

State's best deer, duck areas spotted

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Programs for deer and duck hunters are up, too, when the Outdoors Sportsmen Council meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday in its headquarters at 4775 Waterford Rd., West Bloomfield.

For deer hunters, a film called "Gunning the Flows" will be shown. The Department of Natural Resources will discuss the state's best deer hunting areas. Arnold has played a role in increasing the state's deer herd to one million.

Interested persons may attend without charge.

CANADA GEESE will be subject of a program in the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark at 9 a.m. Sunday. Slides and discussions are included. Although a program fee, advance registration is required. Call the nature center at 665-1561.

Kensington Metropark, on 1,960 south of Milford, is a sanctuary for geese. In the wild, hunters nest at great distances from one another, but in Kensington they learn to fly almost as close as they are flying families.

Thus when there are excess geese to be disposed of, Kensington-born geese are popular additions to wildlife areas elsewhere in the state and country.

GUIDED NATURE walks are offered at area metroparks at 9 a.m. Nov. 7.

Hikers should gather at the nature centers of either Sable Creek Metropark near Rochester or Kensington Metropark at Milford. Participants will have to sign in and pay a fee of \$1. No registration is required.

A history walk, with naturalists explaining about Indians and pioneers of the area, will be held at Kensington at 9 a.m. Nov. 14. Advance registration is required.

MOST HUNTERS would probably think the more deer, the better.

But wildlife biologists from Michigan State University and the DNR are warning that the deer herd is in for trouble unless it's to be reduced, and fast.

Farmers may suffer unusually heavy losses," said Glenn Duddar, MSU wildlife specialist with the cooperative extension service.

Under unfavorable weather conditions—such as this summer's drought—the problem is intensified.

In eastern Kalamazoo County, in the northern Lower Peninsula and Monroe County in the LP as places where deer have destroyed the major portion of some farmers' crops.

Biologists say Michigan's habitat can support a million deer before hunting seasons would unacceptable loss to crops, forests and motorists through car-deer accidents.

One way to thin the deer herd is to let nature take its course through starvation, disease, accidents and the inability of deer to find enough food.

Another method is feeding deer hay or corn. Duddar warns against this, however. I have seen instances of deer eating corn or hay they could not digest. The material fermented in the stomach, fermenting ammonia gas which eventually poisoned the animal. This is a horrendous death.

Hunting, in my opinion, is a much more merciful way to help keep the herd in balance than starvation, disease and accidents.

Oakland is tops in CMU enrollment

Central Michigan University's fall enrollment this year includes students from each of Michigan's 80 counties, with students coming in greatest numbers from Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Clinton.

A county-by-county breakdown of CMU's 11,000 enrollment shows that 15,481, or nearly 80 percent of the total are from Michigan, with 233 students from 41 other states. There are 90 foreign students on the campus, from 20 countries.

Oakland County leads the other counties in enrollment of students with 1,829 on the campus in Mt. Pleasant. Wayne County follows that figure with 1,529 students and Isabella County has 1,181.

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Roll Call Report

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes at the close of the 94th Congress.

HOUSE

Mid-decade census: Passed, 227 for and 94 against, a bill (HR 11337) providing for a mid-decade census in 1985 and every 10 years thereafter. It would supplement the census which is conducted at the beginning of each decade.

The bill, sent to the White House, also strengthens confidentiality of certain census information. It instructs the Census Bureau to use scientific sampling methods where possible and repeals criminal sanctions for refusing to answer census questions.

Rep. James O'Hara (D-12), William Ford (D-15), William Brodhead (D-17) and James Blanchard (D-19) supported the bill. Reps. Marion Eash (R-2) and William Broome (R-19) did not vote.

Lawyers fees: Rejected, 104 for and 258 against, a motion to send back to committee and kill a bill (S 278) enabling

courts to award lawyers' fees to the prevailing party in private suits brought to enforce federal civil rights laws. The bill was introduced by Rep. John W. Larson.

The motion was to instruct the judiciary committee to exempt from coverage all suits filed before the date the bill takes effect.

Rep. Eash, the motion was offered on the last day of the 94th Congress, the practical result of its passage would have been to kill the legislation.

Ford, Brodhead, Blanchard and Eash and O'Hara did not vote.

SENATE

Jobless benefits: Tabled, 53 for and 30 against, a motion to bring to the floor HR 861, a bill to allow private industry for the first time to produce enriched uranium used to power nuclear reactors. Tabling of this motion killed the bill for the 94th Congress.

Enriched uranium is now produced solely by the federal government, and the bill provided for opening this industry to the private sector through loan guarantees and other assistance from the Energy Research and Development Administration.

Griffin opposed the motion. Hart did not vote.

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weeks of benefits, the last 13 being contingent on high national or state unemployment rates.

This amendment would allow those benefits to continue 13 additional weeks—for a maximum of one year's coverage—if national unemployment is higher than about 7.5 per cent or if the workers' state unemployment rate exceeds about seven per cent.

Sen. Robert Griffin (R-Mich.) voted "nay."

Sen. Philip Hart (D-Mich.) did not vote.

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