ACTIVITIES

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BECCHARA FLY PERSONNE
The Michigan Fly Fishing
Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the
first and third Wednesdays of
each month at Livonia
Clarenceville Middle School,
located on Middlebelt Road
between Seven and Eight
Mile roads. Call (248) 4781494 for more information.

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The School for Outdoor Leaderahip, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit
organization interested in organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7.30 p.m. on the first Tuceday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are Most Metropark programs are free while some require a tominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parts toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-776; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kunsington, 1:300-477-3193; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

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cache month at Livonia
Clarenceville Middle School,
located on Middlebelt Road
between Seven and Eight
Mile roads. Call (248) 4781894 for more information.

FIGURE SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing
Club moets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the
first Wednesday of each
month at the Civic Park
Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call
Jim Kudeij at (734) 591-0843
for information.

FISHORE SUBGES
Thishing Ruddles Fishing Club
meets the third Thesday of
each month in Rochester
Hills. Meetings are open to all
anglers (boaters and nonboaters). Call (246) 856-0556
for more information.

FIREMEN VALLEY STERMEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday
of each month at the Kringhts
of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall
Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll
White at (734) 285-0843 for
more information.

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass
club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the
fourth Tuesday of every
month at the Gander MounJain in Taylor. Call (734) 8762863 for more information.

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Lake Recreation Area, Bald

Mountain Recreation Area,

Highland Recreation Area,

For programs at Maybury

call (248) 349-3390.

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Wayne County Parks often
nature interpretire programs
throughout the year.
Advanced registration is
requested. Call (784) 2611990 to register.

TB spreads into Michigan's elk herd



Biologists feared it would happen, but Michigan's prized elk herd had remained unaffected until recently by the bovine tuberculesis outbreak that has plagued our whitetail deer herd in the northern Lower

discussed — and the disease has still surfaced.

There is already a baiting and feeding ban — two practices officials believe helps spread the disease — across the elk range because of the TB outbreak in our deer. The size of the herd is kept in balance with the carrying capacity of their range through annual hunts. Testing of the harvested animals has been ongoing since 1996. To date, 760 elk have been tested and this is the first to test positive. Biologists discussed — and the disease has feared it would happen, but Michigan, but Michigan, but Michigan happen, but Michigan happen

Outdoors program for women

Women interested in learning more about the outdoors should look into the DNR's Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) program BOW offers classes and workshops throughout the year at various locations around the state in an effort to introduce outdoor recraim to women.

state in an effort to introduce outdoor recreation to women. BOW is holding a three-day workshop at the Nettie Bay workshop at the Nettie Bay compared to the state of the sta

fee, which covers lodging, meals and all instruction, is just \$125. To register and for more information contact Nancy Thurston at (810) 392-2111. For additional information and it he BOW programs contact Lynn Marla at (517) 241-2225 or send email to morisoffstate.mi.us.

Winter is here to stay. You might as well get out and enjoy it.

Events/clubs

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The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30
p.m. the third Wednesday of
overy month at Santia Hall,
1985 Cass Lake Road, Keego
Harbor. Call (248) 693-4380 or
visit the club's web site at
http://go.to/ocsa for more information.

The Seventh Annual Sport-The Seventh Annual Sporting Flies Competition and
What's New in Tackle exhibit
begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb.
10, at the Southfield Civic Center. Call (248) 682-6857 or (248)
683-3688 for more information.
A gun and knife show be held
friday, Saturday and Sunday,
Feb. 2-4, at the Gibraltar Track
Center in Taylor, Call (734) 2872000 for more information.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.)

Vines have interesting features if you look



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late them from their surroundings.

Across from my subdivision is a vine of wild cucumber.

Attached to the stoms are several cream colored, kiwi-shaped, spiked, seed pods. Upon closer examination they have a spongy like texture. On the underside their are openings where seeds have failen from, allowing an inside view of their chambered structure. Wild cucumber is a relative of the domestic cucumber grown in gardens. Another relative is grown for its sponges which people use for securing pads.

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pads. Vines often use tendrils to Vines often use tendrils to attach to structures since they often are not self supporting. Tendrils of wild cucumber are long, thin and tightly wound in a coiled shape. Wild grape, green-brier and Virginia creeper use tendrils for climbing and attaching. But a closer look reveals different tendril techniques. Greenbrier and wild grape use the same tendril attaching technique. A tendril grows from the main stalk or stem and continues to grow until it touches a support. Tendrils that don't reach a support wither sway. But upon touching a support the tendril starts to wrap around the

Vines just seem to blend in with their surroundings. In summer their leafy vegetation leaves of other plants and even in winter their naked stems look like any other stem. But some vines have interesting fearwe when you insome their surrounding t

Bittersweet is a colorful vine in fall when fruits from female plants ripen. Their reddish-orange berries surrounded by the ocher colored casing is very beautiful. This vine does not use tendrile. Instead its stems or tendrils. Instead its atems or branches twine around usporting structures. Sometimes they twine around their own branch is of their own their own they are of their own their own





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Stacey Balamucki

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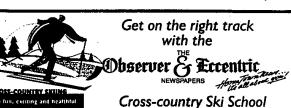
- . Send us up to one page of information about the athlete's involvement in sports, community, academic achievements and any awards he/she has received. Include the name of the high school and a picture of the athlete.
- 2. Include your name and daytime phone number.
- 3. Send your nomination to:

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FAX to: 313-875-1988

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