Fly fishing expo makes anglers think of spring



Civic Conter.
On Saturday and Sunday,
March 13-14, the Civic Conter
Pavilion will host the 1999 Midwast Fly Fishing Exposition.
The regular trout opener, April

The outdoor show season is winding down. If you haven't had your fill — or are in the market for some fill in a cupies or some wildlife art — there are still a couple or were weather invades the state and anglers head out to fishing expertise or some wildlife art — there are still a couple or were weather invades the state and anglers head out to fishing expertise or some wildlife art — there are still a couple for some springtime adventure; at the Southfield in the swing of the upcoming into the Southfield in the wing of the upcoming into the swing of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club, which annually invose the 1898 Midmoney and man hours in fishing and habitat improvement pro-

This year's show features appearances by renown fly fishermon Gary LaFontaine, Mike Lawson and Jack Dennis. There will also be the traditional equipment displays and seles, casting and fly tying domonstrations, outfitters and more.

Tickets are \$\$ for adults; children 12 and under will be admitted free. Show hours are 10 a.m to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 am. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

If you've get a couple hours to

p.m. Sunday.

If you've got a couple hours to kill this weekend head over to the Civic Center Pavilion at 26000 Evergreen Road in Southfield. There's no better way to get warmed up for the seasons that await us.

Wildlife Art Festival

The second exciting show scheduled for the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion is the 16th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 28.28

Sections and Suntary, Marcia Sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, the festival annually raises money that is used on wildlife habitat restoration projects statewide. MWHF has spont well in excess of \$2 million over the years to restore and improve habitat, many of the projects right here in southeastern Michigan. The bottom draw on Paint

Creek at Lake Orion, the Back-yard Wildlife Demonstration Area at the Detroit Zoo, turkey

Area at the Detroit Zoo, turkey restoration. In southeastory the provided of t

America contest; seminars an Michigan wildlife topica and, ropical wildlife; and a celebrity. decoy painting contest.
Show hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; children under 12 will be admitted from the contest of the contest o

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

FUND-RAISERS

SAFARI CLUB Southeast Michigan Bowhunter Chapter of Safari Club Intern tional will hold its 8th annual fund-raiser banquet beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The banquet features a family-style banquet features a family-style dinner, open bar, outfilters, manufacturer booths, auctions, raffles, hunting and fishing equipment and much more. Reserved banquet tickets must be received by March 11. After that tickets will only be sold at the door. Call (248) 685-1415 for tickets and more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders wil hold its annual fund-raising dinhold its annual tuna-raising un-ner/dance beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Westland. Activities include raf-fles, art work sales, dinner, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call (\$10) 447-5146 or (248) 366-9527 for tickets and more information.

more information. DRAYTON NATURE CENTER

DRAYTON NATURE CENTER
The Drayton Plains Nature Center is holding a bowl-a-thon
fund-raiser, 1-4 p.m. Sunday,
March 28, at Century Bowl in
Waterford. Proceeds from the
event will be used at the nature
center, which features 137 acres and is open to the public. Call (248) 674-2119 for information.

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HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsman's Club
is accepting registration for two
upcoming hunter education
classes. The two-day sessions

will be held Saturday and Sun-day, March 27 & 28, and April 7 & 18, at the WCSC clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Cost is 312 per student and includes text, equipment, range fees and lunch. Call (313) 532-0285 for information and to register nation a nd to register.

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YOUTH FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club
will host its annual Youth Fly
Fishing School from 10 a.m. to 6
p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the
Walled Lake Outdoor Education
Center. Cost is \$25 per person
and class size is limited. To reginter and for more information
call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233.
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CCW LEGISLATION

Michigan Big Game Hunter's

Association will hold an informative seminar on legislation concerning concaded weapons permit (CCW) legislation, beginning at 7 µm. Wednesday, March 17, at the Gander Mountain store in Taylor. State representative Raymond Basham (Taylor) will conduct the seminar. Call (313) 381-4735 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

SKI/HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club en a ski tour or hike, depending on the weather, through Indepen-dence Oaks on Sunday, March 14. Participants are asked to meet at 10 a.m. behind the

Marathon Station at the south-east corner of Telegraph and 12 Mile Road. Call (248) 932-5370 for more information.

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HIGHLAND HIME

Join members of the Southeast

Michigan Group, Sierra Club on

a moderately paced hike thercugh the woods of Highland

Recreation Area on Sunday,

March 21. Participants are

asked to meet at 11:30 a.m. in

the shopping center parking lot

behind McDonalds on Telegraph

Rod, about 12-mile north of

Square Lake Road in Bloomfield

Hills, Call (810) 294-7780. Hills. Call (810) 294-7789.

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WILDLIFE ART
The 16th annual Michigan
Wildlife Art Festival, Michigan's
largest wildlife art exhibit and
salo, will be held March 26-28 at
the Southfield Pavilion. Sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife
Habitat Foundation, the festival
annually raises money for
wildlife habitat improvement
projects statewide. Admission is
\$7 adult and children under age
12 will be admitted free. 12 will be admitted free.

SEASON/DATES

FISHING LICENSES

Anglers must possess a 1999 Michigan Fishing license beginning April 1,____

CROW
The late crow season runs
through March 31 in the Lower
Peninsula.

COYOTE

Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide. FREE FISHING

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be June 12-13.

RABBIT/HARE
Rabbit/hare season run through
March 31 statewide.

MEETINGS

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NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, March 10-11, in East Lansing. The commission will be taking public comment on 1999 deer season regulations. Persons who wish to addross the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are
free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration nal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks tall free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-1756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3178.

MAPLE'S SWEET STORY
Visit the sugarbush and see how
maple trees are tapped and the

sap collected, then stop by the sugarshack and watch as the sap is boiled into maple syrup during this program, which will be held noon-3 p.m. weekends through the end of March at Kensington. A similar program is being offered at Indian Springs.

ALASKA

Join traveler/photographer David McDonald on a photo graphic journey to Alaska during this class, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, at Stony Creek.

PLANTING FOR WILDLIFE

Learn how to attract wildlife, especially birds, to your back-yard by planting the right trees, shrubs and vines during this om uos and vines during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at Kensington.

CREEK FEBTIVAL

Examine live creatures that live in a creek of the Huron River and learn more about the river during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Kensington.

SURVIVAL FOR KIDS
With the help of a parent, children ages 10 and older will learn
some basic knots and lashings
techniques, then venture outdoors and build a sled that
transforms into a shelter during
this more many which begins at 2 this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Stony Creek.

1999 PERMITS
The 1999 Huron-Clinton
Metroparks annual vehicle entry
permits and boat launching pernuits are on sale at all Metroparkoffices. Vehicle entry permits are
\$15 (\$\$ for senior citizens). The
annual boat launching perm its
are \$18 (\$\$ for senior citizens).
Call 1-800-47-PARKS.

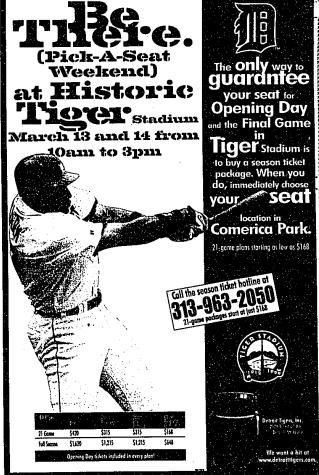
COUNTY PARKS

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

STATE PARKS

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A state park motor vehicle per mit is required for entry into all "state parks and state recreation" areas. For registration and information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For regrams at Baid Mountain call (810) 683-677. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call as (810) 685-8433. For programs at Jaland Leke call (810) 232-7054.





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