# DNR reports this deer year was safest in recent memory

Congratulations to all the successful deer hunters and a special congratulations to all deer hunters who worked to make the 1996 firearms season the safest ever in this great hunting state.

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volunteer instructors and critices over 32,000 new hunters each year – seem to be paying.

Although one fatality or even one injury is always one too many, whis season's statistics reflect the successful effort of hunter education safety instruction in Michigan," said Lt. Suzanne Koppelo, the DNR's hunter safety and education coordinator. "Michigan hunters are learning how to be safe and they're observing the laws and safety guidelines that contribute to this significant decline injuries and fatalities."

Of the 15 accidents, five were self-inflicted. Nine of the accident away of a farant four were caused by line-of-sight misjudgements; one was caused by the discharge of a loaded fivenrm in a motor vehicle, which is a gainst the law, and one was caused by a hunter wearing full camouflage, which is also against the law, being mistaken for Successful hunters.

## Successful hunters

\*Canton's Jerry Putin con-tinued his buck-hunting suc-cess by downing a 4-point on

opening day of the firearms season while hunting in a cedar swamp in Delta County. It was the 14th buck Putin has shot and his ninth in the

cedar swamp in Delta County. It was the 14th buck Putin has shot and his ninth in the last 12 year.

\*Sean Fritz shot his first deer this fail during the early bow hunting season. The 20 has been seen to be se

Bloomfield had a fantastic fiverams essenon while hunting near St. Ignace. Brian Gates, in just his second season of hunting, took a dandy 8-point buck on Nov. 18 at 9-20 a.m. Brian's father, Gary, shot a 4-point on Nov. 19 and Brian's Uncle Warren added an 8-point to the family total on Nov. 20.

\*Clarkston's Joe Vander shot a 7-point buck on Nov. 16 while hunting in oak ridges in Montmorency County. he returned home and shot a doe on Nov. 20 in Oakland County.

on Nov. 20 in c... ty. Anglers and hunters are urged their success. Questions Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

# METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

# **ARCHERY**

OPEN SHOOTING

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Open shooting hours at Detroit
Archers in West Bloomfield are
7-10 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays
and Fridays, 4-9 p.m. Thursdays;
and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Call (810) 539-3030
(810) 661-9610 for more information.

YOUTH EDUCATION Detroit Archers is offering a youth education league at its clubhouse in West Bloomfield. Call (810) 539-3030 or (810) 661-9610 for more information.

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3D \$H007
Royal Oak Archers will hold a
3D shooton Sunday, Dec. 15, on
its walk-through ranbge in Lake
Orion, Call (810) 693-9799 for

# **CLASSES**

CLASSES
SHOWMORILE SAFETY
The DNR Law Enforcement
Division is offering a free homestudy snowmobile safety course.
Anyone who completes the
course, attends a two-hour class
and satisfactorily passes a test
will earn a Snowmobile Safety
Certificate. The two-hour class,
including a review and a test,
begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec.
14, at the Lake Erie Metropark
museum in Rockwood. Homestudy packets are available by
calling (313) 432-1285.

# **FISHING CLUBS**

FISHING BUDDYS
Fishing Buddys Fishing Club
meets monthly in Rochester
Hills. Call (810) 656-6556 for
more information.

more information.

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 School. Call (810) 478-1494
for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

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The Four Seasons Fishing Club
meets 7:30 p.m. the first
Wednesday of each month at the
Maplewood Center in Garden
City, Call Sam Pilato at (313)
420-0521 for more information.

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School. Call (31) 420-0521 for more information.

# SEASONS/DATES

DEER
Archery season runs through
Jan. 1. Muzzleloading season
runs through Dec. 16 in Zone I
and Dec. 13-22 in zones II and III

The December elk hunt runs through Dec. 17. GOOSE

Through Dec. 13 in the South Through Dec. 13 in the South Zone outside goose management units (GMUs). Check the 1996 Waterfowl Hunting Guide for GMU restrictions and open dates. A special season will be held Jan. 4-Feb. 2 in the Southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Consult the 1996-97 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for additional details.

#### PHEASANT

PHEASANT
An experimental late season
hunt runs through Dec.15 in
southern Michigan. Check the
Michigan Hunting and Trapping
Guide for details.

RABBIT

Through March 31.

RUFFED GROUSE
Through Jan 1 in zones II and
III.

SQUIRREL Statewide through Jan. 1.

