Hills resident-TV anchor fishes for worthy cause as tournament's chairperson



Diana Lewis, news anchor for WXYZ-TV 7, is well known throughout the metro-Detroit area for her charitable and community work.

But here's a PARKER not-so-well-known fact: she also gets a thrill out of battling a salmon or a trout in Michigan's Great Lakes

With that in mind, it's easy to understand why the Farmington Hills resident is the honorary dairperson of the 22nd Annual River Crab Salmon Stakes bene-fit fishing tournament for the third year in a row.

"I like to work with the com-munity and do what I can to help others," Lewis said. "If I can touch a life and make a differ-ence, that's what life is all about.

We are losing too many young people and this is a good opportunity to help preserve some young lives. The fact that it's a fishing tournament and I enjoy fishing is icing on the cake."

The annual tournament, scheduled for Saturday, April 29, and based at the River Crab Restaurant in St. Clair, benefits neglected and troubled children and their families statewide.

The tournament was spawned from a conversation between the late Chuck Muer and his friend Al Tyrell more than 20 years

Since its inception in 1978 the Salmon Stakes has netted better than 51.2 million through corpo-rate sponsorships and ticket sales and is the longest running tharity tournament in the state.

You can help this worthy cause and come out a winner at the same time, even if you don't feel like fishing (although you'd be missing out on a barrel of fun and an opportunity at some big cash prizes).

Raffledentry tickets are now on sade at Chuck Muer restaurants throughout metro Detroit. Tickets are \$10 each and entitle the holder entry into the fishing tournament and an exciting rafe featuring a four-day trip for two to Mackinac Island, a two-day trip for two to Toronto and other great prizes.

The best part is that your ticket stub is also redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at any participating Chuck Muer restaurant nationwide.

Anglers who wish to compete (shore and boat fishing is allowed) must register after pur-chasing a ticket.

This year's tournament will be from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Cash prizes of \$600 will be awarded to: the fishing club with the heaviest total salmon weight; the largest total weight on one boat; and for the largest statelhead, coho, chinook and brown trout caught.

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A special opportunity at winning even more cash awaits anglers this year as "Slippery Charlie" returns to the Salmon Stakes. In the week preceding the tournament one salmon will be caught, tagged and released in southern lake Huron. If an angler registered in the tournament catches "Slippery Charlie" during the tournament the lucky angler will receive a \$1,000 bonus.

Tickets are available at Muer's Seafood Tavern in West Bloom-field, Charley's Crab in Troy,

Meriwethers in Southfield, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Medison Heights or by calling 1-800-468-3727.

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"I'm really excited and proud to have been asked to again be the honorary chairperson for the tournament," Lewis said. "My husband Glenn and I very much look forward to fishing in the tournament and participating in all aspects of this year's fund raising efforts. It's really nice to be involved with something that's great fun for all the participants and their families and the the same time raises money for such a worthy cause.

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Free Fishing this weekend Michigan's first Free Winter Fishing Weekend will be Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19-20, statewide. On these two days fishing license fees will be waived for residents and nonresidents. All fishing regulations still apply, you just don't need a license.

Free Winter Fishing Weekend was was designed to allow residents and non-residents an opportunity to discover that the state provides four seasons of fishing fun for many popular species of fish.

Get out and enjoy the bite . . . and take along that friend or neighbor that has been "wanting to go, but haven't found the time."

The time is now!

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)



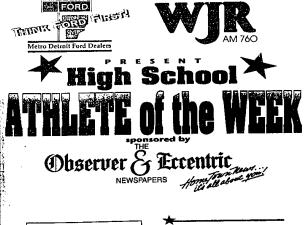
Your Observer & Eccentric, Mirror, and HomeTown Newspapers, in conjunction with The Volunteer Place, have established the HomeTown Heroes™ awards to recognize, encourage and reward outstanding volunteers who have given selflessly of themselves to support nonprofit organizations in Oakland County.

The Volunteer Place will be North Oakland County's new one-stop shop for volunteer recruitment and placement, coming Fall 2000. HomeTown Heroes™ will honor volunteers in six categories: Seniors (65 and

over), Youth (18 or younger), Board/Committee, Direct Service, Faith-based and Business. The business award is sponsored by Crain's Detroit Business.

Nominees and awardees will be recognized at a luncheon sponsored by Northern Trust Bank on March 29 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

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- 3. Send your nomination to:

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