

# Derek's radio show educates listeners



**BILL PARKER**

Ice anglers are having success catching perch on Saginaw Bay. Later this winter, and through most of the summer, the bay serves up limit catches of tasty walleye. Unknown to many, Saginaw Bay also offers great largemouth and smallmouth bass action.

Art Ferguson III, one of Michigan's premiere professional bass anglers, knows the bay well.

"There is such an abundance of bass out there it's incredible," said Ferguson of Rochester Hills. "Pound-for-pound I consider it the best bass lake in Michigan."

Ferguson and cable TV fishing show host Roland Martin spent two days on Saginaw Bay in September taping for the Roland Martin Fishing Show. The segment of the show will air locally Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 29-30, on TNN. The Saturday show will air at 11:30 a.m., and the Sunday show will air at 9:30 p.m.

**Derek weathers storm**

Forty weeks ago Farmington Hills resident Joe Derek set forth on a journey, not knowing for sure where it would lead. For the first time in his life the outdoor educator/naturalist was taking his knowledge of nature to the airwaves as the host of an outdoor radio program. He started with a 13-week contract and his show, "Naturally Michigan Afield," has been on the air ever since.

"I went into this thing cold-turkey," Derek said. "I didn't really know what to expect."

What Derek didn't plan on is the post-holiday cold shoulder from sponsors. He admits the past few weeks have been tough. As post-holiday buying slows to a snail's pace, advertising dollars retailers had spent on a regular basis also dwindle down to a trickle. And the upcoming barrage of outdoor shows has taken its toll as well.

"A lot of sponsors are putting their time and money into the (outdoor) shows right now," Derek said. "The spring looks like it will be really good. I have people that want to come on in

March, just nobody in January. The next four weeks will be tough, but then I'll be into mid-February and should be all right."

In keeping with his promise of offering a broad-based program, Derek has already done shows covering topics ranging from composting to gun control; from butterfly collecting to turkey calling.

The show airs at 10 a.m. Wednesdays on WCAR, 1050 AM. Having weathered the storm, Derek is already planning for the future. Some of the upcoming topics Derek plans to cover include ice fishing with tip-ups, Michigan turtles and Michigan endangered species, spring steelhead fishing, turkey hunting, and the cleanup efforts on the Rouge River.

"The response has been good," Derek said. "I think I'm one of the top shows (on WCAR) as far as a listener response. Everyone seems to like it. For me it's been a blast. I plan on staying on now for a while."

**Reminders, reminders**

Personally, I'd wait until the temperature warms a little, but a special Canada goose season runs through Feb. 5. The area open to hunting includes all public and private lands south of a line from Port Huron to Grand Rapids (along highways 1-69, M-21 and M-45).

The DNR counted more than 130,000 Canada geese in the state during a mid-December count including 70,000 in the area open to the special hunt.

With all the sub-zero weather we've had recently many of these birds may have headed south. Any remaining birds will be nesting on open water — if you can find any.

Feb. 1 is the application deadline for the spring wild turkey season. The season runs from mid-April to mid-May in the northern Lower Peninsula and select portions of the Upper Peninsula and the southern Lower Peninsula. The bag limit is one bearded turkey.

**Anglers are urged to report their success.** Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to *Outdoors*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Fax information to 644-1314 or call Bill Parker Monday evenings at 901-2578.

## OUTDOORS CALENDAR

### DATES AND EVENTS

**CLASSES**

The Wayne County Sportsman's Club and the National Rifle Association present the Personal Protection Program, which was developed by the NRA's Women's Issues Committee. The class begins Monday, Feb. 7, at the Wayne County Sportsman's Club in Romulus, 532-0285.

The Wayne County Sportsman's Club and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will offer a class leading to a Michigan Safe Hunter certificate beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26-27, at the Wayne County Sportsman's Club in Romulus, 532-0285.

**OUTDOOR SHOWS**

The Camper Travel and RV Show will be Jan. 26-30 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The fifth annual Northern Wildlife Art Expo will be Jan. 28-30 at the Lansing Center in Lansing.

Outdoor Sports and Travel Show will be Feb. 25 to March 6 at the Novi Expo Center.

The Detroit Boat Show will be Feb. 5-13 at the Cobo Convention Center.

The 1994 Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be Feb. 16-20.

