



Celebrating Michigan's Waterfowl Legacy

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AUGUST 3 & 4, 2013

Frank N. Andersen Foundation Presents

SAGINAW BAY WATERFOWL FESTIVAL Bay City State Recreation Area

❖ Saturday 10am - 6pm

❖ Sunday 9am - 4pm



❖ Special Guest Exhibitors

Featured Wildlife Artist
JIM WARDYNSKI

Featured Waterfowl Carver
ROBERT GUBBINS

Featured Wildlife Taxidermist
KEVIN PERRY
Trails End Taxidermy

Featured Wildlife Photographer
KIM LEBLANC

❖ CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE ❖

2014 MDHA MICHIGAN DUCK STAMP COMPETITION

DUCK HUNTER & RECREATION EXPO

MICHIGAN DUCK & GOOSE CALLING CHAMPIONSHIP

WILDLIFE ART & CRAFT SHOW

WILDLIFE CARVING SHOW ♦ ADULT & YOUTH CALLING CLINIC



Wildlife Recovery Live Animal Presentation ♦ Live Duck Pond ♦ Waterfowl ID Trail
Parent/Youth Canoe Race ♦ Kids, Earn a Jr. Ranger Patch ♦ Ducky Kraft Korner
Wildlife Photography Contest Professional, Amateur & Junior Divisions ♦ QUACK - Athalon
Sporting Dog Puppies for Sale ♦ Dog Retrieving Demonstrations ♦ Water Safety Demonstrations
Retrieving Dog Fun Trials ♦ Special Presentations by DNR Wildlife & Law Enforcement Divisions
Outdoor Sportsmen Conservation Information Booths ♦ Much, Much More!

For more information on this event or to reserve exhibitor space in the Puppy Alley, Wildlife Art & Craft Show, or Duck Hunter & Outdoor Expo, please, contact :
Bay City State Recreation Area (989)667-0717 or saginawbaywaterfowl@gmail.com



Schedule of Festival Events

Special Exhibits inside the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center:

Waterfowl & Wildlife Carving Show **Visitor Center Classroom**

Last year nearly one hundred entries submitted by Professional and Amateur carvers. Carvings depicting the beauty of Michigan's Wildlife. Visitors do the judging in this unique artist competition. Enter your votes for your favorite carvings on Saturday or Sunday. Visitor Judging until 1PM Sunday. Awards displayed at 3PM

Featured Waterfowl Artist Display, Jim Wardynski **Visitor Center Lobby**

Enjoy the unique style of wildlife artist of Jim Wardynski. Originals and prints available for sale by the artist himself.

Featured Taxidermist Display, Kevin Perry **Visitor Center Lobby**

Get tips on preparing your duck for mounting and watch this artist work his magic!

Featured Wildlife Carver Display, Robert Gubbins **Visitor Center Lobby**

Join this award winning carver in the lobby and check out his wonderful carvings. Find out tips on how to take part in this rewarding pass-time inspired by nature

Featured Wildlife Photographer, Kim LeBlanc **Visitor Center Lobby**

This one of a kind photographer will be set up in the lobby, so come check out his amazing photos.

The Michigan DNR Duck Stamp Print Collection **Visitor Center Auditorium**

All thirty-eight color re-mark stamp and prints representing the 38 year history of the Michigan Duck Stamp program.

DNR Wildlife Division **Visitor Center Outer Lobby & Sidewalk** Area managers will have maps and information available about the upcoming waterfowl and wildlife hunting seasons. DNR Wildlife staff will be manning this booth and available to answer your wildlife management questions.

All Day Saturday & Sunday ON-GOING Activities:

Waterfowl Hunting Video Simulator **Visitor Center Wet Lab.** Try out the DNR's computerized shooting gallery designed to train and challenge waterfowl hunters. Tucked in the back of the visitor center museum.

Future Duck Stamp Contest **Canopy Near the Flagpole** Youth can take a break from the action and draw a picture of a duck in its wetland habitat, and enter it in our competition. Winners will be selected from four age divisions through 18 years.

Wildlife Photography Contest **Visitor Center Outer Lobby & Back Porch**

A competition open to amateur, youth and professional photographers. Entries displayed depict the wonder and beauty of Michigan's out-of-doors. Enter your votes for your favorite photos on Saturday and Sunday. Visitor judging ends at 1PM Sunday. Awards displayed after 3PM

Ducky Craft Corner **Under the Kids Activity Shelter** A different FREE make and take craft project offered each hour. Celebrate duck appreciation by making a "Just Ducked Out" door knob hanger, flying duck on a stick, swan in a pond and more!

