

State's best deer, duck areas spotted

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Outdoor Writer

Programs for deer and duck hunters are on tap when the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday at its headquarters at 4778 Waverford Rd., Waverford.

For duck hunters, a film called "Gun-tung the Flyway" will be shown.

Dave Arnold of the Michigan 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 GEESSE will be subject of a program in the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Slides and discussion are included. Although the program is free, advance registration is required. Call the nature center at 445-1541.

Kensington Metropark, on 194 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 nest almost as close as city-dwelling 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 Sunnyside Metropark near Rochester or Kensington Metropark at Milford. The same guided hike will also be offered Nov. 21. 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. 11. 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 held to a reasonable size.

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

Deer normally feed on crops. But if their numbers are large, the damage they do is beyond what farmers can reasonably be expected to tolerate.

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

He cited Kalamazoo County in the northern lower peninsula and Monroe County in the U.P. 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 season without 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 undernourished deer to reproduce.

Another method is feeding deer hay or corn. Dudderar warns against this, however. "I have seen instances of deer eating corn or hay they could not digest. The material fermented in the stomach, forming 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 83 counties, with students coming in greatest numbers from Oakland, Wayne and Isabella counties.

A county-by-county break-down of CMU's 18,004 enrollment shows that 15,641, or nearly 86 per cent, of the total are from Michigan, with 220 students from 41 other states. There are 90 foreign students on the campus this year.

Oakland County leads the other counties in enrollment of students with 1,823 on the campus in 38. Pleasant, Wayne County follows that figure with 1,529 students and Isabella county has 1,181.

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

1986-decade census: Passed, 227 for and 94 against, a bill (HR 1137) providing for a mid-decade census in 1985 and every 10 years thereafter. It would supplement the regular census, which is conducted at the beginning of each decade.

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

Reps. James O'Hara (D-12), William Ford (D-15), William Brodhead (D-17) and James Blanchard (D-18) supported the bill.

Reps. Marvin Esh (R-2) and William Broomfield (R-19) did not vote.

Lawyers fees: Passed, 104 for and 264 against, a motion to send back to committee and kill a bill (S 273) enabling courts to award lawyers' fees to the prevailing party in private suits brought to enforce federal civil rights laws. The bill was passed and sent to the White House.

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

But since 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 Broomfield voted nay.

Esh and O'Hara did not vote.

SENATE

Jobless benefits: Tabled, 53 for and 27 against, an amendment providing 13 additional weeks of federal-state unemployment benefits during times of high unemployment. The amendment was proposed to HR 10219, a bill extending unemployment compensation coverage to about nine million additional workers. The bill was passed and sent to the White House.

Workers presently can receive up to 39

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.

Nuclear fuel: Tabled, 33 for and 30 against, a motion to bring to the floor HR 9601, 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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