

Bird courses offered by MSU

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outdoors

will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, on a proposed master plan for Red Oaks County Park in Madison Heights.

The hearing will be in the Madison Heights City Hall, 300 W. 13 Mile.

The plan covers 26 acres at the north end of the county park between 13 Mile and Dequindre. Under consideration are a wave-action pool, water slide, bike motorcross track, court games area, baseball complex and adventure playground.

If you can't make the hearing, write your comments to the commission at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Pontiac 48054.

The existing Red Oaks has a nine-hole executive golf course and a year-around, 25-station driving range. In winter, the driving range is covered by a heated, inflatable dome, first of its kind in the country.

STONY CREEK Metropolitan east of Rochester will be the site of a two-hour nature center walk at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 1.

Naturalist Leslie Sutton will lead the search for skunk cabbage, the first migrating birds and other warm-weather indicators. The walk is free, but register in advance by calling the nature center at 781-4621.

The signs of spring are around. Flocks of geese were heading north last weekend. The marshes soon will be resounding with the harsh trill of the male redbilled blackbird as he stakes out his territory and attracts his harem.

Maddening

Nomads in Mongolia conduct much of their trade in livestock. Under this system of barter, a horse is worth 14 goats, but a camel is worth two horses.

In an era when more folks are zapping the outdoors in snowmobiles, trail bikes and all-terrain vehicles, it's refreshing to hear about someone like Dr. Donald Beaver.

The Michigan State University zoology professor is teaching two courses in ornithology — bird-watching — at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center, 3325 Franklin, Bloomfield Hills.

One will run from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays from April 2 to June 4.

The second will run from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays from April 7 to June 5.

Enrollment in each is limited to 20. The course may be taken for three graduate credits, three undergraduate credits or no credit. One need not be formally admitted to MSU to join.

Registration information is available from the MSU Southeast Regional Center in Birmingham at 645-5410. Ask about Zol 460 — Field Ornithology.

Dr. Beaver is known to bird watchers as editor of the Jack Pine Warbler, journal of the Michigan Audubon Society.

He is making the course appropriate for both beginning and advanced bird watchers. He will cover songs, plumage, identification of 150 species and natural history.

You'll need a good pair of binoculars and clothing appropriate for hiking in the woods in spring.

That's why courses like Zol 460 are good: It enriches camping, backpacking and cross country skiing and hiking. It makes us realize how obnoxious snowmobiles, trail bikes and ATVs are.

THE OAKLAND County Parks and Recreation Commission

U-M figures show enrollment increased

The University of Michigan had 44,604 students enrolled at the school this winter, 396 more than a year ago.

The total includes 5,997 at the U-M-Dearborn; 3,932 at the U-M-Flint; 34,069 at the Ann Arbor campus, including those enrolled in graduate centers at other locations, and 606 enrolled in credit extension courses throughout the state.

Of the 34,069 total enrollment at the Ann Arbor campus, 21,397 are undergraduates and 12,682 are graduate students.

Here are current enrollment figures for the individual colleges and schools on the Ann Arbor campus:

College of Architecture and Urban Planning, 484; School of Art, 554; School of Business Administration, 2,095; School of Dentistry, 844; School of Education, 1,589; College of Engineering, 5,041; Law School, 1,129; School of Library Science, 239.

College of Literature, Science and the Arts, 15,560; Medical School, 1,718; School of Music, 821; School of Natural Resources, 754; School of Nursing, 840; College of Pharmacy, 285; School of Public Health, 659; School of Social Work, 712.

The totals include both graduate and undergraduate students.

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