

Ban upheld for private land

Sunday hunting OK on state land

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Outdoors writer

Existing Sunday hunting can apply only to private lands. Counties cannot prohibit Sunday hunting on state-owned land, Kelley ruled.

THE RULING came in response to a request from State Sen. Kerry Kainer (D-Eastland) Kelley's ruling has the force of law until or unless a court overrules him. Kelley's opinion, handed down in time for hunting on Sunday, Oct. 24, said that lands owned by the state are held in trust

for the use and benefit of all of the people of the state. Many of these lands were acquired with fees derived from hunting licenses for the purpose of providing hunting areas for all of the people.

"With this in mind, I do not believe that these lands can be reasonably construed to prohibit Sunday hunting on state-owned lands."

These county rules date from 1927. They were supposedly put in effect to prevent trespass and nuisance problems for land owners.

What they accomplished, however, was to cut in half the hunting days of the city dweller who could get out only on weekends and gave a distinct advantage to rural dwellers.

IF YOU LOOK at the list of counties which had banned Sunday hunting, you can see that they make practically a ring around the metropolitan areas—Tuscola, Shiawassee, Iapeer, Washtenaw, Sanilac, Lenawee, Hillsdale, Livingston, Branch, Huron, Macomb and St. Clair.

Kelley's ruling opens up some 41,600 acres in 17 other counties and recreation areas. Here is a list, by county:

- Lapeer—Oak Grove, Gregory and Grindall state game areas. Pinkney Recreation and Island Lake recreation areas.
- St. Clair—Fort Huron state game area.
- Macomb—Berkel and Huxtable Area recreation areas.
- Washtenaw—Peterburg state game area.
- Sanilac—Cass City, Sanilac and Minden City state game areas.
- Huron—Gagetown and Rush Lake state game areas.
- Hillsdale—East Salem state game area.
- Lenawee—Husted state game area.

OAKLAND COUNTY Sportsmen's Club's 100-yard outdoor range will be open and staffed Nov. 6-7 for deer hunters who want to sight in their rifles and shotguns. Members and non-members alike may sight in and test their firearms under the guidance of National Rifle Association-certified instructors. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, according to Walter Perry, head of rifle and pistol activity for the sportsmen's club.

Club grounds are at 470 Waterford Road, Waterford.

A nominal charge of \$1 will be made for non-members of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. Except for ammo, all equipment—benches, targets and the rest—will be available. Parking is free.

LOCAL SCHOOL assemblies can get naturalists to present illustrated nature programs free.

It's a service of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan naturalists from the nature center at Stony Creek, Remington and Oakwoods metroparks.

From Nov. 1 to March 31, the naturalists are available to talk on such topics as wild animals, the skies, bats and water.

Each school is limited to one half day per school year. Three programs can be presented during a visit. The school may select three different subjects, with programs varying from 25 to 45 minutes.

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Regionalism AAUB topic

Regionalism—how it affects urban-suburban living in expanded metropolitan areas—will be considered at the AAUB Interbranch Council's ninth annual meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak.

Cosponsored by Regional Citizens, the workshop will present Robert Farley, executive director of the Denver Council of Governments. Farley, a former SEMCOG staffer, will speak at the morning session on the future of regionalism.

During the afternoon, small groups will discuss specific regional services such as transportation, health services, recreation programs and government costs.

Birmingham's Julie Evans, a member of the SEMTA board of directors, will lead the transportation session.

Interbranch council is made up of 20 branches of the American Association of University Women in suburban Metro Area.

Meeting chairman is Jane Fahy of Rochester. Workshop members include Charlotte Weller, Birmingham hospitalist; Sarah Hass, Plimsouth finance; Penny deSaglier, Livonia; Ann Boston, Dearborn secretary; Martha Hagan, Huntington Woods, program; Charlotte Gellard, Detroit, books; and Kay Kirby, Grosse Pointe, publicity.

Southfield man on alum board

Richard Schalk of Southfield has been elected treasurer of the University of Michigan Dearborn Alumni Society. Schalk is a 1971 U-M graduate.

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