## SHOOTING RANGES

MANUES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bold Mountain Recreation Area
in Lake Orion has rifle, pistol,
muzzleloader and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are
10 a.m. to sunset, Wednesdays,
Saturdays and Sundays. Bald
Mountain is located at 1330
Greenshield Rd, (three miles
north of the Palace of Auburn
Hills), Call (810) 814-9193 for
more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in
Weterford has rifle, pistol, muzzlelonder, shotgun and archery

ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

## ORTONVILLE RECREATION

**OUTDOOR CALENDAR** 

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in
Ortonville has rifle, pistol, muzzeleoader and shotgun shooting
facilities. Range hours are 10
a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The
Ortonville Recreation Area is
located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call
(810) 693-6767 for more information.

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POINTE MOUILLEE
Pointe Mouillee State Game
Area in Rockwood has rifle, pistol and shotgus shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m.-6
p.m. daily. Pointe Mouillee State
Game Area is located at 37205
Mouillee Road. Call (313) 3793820 for more information.

### **METROPARKS**

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Mest 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 Greek, 1-800-477-4756;
Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192;
Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

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TO'S FOR TOIS

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks are once again serving as dropoff points for the Toys for Tots program. The program is not program, The program is not stated to the total state and the state and the state and the state and the state are not providing new, unwrapped toya during the holiday season. Anyone wishing to drap off a new, unwrapped toy that has no violent connotation can drop the toy off at any of the following Metroparks: Metro Beach new M. Clemens, (800) 477-3172; Stony Creek near Rochester, 1600) 477-1756; Indian Springs near White Lake, (800) 477-319; Lower Huron near New Boston, (800) 477-3178; Luke Teitans of the Stony Eric near Brownstown Twp., (800) 477-3189; or at the MetroparkAdministrative Office

near Brighton, (800)477-2752.

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PERMITS ON SALE

The 1997 Huron-Motroparka
annual motor vehicle entry permils and annual boat launching
permits go on sale Dec. 1 at all
Metropark offices. Vehicle entry
permits are \$15 regular and \$8
for senior citizens (\$2 and older).
Boat launching permits are \$18
regular and \$9 for senior citizens.
Corporate discounts are
also available. Calt (800) 47
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SNACKS WITH SANTA
Children and their parents will
have an opportunity to enjoy a
snack with Santa, take a hayrido,
and sing holiday songs during
this program, which will be held
in several sessions on Saturday
and Sunday, Dec. 14-16, at
Kensington. Ticketa are \$5 and
available by advanced purchase
only. Call (810) 685-1516 for
tickets and registration.

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Children ages 7-10 can make their own heliday decorations with materials from nature's storehouse during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kensington.

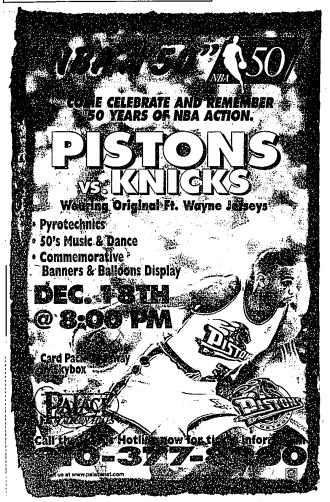
FOR THE BIRDS
Learn how birds adopt to winters conditions during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

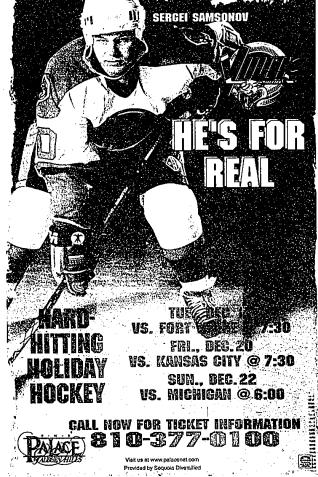
WINTER WREATHS
Learn to make a holiday wreath during this program, which is begins at 2 pm. Sunday at Indian Springs.
LAUGHING LOON

Learn about loons and their unforgettable calls during this one-hour indoor program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

# **OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS**

PARKS
COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is
at Ondefaul nature programs
at Ondefaul county Parks. Call
(1810) 623-6473 to register or for
more information.
SMALL HAMDS WORKSHOP
Children ages 6-8 will learn to
make simple gifts during this
workshop, which begins at 1:30
p.m. Saturday at Independence
Oaks.





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