# Let's talk turkey before fish tales



Warm rains Warm rains and warmer weather have heated up the early fishing action. Locally, blue gills are starting to make beds in the warm shallows of inland lakes, ware being caught on a regular basis from Trenton north to wid bass season

Huron and bass season Saturday on Inland lakes

But before we jump into the summer angling season there are a couple successful turkey hunt-ing reports to pass along.

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Plymouth turkey hunter Darell
Saunders made up this year for
his missed opportunity has year
to taking the second to the second to the second and Missouri Saunders got a turkey bunting hat trick this year as not Missouri birds and one Michigan bird.
Missouri dividee its turkey hunt into two seasions lasting one week each. Hunters are permitted to take one bearded turkey each when the second day of the first hunt, Saunders shot a turkey with an eight-inch beard. Upon close observation be realized he shot a bearded hen, which was legal because the bird did have a beard. The following week, Saunders shot a 16-pound jake with a four-inch beard. His hunting partner, James Peters of Ann Arbor, bagged a monstrous 27-4-pound Tom with an 11-inch beard and 144-inch spurs during the first week of the Missouri season and took a 14-pound jake the second week.
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Area J during the Michigan sea;
son, Saunders shot his third turkey of the spring last week when
he dropped an 18-pound gobbler
with a 74-inch beard.
"I got him gobbling right on the
roost with an owl call." Saunders
explained. "I set up and talked to
him for about an hour. He made a
big circle around me and finally
came in In full display."

Be like Mike
Mike Wills will be hard preased
to repeat his recent success any
time in the near future.
The Troy resident has been
hunting turkeys for years, but in
the past he only experienced success while hunting out-of-state.
All that changed last year when
Wills shot his first Michigan wild
turkey. It was a 22-pounder with a
10-inch beard and 1½-inch spurs.
Wills returned to the Michigan
turkey woods this spring and

came home with his second "long-beard" in as many years. This year's Tom sported another 10-inch beard and had 1-inch spura. Wills, who holds the record for the biggest black bear taken in Michigan with a muzzieloadre, used a blackpowder shotgun to bag his turkey this year. He was hunting with a Tompson Center New Englander 12 ga. loaded with 90 grains of blackpowder and 1¼-ounces of No. 4 shot.

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The 17th annual River Crab
Salmon Stakes Fishing Tournament, April 29, in St. Clair, raised
\$95,000 to aupport mental health
agencies throughout the state.
The tournament, which was started by Chuck Muer and Al Tyrell
in 1935, has raised over \$700,000
to date to sid troubled children,
adults and their families statewide.

Anglers fared extremely well to-

wide. Anglers fared extremely well too with 1,022 pounds of salmon and brown trout weighted in. Anglers who caught the biggest fish in each of four categories received \$250 each. The winners were king salmon — Doug Holcer, 17 pounds; steelhead — Gary Wright, 5.7 pounds; brown trout — Ken Kyhar, 8.9 pounds; coho salmon — Robert Buero, 3.85 pounds.

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Bob Mitchell won the "Super Skipper" award for bringing in the heaviest total catch of 36.2 pounds.

# Perch fishing closure

Anglers are reminded that aport and commercial perch fishing is closed in Lake Michigan, south of the 45th parallel but excluding Grand Traverse Bay, for the month of June.

The yellow perch population in southern Lake Michigan has de-clined steadily in the past five years, prompting Michigan, Illi-nois, Indiana and Wisconsin offi-cials to unanimously approve changes in the commercial and sport fishing regulations.

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Additional regulations call for:
Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin
to reduce their annual commercial harvesta by 65 percent; establishing a sport poasession limit of
25 in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin and 80 in Michigan (Michigan anglers are allowed to take
more perch because Michigan
doesn't allow commercial perch
fishing.); and increasing law enforcement and research efforts.

Turkey hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birming-ham, MI. 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573

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# **OUTDOORS CALENDAR**

# ARCHERY

E HOLIDAY SHOOT
Detroit Archers will hold a "Holiday 3D Shoot" beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, May 29, on its walk-through range in West Bloomfield, (810) 661-9610.

### B BROADHEAD LEAGUE

A broadhead league meets 5-7 p.m. every Wednesday, beginning June 7th, at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield, (810) 661-9610.

# **FISHING CLUBS**

m MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club
meets at 7 p.m. the first and third
Wednesdays of each month at
Livonia Clarenceville Junior High Livonia Clarenceville J School, (810) 478-1494.

# E FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednes-day of each month at the Mapleod Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

M METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School, 420-2965.

# SEASONS/DATES

Spring turkey season runs through May 28 in designated management areas across the

Catch-and-release bass fishing is permitted on Cass, Kent and

Pontiac lakes through May 27. The regular bass season opens May 28.

### M SMZLT

It is legal to use hand nets for catching smelt statewide through May 31.

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## FREE FISHINO
Michigan's 10th annual Free
Fishing Weekend, in which no
fishing license or trout/salmon
stamp is required to fish in Michigan, will be Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11. This date coincides with National Fishing
Week, which will be celebrated
June 5-11.

# CLASSES

IN FLY FISHING CONCLAVE

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The public is invited to join the
Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers in its 17th annual Fly Fishing Conclave, June
16-18, at the McMullen Conference Center on Higgins Lake. The
conclave will include speakers,
demonstrations and workshops
for beginner through advanced fly
fishers, as well as a youth program, an auction and raffles.
Lodging and meals are available
at the center and there are camping facilities at Higgins Lake
State Park. For more information,
call Jim Schramm at (616) 8695487.

# METROPARKS

# M SPRING STARS

Learn about spring constellations through a slide show and an out-door observation session during this program, which begins at 7:30

p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs

E SWAMF THINGS
A naturalist-led hike to explore the unique ecology of the swamp begins at 10 s.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

### EI PROBING THE POND

Dip nets and magnifying lenses will be used to explore pond habi-tat during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday at Indi-an Springs.

# # FROO'S EYE VIEW

Get the real low-down on some of the plants and animals that share the frog's world during this nature walk, which begins at 2 p.m. Sun-day at Kensington.

### WALK WITH

A NATURALIST Malk along some of the park's trails and enjoy the sights and sounds of late spring during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 10 a.m. Monday at Kensing

E METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are
free, while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and
a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the
respective parks. toll free: Stony creapective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kens-ington, 1-800-477-3178.

# OAKLAND **COUNTY PARKS**

M COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oak-land County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more

# E TURING YOUR TOT

this tunia Tuous Team of the Children ages 3-6 accompanied by an adult can uncover the magic of the season through a mix of atories, songs, a nature hike, crafts and more during this program, which will be offered in two sessions on Wednesday, Mune 2, and in one season on Saturday, June 3. The Wednesday and Thursday seasons begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and the Saturday season begins at 1 p.m.

ESPRING STAR PARTY
Learn the unique features of the spring skies with the Nature Cen ter staff and volunteers from the Oakland Astronomy Club during this program, which begins at 9 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at Inder-pendence Oaks.

# STATE PARKS

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Maybury State Park is offering
nature interpretive programs
introughout the summer. The park
is located on Eight Mile Road,
one mile west of Beck, in Northville Twp. A state park motor vehiele permit is required for entry
into the park, (810) 349-8390.

# MAYBURY MAKMALS

Learn about some of the local mammals during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 7 p.m. Fridny, June 2, at Maybury.

# SI FARM STORIES

BYARM SIGNATES
Learn about our feathered friends
through a story and a craft during
this program, which begins at 11
a.m. Saturday, June 3, and 3 p.m.
Sunday, June 4, at Maybury.

