With apologies to Will Shakespeare:

What's in a name? That which we call a rose By any other name would smell as sweet.

By Lem Mesee staff writer

You would think Ronald Reagan in the White House or Roger Smith at Jeneral Motors would have the biggest taff of ghost writers. Well, this outdoors writer can top

em all. In the last decade, 19 differen em all. In the last decade, 19 different reporters and editors have ghost-writ-ten the Outdoors column under the nom de plume of Lem Mesee.

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Many folks don't catch on right away
that the name is derived from a hurryup way of saying "Let me see."
Old-timers on the staff argue about
who concocted such a crazy name. The
honor usually goes to the late Bob McClellan, author of one of Lem's finest
opuses. "My first (and last) season as a
trapper" in 1971.

Two or three years ago, Lem came up with a canoeing and duck hunting buddy named C.O. Jones, a character based on one of the original Lem ghosts who left newspapering for public relations

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A week ago, one of the more flamboyant Lems came up with a Bulgarian war bride named Jusi, with the J pronounced like Y. Jusi Mesee — get it?

ACTUALLY, Lem Mesee has never been a male chauvinist pig. A young ghost who tried to refer to "the little woman" got blue-pencilled in a hecku-

Michigan Duck Hunters Association will start the two-hour classes at 7:30 p.m. on the small bore range of Multi-Lakes Conservation Association. Multi-Lakes is on Newton Road between Richardson and Commerce roads out Commerce Township way in Oakland County.

Ed Sienklewicz (624-4782) and Earl Leat 1656 Libbs vur he first class will and huntin' — just about everything a southeastern Michigan man, woman or child could be interested in. He has even written on things they're sometimes not interested in, such as safety. He/she is not keen, however, on promoting activities that burn gasoline just for the sake of moving around — snowmobiling, speedboating and trail bikes.

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Other than that, the clear sky is the limit. Lem will be glad to relay any news you might have from an outdoor or environmental club meeting if you send it along.

At least one of the 19 ghosts is bound to be interested.

DUCK HUNTERS should circle two Sundays, Sept. 23 and 30, on their cal-endars for wildlife identification class-

s. The Oakland Wetlands chapter of

It's part of the national "Life - be in it" campaign aimed at getting Ameri-cans more actively involved in recre-ation and leisure activity.

THE AUDUBON Society is selling wild bird food through Oct. 1 for pickup on Saturday, Oct. 24. Proceeds aid its sanctuary land preservation programs, according to Carol Dick.

You can order sunflower seed, mixed seed, sunflower hearts, peanut pieces, thistle seed and suet cakes by contacting the Audubon office at 303 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, or calling 545-2929 from 8 am to 5 m. weekdays. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

MICHIGAN'S first wave action pool Kayak and Deck Canoe slalom compe-tition will be Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Waterford Oaks County Park wave

The pool's three-foot waves should offer river-acquainted boaters a new

end. The class is free, and a booklet called "Ducks at a Distance" goes for \$1.75.

YOU CAN GET a bus ride to an Oakland County park for your club or non-profit group.

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Co-spensored by the county and the Farmington Hills parks and recreation department, it's billed as "low-key."
"Kayaking in the wave pool should be more challenging because of the three-foot waves," said Dave Justus of the Hills department. "It should be much different because there will be no marked."

spectators. No need to be an expert.

Three will be five events, and participants may enter any two. Events are single canoes, double canoes, single kayaks (open), women's novice single kayaks, and men's novice single kayaks.

Cost is \$5 for two events and \$2.50 for one event. Canoeing equipment prizes will be drawn from among all competitors.

Waterford Oaks is located on Scott Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Watkins Lake Road west of Pontiac.

TEAMS OF one adult and one child related by family will participate in "Fishing for Fun" day 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 19 at Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston.

Anglers youngest, oldest, catching the most and catching the longest will receive awards. Bring your own tackle and bait and meet at the boathouse on Crooked Lake.

Coffee and donuts will be served and pre-registration ends Sept. 11. Regis-tration fee is \$5 a pair. Call Teresa Fortino at 858-0916 for more informa-

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and County park to you claud on the profil group.

The parks commission has three 44-passenger buses for rent to church, school, senior citizen and social organizations, according to Dan Stencil, recreation supervisor. You can get schedule and fee information from him at 858-0915.

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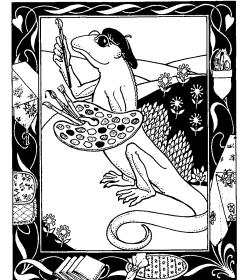
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