Kid's Activity Shelter Fun, youth oriented, waterfowl education activities every hour on the hour. See the schedule below, including duck calling, puppet shows, crafts, duck BINGO, & story hour. Kids can also take part in a special soap duck carving sponsored by the Tri-City Carvers! Kids who participate in 5 festival activities can earn a free Waterfowl Jr. Ranger patch!

DNR Duck ID Challenge DNR Law Enforcement Division will be available to help you use field marks to distinguish Michigan's waterfowl. Try out the waterfowl ID challenge. Get your waterfowl regulation questions answered here.

Play it Safe on the Water **Canopy near the Lagoon Dock Area** U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and their water safety retrieving dog will be sharing safety tips for kids and their families to use while recreating on the water. They will utilize equipment and demonstrations.

Retrieving Dog Fun Hunt Trials **Lagoon Dock** Bring your retrieving dogs down to the dock and demonstrate their skills in a challenging and fun-to-watch test of dog retrieving skills. Dogs completing the trial will win souvenir ribbons. Free Entry.

Live Duck Pond Exhibit Live duck display. Adjacent to the Waterfowl ID Trail by the dock.

Waterfowl ID Trail Begins at Lagoon Dock Practice your skills at duck identification as you view over 100 decoys placed on the water as you hike the Lagoon Trail. Participants eligible for daily prize drawing.

Air Rifle Shooting Gallery Exercise your marksmanship skills at this air rifle gallery.

Hunters Safety Skills/Field Day **Law Enforcement Booth** After taking an online course, you are required to attend the skills/field day portion of a regular class and take the student examination in order to receive your hunter safety certificate. Appointments can be made by calling Lt. Ronald Utt at 989-684-9141.

SATURDAY EVENTS

10AM-11:30AM

Retrieving Dog Fun Hunt Trial **Lagoon Dock** (10-11:30) Join Landmark Kennels down at the dock with your retrieving dog and try them out in a challenging and fun-to-watch test of retrieving skills. Dogs completing the trial will win souvenir ribbons.

Bird Banding Demonstration **Visitor Center Field Observation Room** Ongoing demonstrations with ornithologist. Bring your bird behavior questions and learn tips on bird ID.

Wood Duck House Workshop **Tent #1** Wood Ducks are back! Thanks to hundreds of concerned hunters. The Saginaw MDHA has played a huge part in bringing back this beautiful duck. Construct a Wood Duck box for a wetland near your home.

10AM

Waterfowl Legacy **Auditorium** Honor Yesterday, Engage Today, and Build Tomorrow with MWL A special presentation by Michigan DNR employee Jessica Caton on the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy, a 10-year cooperative partnership to restore, conserve, and celebrate Michigan's waterfowl, wetlands, and waterfowl hunting community. Explore the past, present, and future of Michigan's waterfowl and wetlands. Learn how you can help to conserve waterfowl and the wetlands for the future.

Duck Tales: A New Duck **Kid's Activity Shelter** Kids hear this enchanting tale about the life cycle of a mallard duck. Then make a mallard duck table decoration to remember the tale by.

Ducky Craft Corner **Near Kid's Activity Shelter** Make Flying duck on a stick!

10:30AM

Wow! Wonder of Wetlands **Kid's Activity Shelter** Find out why wetlands are special!

11AM

Wildlife Recovery **Auditorium** Fascinating LIVE BIRDS OF PREY presentation by biologist, Joe Rogers. View wildlife up close as he shares natural history and rehabilitation stories of some of Michigan's most unique wetland resources—Hawks, Falcons, Eagles, Osprey, & Owls! Also find out about Michigan's Loon Recovery Program!

Ducky BINGO! **Kid's Activity Shelter** A fun way for beginners to learn about Michigan's ducks. Free Prizes.

11:30AM

Adult Waterfowl Calling Clinic **Tent #1** Tips and basic techniques to improve your waterfowl calling skills. 10 free duck calls will be given away to participants in free raffle.

Ducky Craft Corner **Near Kid's Activity Shelter** Free "Make & Take" craft project inspired by Ducks! Project - Duck Stencil T-shirts. Bring your own or T-shirts \$3. Join in as they will also be making a Swan in a Pond (11:30am-1:30pm)

Dog Training Demonstration **Lagoon Dock** Be amazed at the expert performance by well trained retrieving dogs during this demonstration. Learn tips from dog trainers on how to school and take care of your best hunting pal!

12Noon

Department of Natural Resources **Law Enforcement Division** **Auditorium** Join the Law Enforcement Division as they give a special presentation about waterfowl regulations followed by a question and answer session.

Waterfowl Wonders Puppet Show **Kid's Activity Shelter** Learn from the ducks themselves why wetlands are special!

Retrieving Dog Fun Hunt Trial **Lagoon Dock** (12-1:30) Join Landmark Kennels down at the dock with your retrieving dog and try them out in a challenging and fun-to-watch test of retrieving skills. Dogs completing the trial will win souvenir ribbons.