The sixth annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing Expo will be March 3-6 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

The Flint Steelheaders Boat and Fishing Show will be March 4-6 at the IMA Sports Arena.

**FISHING CLUB MEETINGS**

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maple-

wood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School, 420-2233.

**SEASONS**

Canada goose — a special season runs through Feb. 6 on private and public lands south of a line from Port Huron to Grand Rapids that runs along highways 1-69, M-21 and M-45.

Rabbit — statewide through March 31.

Raccoon — statewide through March 1.

Fox — statewide through April 15.

Coyote — statewide through March 1.

Sturgeon — Through Feb. 28 on non-trout streams and inland lakes.

Walleye, sauger and northern pike — through March 15 on non-trout streams, inland lakes, and Great Lakes. (Open year-round on Lake St. Clair, Detroit and St. Clair rivers.)

**SHOOTING RANGES**

The gun range at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 666-1020.

The gun range at the Bald Mountain Recreation Area is open 10 a.m. to dusk Wednesday, Saturdays and Sundays, 693-6767.

**OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS**

**INTO HUNTS**

Junior naturalists ages 9-13 can learn about life in the arctic

through pictures, crafts and activities in this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

**WOODCHUCKER'S HOLIDAY**

Enjoy a Michigan winter day re-living activities from the lumberjack days in this program, which begins at noon Saturday, Feb. 6, at Independence Oaks. Children can compete at nail pounding and seed spitting as well as crafts and demonstrations by a blacksmith who is a saw musician. Adults can compete in log rolling and log sawing contests.

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**

Advanced registration and motor vehicle permit are required for all Oakland County Parks programs, 625-6473.

### METROPARKS

**SLEIGHRIDES**

Horse-drawn sleigh rides will be given noon to 4 p.m. weekends at the Kensington Farm Center.

**FULL MOON WALK**

Look and listen for the activity of the nocturnal world in winter during this naturalist-led evening hike, which begins at 7 tonight at Indian Springs. A similar program begins at 7 p.m. at Stony Creek.

**NATURE DISCOVERY**

A short hike, story and craft designed to help children ages 3-6 learn about animals in winter will be offered in this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

**HARNESSING A HORSE'S POWER**

Learn about draft horses and take a short sleigh ride during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Kensington Farm Center.

## CC skaters whip Titans

The Redford Catholic Central hockey team heads into the tough part of its schedule on a high note, whipping Southgate Anderson, 10-0, on Saturday at Redford Ice Arena.

The Shamrocks, who host Trenton on Saturday and play No. 1 ranked Birmingham Brother Rice on Wednesday, improved to 10-0-1 overall.

"It was the best game we played all year," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "The kids really came to play."

Junior forward Jeff Helner continued his strong play, scoring four goals with one assist.

"He's on a heck of a spurt and I hope he can keep it going the next couple weeks," St. John said.

Greg Vaquera added two goals and two assists. Jon Hendy had a goal and four assists and Jason Couture, Chris Gonzalez and Jeff Lachapelle had one goal and one assist each.

**CHUCKLES** R. BURNINGHAM 11 Senior defenseman Steve Grom scored two goals and an assist Saturday, leading Livonia Churchill Park to a 6-0 victory over Cranbrook Ice Arena.

The Chargers, who broke a 1-1 tie with two goals in the third period, improved to 6-0 overall and stayed in contention for first place in the Suburban Prep Hockey League standings at 6-2. Birmingham is 6-6 overall.

### WRESTLING

**FARMINGTON HARRISON 27**

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 26**

Tuesday at Harrison

103 pounds: Charles Jaeger (H) won by void; 112: Dave Zober (C) pin; Travis Schwore, 1-49; 119: Pat Pottan (H) won by void; 128: Josh Banks (C) won by void; 130: Derek Jaeger (H) pin; Matt Slowik, 1-38; 133: Jeff Gutierrez (H) dec; Ted DePey, 1-45; 140: David Eaton (H) pin; Wade Logosco, 1-43; 148: Chris Seder (C) won by injury default; 152: Maroz Hightower (H) won by void; 160: Jim Stojanowski (C) pin; Scott Jones, 2-55; 171: Joe Harrison (C) pin; Joe Parsley, 2-00; 189: John Amayo (H) dec; Eugene Barco, 9-6; Hwt: Bob Fowler (C) pin; Mark Brown, 0-29.

Churchill dual record: 0-2.



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