

New T Party to fight May tax proposal

The recently-formed Michigan T Party has launched a campaign to defeat Proposal A on the May 19 ballot. Party President Donald Eby of West Bloomfield hopes to mobilize enough opposition to the tax proposal to defeat it statewide.

Eby says his group expects to get a better tax cut issue on the 1982 ballot which would be a refined version of the Tish amendment which was defeated in 1980.

Ron Hammer of Wolverine Lake Township is vice president of the party. Adriano Capizzani of West Bloomfield is secretary-treasurer.

A core group of 42 members from Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties is trying to raise \$250,000 by selling license plates for \$9.76 reading "Michigan T Party," Eby says.

Headquarters for the group is at 4161 Orchard Lake Road, Orchard Lake 48053.

The address for license plates is P.O. Box 1776, Pontiac 48056.

Eby, owner of a stationery store in Orchard Lake which serves as headquarters for the party, says Proposal A would be unfair to businesses and non-citizen.

"Michigan has levied property taxes indiscriminately for so long against business and industry that we barely have any left," he said.

The issue was put on the ballot by the state legislature and Gov. William Milliken in a bi-partisan plan to cut residential property taxes by 50 percent up to \$1,400 and raise the sales tax 1 1/2 cents.

The party began its campaign last Wednesday at a press conference in West Bloomfield.

outdoors

Trout opener to be perfect but bizarre

By Lem Meece
special writer

Saturday marks the true beginning of spring. It's the opening day of trout fishing season, and the 1981 kickoff promises to be one of the more auspicious beginnings in recent memory.

Conditions are perfect. Bizarre, but perfect.

Everything has been speeded up by this year's remarkable spring. Fishery biologists are reporting insect hatches already in progress that normally wouldn't fall due for another month. Mammoth stone flies, for instance, are already appearing on state streams. The streams themselves have had plenty of time to recover from the early thaw and they're reportedly running clear and close to normal depth.

branch of the Au Sable. At least, that's what my friend C.O. Jones told me.

"Hell, I looked around and I thought you'd got in the car and driven back home without me," is the way he put it when I finally surfaced, spluttering, waders loaded with a representative sample of the icy, muddy, reeling river. My rod was already a good furling downstream and slipping along at a pace that would make Secretariat hang his noble head in shame.

I'd like to say there was a two-pound brown trout connected to that rod and I stepped in the hole in an excited frenzy, but there wasn't and I didn't.

What was connected to the rod was a nymph and a dry fly on a dropper line, and what caused me to step into the hole was sheer stupidity, as C.O. quickly pointed out. I didn't pay attention when I noticed the feeder stream that had dug out the hole I stepped in.

Anyway, nothing like that will happen this year and if I keep knocking on this wood here in front of

me it'll disintegrate and I'll have to pay for it.

IF, FOR some inexplicable reason, you're not fishing this weekend, there's plenty going on at area metroparks.

You might want to drop by Stony Creek near Rochester about 7:30 Friday night. They're having a program called "Calling All Toads," which is dedicated to the premise "that the evenings in April resound with the pleasant trill of crooning toads." Honest. Naturalist Bill Thomas will lead the group on a walk to hear the crooning.

You might also want to stop by Kensington Metropark at 7:30 Friday night before heading out to the streams. They're having an "April Evening Nature Walk," and you can register in advance for the free program by phoning the park office at Milford at 685-1561.

A similar program Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Kensington will feature a look at wildflowers.

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