12:30PM

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Duck Games **Kid's Activity Shelter** Fun and fast moving waterfowl games that reveal to kids what makes our waterfowl wonderful!

1PM

Michigan Bald Eagle – Nesting Productivity **Auditorium** Join photographer Kim LeBlanc as he shares some of his breathtaking photos of his experiences working with the USFW service and the Bald Eagle Recovery Project and up to date information on the nesting productivity of Bald Eagles in our area.

1:30PM

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Ducky Craft Corner **Near Kid's Activity Shelter** Free "Make and Take" craft project inspired by Ducks! Project – Flying Duck Spinner. (1:30pm-3pm)

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Clinic **Tent #1** Join in this special clinic showing the youth special techniques for waterfowl hunting!

2PM

Draw A Duck **Kid's Activity Shelter** Join in on the fun of drawing a duck!

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2:30PM

Jr. Duck Calling Contest **Outdoor Stage** In participation with Callingducks.com and KrugerFarms.com Points Cup, participants 16 and under can compete for points towards the Kruger Farms Cup. Levels of competition include: Fledglings (for those who have just started); Tenderfoot (12 & under) and Hunters (16 & under). Medals & prizes will be awarded. Register at the Friends of BCSRA Information Booth in front of the Expo Tent.

Dog Training Demonstration **Lagoon Dock** Be amazed at the expert performance by well trained retrieving dogs during this demonstration. Learn tips from dog trainers on how to school and take care of your best hunting pal!

Mute Swan Report **Tent #1** Join in and listen to Wildlife Division give a report on the mute swan.

3PM

Ducky Craft Corner **Near Kid's Activity Shelter** Make Fridgy Magnets

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3:30PM

Pure Michigan Hunts **Tent #1** Listen to a DNR employee talk about the Pure Michigan Hunts and answer any questions.

Team Duck Calling Contest **Outdoor Stage** A contest for duck hunters and their hunting buddy challenging teamwork skills in the traditional art of duck calling. Hunters will compete in two levels of competition: Novice (Father/Son or Youth/Adult), and Advanced. First prize

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The Friends of Bay City State Recreation Area is a IRS recognized educational 501©3 organization which was established in 1995. Its purpose it to provide education and recreational opportunities to people visiting the Recreation Area. The Friends Group is composed of concerned citizens who want to support environmental education and help promote our area as a valuable community resource. In order to achieve these goals, we depend on your support through donations, memberships and volunteer help. The "Friends" and the Michigan DNR have a unique partnership By establishing membership with the Friends of Bay City State Recreation Area you are helping to preserve and improve this natural area and interpretive opportunities for today's and future generations to enjoy!

Membership rates are: \$12 Individual, \$18 Family, \$100 Benefactor, \$500 Corporate. If you would like more information on the "Friends" please stop by our Welcome Booth, located under the Expo Tent, during the festival.

- Over 250 volunteers, most of them FRIENDS OF BAY CITY STATE RECREATION AREA, make this event happen
- Each day a small army of adults and teens work together to share with others their love of Michigan's Waterfowl & Wildlife
- Our volunteers are hunters, bird watchers, artists, photographers, sports men & women, neighbors, teens, members of conservation Organizations, Volunteer Action Center members, and retirees

Schedule of Festival Events

Advanced is \$200.00 cash. Other prizes include trophies, decoys and collector's duck stamp prints. A fun and challenging competition. \$20.00 registration fee. Register at the Friends of information booth in the Expo Tent.

Duck Badges Kid's Activity Shelter Meet our featured carver, and learn how to make a badge that looks like a duck!

4PM

Frank's Great Outdoors Adult/Youth Canoe Race Lagoon Dock Adult (person 18 or older) and youth (17 & under) teams compete for prizes in this canoe race around Tobico Lagoon! First Place for each heat is a duck decoy. First place overall is one dozen duck decoys! Registration by 3:45PM at the Waterfowl ID Trail Canopy or at the Friends of BCSRA Information Tent at the front of the Expo Tent.

Public Viewing of Duck Stamp Entries Visitor Center Auditorium View entries of Wildlife artists who have entered their original compositions of a Michigan duck to earn cash prizes and the honor of their art work being featured on the 2014 Michigan Duck Stamp.

4:30PM

Ducky Craft Corner Near Kid's Activity Shelter Free "Make & Take" craft project inspired by Ducks! Project - Duck Bead Craft. (4pm-6pm)

Eat Safe Fish Game Kid's Activity Shelter Catch a fish and make your choice, to eat or not to eat, based on the Michigan Fish Advisory.

5PM

Retrieving Dog Fun Hunt Trial Lagoon Dock (5-6PM) Join Landmark Kennels down at the dock with your retrieving dog and try them out in a challenging and fun-to-watch test of retrieving skills. Dogs completing the trial will win souvenir ribbons.

