a natural-ist-led walk observing winter wild-flowers, begins at 2-p m -Sunday at Kensington

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