



Crafts show

Exhibitors from all over Oakland and Wayne County will be in Plymouth at the Cultural Center and Central Middle School Dec. 9-11 to display their wares at the fourth annual Plymouth Arts and Crafts

Show. Louis Kish of Southfield is one exhibitor who will be there with his woodwork items, including wine racks, candle holders and stack tables.

Duck, deer figures down this season

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The figures aren't all in yet, but they don't look particularly good for southeastern Michigan duck and deer hunters.

Ducks were scarce in these parts, and it seems to be part of a multi-state problem. Mild weather during fall is to blame.

"Many birds were still up in some parts of Canada in the second week of November," said Ed Mikula, waterfowl specialist for the state Department of Natural Resources.

The weather turned cold in September but warmed in October and early November. Waterfowl in Canada did not begin to migrate south until later in the season.

Wisconsin and Minnesota hunters had the same bad luck.

"A YEAR ago, we were in the throes of a drought, and birds were concentrated in certain areas of the state," said Mikula. "This year, the birds were scattered out more, and not as obvious in some places."

The upper peninsula had an earlier opening date and some good hunting in the eastern part, Mikula said.

"Waterfowl didn't have a good nesting season this year," he added. "This year's light harvest will probably result in a higher carryover of birds into next year. If habitat conditions stay the same as they were this fall, we anticipate a good production in 1978."

Areas in 1977 that were restricted to steel shot will be restricted again, he said. Some areas of the state had short supplies of steel shot because the Winchester firm started its production late, but Mikula sees no such problem next year.

DEER HUNTERS are giving mixed, but generally unfavorable reports.

In Livingston County, hunting pressure was moderate, snow was good for tracking, the kill was good, and hunters reported seeing a lot of deer.

Oakland County deer hunters reported little success, and in Washtenaw County hunting conditions were poor.

Oakland County trappers are active in open marshes and waters.

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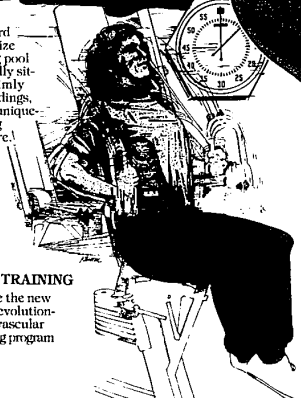
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