### Outdoor recreation fashionable



Lenny Fein-gold leves to fish. The 14-year-old West Bloomfield West Bloomfield resident particu-larly enjoys fish-ing for crappie in the spring. He's a regular on Wal-nut Lake and usually has pret-ty good success fishing from shore near the channel at the n beach.

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On a recent outing, Feingold
found the crapple to be a bit finicky, but he didn't go home empty-handed. Feingold was working
a feathered jig across the bottom
when all of a sudden his line
straightened out.

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"He was reeling in his line and he thought he caught bottom when all of a sudden his reel started buzzing,"explained Lenny's father, Nathan.

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"I was trying to catch crapple
and I felt something really hard
start pulling. I didn's expect a
pike," said Lenny. But that's exactly what the young angler
hooked. "It took about 10 minutes to get him in. He kept pulling the line out."
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When the battle had ended, Feingold landed the biggest fish he's ever caught — a 271/4-inch 31/4-pound northern pike.

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Some kids bring a friend home from achool to meet their parents.
Eleven years ago, Redford Catholic Central junior Kevin Ricë breught home a 3%-foot-long alitelong friend of the Rice family, Rice had just joined the newest team at CC — lacrosse.

And Rice's parents, John and Judy, reacted like they had just meet the neighborhood bully, "I said What is that?" recalls to keep the ball in the net. I said Cyou get to be kidding me. We didn't know anything about the game." Commains the only school in Observerland to have lacrosse as varaity aport and few fans know that, much less the rules of the game. The game is played with 10 players a slate and combines skills from several sports.

"It's a combination of hockey."

players a suo and combines skills from several aports. "It's a combination of hockey and football, has the flow of a soccer game and the plays are very similar to basketball," said Kevin Rice, who played four years at Michigan State and two for the

Play on: Goalkeeper

Alex Alviar

makes the

save and immediately looks to pass the ball to a

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By Steve Kowalski

Kids' clinic

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Area youngsters can receive fishing tips and enjoy a day at the lake when the Huron-Clinton Metroparks offers a fishing clinic for kids beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 12. Held in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Free Fishing Days, the clinic is for youngsters age 6 and older accompanied by an adult. Participants abould meet at the West Boat Launch on Kent Lake in Kensington Metropark.

The program is free, except for the required Metropark whice entry permit. Participants must bring their own fishing poles for the hour-long program. A fishing information packet will be provided.

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The clinic will be conducted by Jim Delaney and Kip Gravelle, who have been providing fishing instruction to young people and adults for 10 years. Registration is required, 685-1661 or 1-800-47-PARKS.

#### Numbers add up

Outdoor recreation is alive and well in America.

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According to a recently com-pleted survey by the Interior De-partment's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, more than 100 million Americans regularly enjoy some recreation activity involving fish or wildlife.

The 1991 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlifs, Associated Recreation reveals that more than 108 million Americans 16 years of age and older participated in some recreational activity involving fish and wildlife, pumping \$59 billion into the national economy through the pumping \$59 billion into the national economy through the property of the pumping \$59 billion into the purchase of equipment, travel, lodging and other goods and services.

Forty million Americans age 16 and older either hunted or fished during 1991 wille 76 million enjoyed nonconsumptive activities such as feeding, observing and photographing wildlife.

Overall, 35.5 million people age 18 and older spent an average of 14 days fishing in 1991 while 14. million people spent an average of 17 days hunting.

Anglers spent \$24 billion, or an average of \$851 each, on their respective sports. Another \$5 million in spending by hunters and anglers could not be attributed solely to

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Among hunters, 10.7 million people 16 and older hunted big game, 7.6 million hunted small game and three million hunted migratory birds.

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Americans age 16 and older spent \$18 billion to pursue nonconsumptive wildlife-related recreation in 1991.

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# CC lacrosse only game in town narrow it to 39 is tough enough," Ryan said.

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A growing sport

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In its early years at CC, lacrosse was popular for football and bockey players who wanted to stay in shape in the off-eason.

CC football stars Jason Krueger and Chris Barbara call themselves members of the lacrosse "goon squad," but some of the football players, like midfielders Paul Nemzek, Joe Lopez and John Lachapelle, have become lacrosse stars as well.

The hockey playing trio of Jamie, Justin and Brian Ronayne also contribute to the lacrosse team's 10-1 overall record. Brian Rice leads the Shamrocks with 26 goals.

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Detroit Turbos professional team, and now works as a regional sequity manager for Little Casars in San Jose, Calif. "It's a little intriguing."

Lacrosse is not sanctioned by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. The MilSAA requires that each sport it sanctionmust be played by at least 10 percent of the 700 schools in the state. According to CC coach Jim Ryan, there are 27 lacrosse teams in Michigan, and they play in the Michigan Scholautic Lacrosse as sociation.

CC is seeking its first state title in the sport. Lacrosse is especially popular for the Rice family, with four brothers (Kevin, Mike, Dan and current star Brian) having played at CC. And it's becoming more and more popular for the reat of the student body, judging by the more than 100 kids who came out out for the varsity and junior varsity this spring. There are 39 on the varsity.

A lot of CC's players came from Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Grade School, which has the sport, in Farnington Hills." "So many guys come out, to

leads the Shamrocks with zo goals.

"We want a second ring," said Nemzek, referring to the state championship ring he won in football.

The 110-yard by 60-yard field is divided in three segments. In the offensive end are three attackment, three midfielders are free to roam the entire field; and three defenders must stay back in the defensive zone in front of the scalkeeper.

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Like hockey, aubstitutions can be made "on the fly" but there's a big difference in the amount of equipment goalies wear.

Lacrosse goalies Aiex Alviar and Matt Sokoloski wear a helmet, face mask, hockey gloves, a chest protector and, of course, a cup.

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"Goalies are usually a little psycho, kids who have a couple screws loose," said Lopez.

Jamio Ronayne was an all-state hockey goalie but wouldn't dare play goalie in lacrosso.

"Some of them asked me once they found out I was goalie in hockey, but I said You got to be crazy," asid Jamie, a senior attacker. crazy,' tacker.

#### Referees scarce

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Demand for lacrosse referees la
high but supply is low.
Graham Adams, one of the
founding members of the Detroit
Lacrosse Club in 1976, is the chief
official for lacrosse in Michigan.
Adams, who also referees college
games, said lacrosse official make
more per game than officials for
other high school sports.
Lacrosse officials make \$45 per
varsity game compared to the
\$32,60 made per game by officials
in football, basketball and baseball, Adams said. He's hoping the
higher fee will draw more officials
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"There's a lot of (player) substitutions, but we're out there running for 1½ hours," asid Adams, a Royal Oak resident who played at a Massachusettes prepachol. "It's fun for us to remain involved. It's out hobby. It's not that we're spectators of the game — there's too much going on the field for that — but it's good to see the quality of the game improve. We're the greatest fans, seeing a lot of these kids grow from playing in middle school, club and high school to collega."

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cub and high school to college."
The sport can grow on people, just ask John Rice.
"Most kids that get into lacrosse don't ever put a stick away," John Rice said. "It bites them like a bug."

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