Duck Tales: My Little Book of Wood Ducks Kid's Activity Shelter Kid's hear the delightful story about a brand new family of wood ducks.

Quack-athon Awards Outdoor Stage Winners for Saturday's Quack-athon will be announced and prizes awarded for entries.

6PM

Michigan Duck Stamp Award Ceremony Auditorium The 2014 Duck Stamp winner will be announced and prizes awarded for entries. (Time may be delayed pending judging conclusion).

7PM

Music From the Marsh – Dave Boutette Outdoor Stage Our summer outdoor performing cultural arts series continues! Join Dave with his "Slipping Down the Spine of the Great Lake State"

SUNDAY EVENTS

Bird Banding Demonstration Visitor Center Field Observation Room Ongoing demonstrations with ornithologist. Bring your bird behavior questions and learn tips on bird ID.

9AM

Retrieving Dog Fun Hunt Trial Lagoon Dock (9-11AM) Join Landmark Kennels down at the dock with your retrieving dog and try them out in a challenging and fun-to-watch test of retrieving skills. Dogs completing the trial will win souvenir ribbons.

Ducky Craft Corner Near Kid's Activity Shelter Free "Make & Take" craft project inspired by Ducks! Project - Duck Plant pokes and book marks. (9am-10:30am)

9:30AM

Pure Michigan Hunts Tent #1 Listen to a DNR employee talk about the Pure Michigan Hunts and answer any questions.

The Ugly Duckling Kid's Activity Shelter Hear this traditional tale about a waterfowl species which needs your help to survive! Do a swan craft to remember her story by.

10AM

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Paint a Duck Kid's Activity Shelter Learn from area artist how to paint a duck!

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DNR Waterfowl Hunting Forecast Auditorium Join DNR Wildlife Area Managers for this close-up look at our current waterfowl populations and a discussion on management strategies, issues and policies affecting waterfowl and hunters. Question & Answer session to follow.

Junior Goose Calling Contest Outdoor Stage A contest of goose calling skills for youth 16 & under in participation with KrugerFarms.com Youths can compete for points towards the KrugerFarms.com Cup Race. Levels of competition include: Fledglings (for those who have just started), Tenderfoot (12 & under) and Hunters (16 & under). Medals & prizes awarded. register at the Friends of BCSRA information booth in front of the Expo Tent.

Retrieving Dog Fun Hunt Trial Lagoon Dock (11:30am-1PM) Join Landmark Kennels down at the dock with your retrieving dog and try them out in a challenging and fun-to-watch test of retrieving skills. Dogs completing the trial will win souvenir ribbons.

12PM

Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division Auditorium Join the Law Enforcement Division as they give a special presentation about waterfowl regulations followed by a question and answer session.

Michigan Goose Calling Contest Outdoor Stage A contest for all waterfowl hunters challenging individual skills in the traditional art of goose calling. Hunters will compete in two levels of competition: Novice & Advanced. First Prize Masters is \$200.00. First Prize Novice is Michigan Duck Stamp & Print. Register at the Friends of BCSRA Information Booth in front of the Expo tent by 11:45am.

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2:30PM

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3:30PM

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Michigan Duck Hunter's Association Receives Partners in Conservation Award

...working to conserve the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy!

Recognizing the organization's dedication to wetlands and waterfowl issues, the Department of Natural Resources honored the Michigan Duck Hunters Association (MDHA) with a DNR Partners in Conservation Award at the January 2013 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission in Lansing. In presenting the award to MDHA President Marc Curtis, DNR Director Keith Creagh gave special mention of the organizations:

- Administration of the state's Waterfowl Stamp Program since 1998;
- Hosting of numerous youth hunting events;
- Assistance in habitat and infrastructure improvement at state-managed waterfowl areas; and
- Participation on the Citizens Waterfowl Advisory Committee.

"The Michigan Duck Hunters Association has partnered with the Department of Natural Resources for many years and on many worthwhile projects," said Director Creagh. "It's because of relationships like these that we're able to make such strides in stewardship of Michigan's woods, water and wildlife." MDHA President, Marc Curtis receiving the award said, "We are proud to have been nominated by the staff of the Department of Natural Resources to receive this award...Our chapters work hand-in-hand with the Department of Natural Resources staff at every level to assure that Michigan's unique natural resources are here for future generations."

The Michigan Duck Hunters Association is an important partner in the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy (www.michigan.gov/mwl), with Curtis and one other MDHA member serving on the initiative's steering committee. The Michigan Waterfowl Legacy -celebrating the "Year of the Duck" in 2012-2013 -is a 10-year, cooperative partnership to restore, conserve and celebrate Michigan's waterfowl, wetlands and waterfowl hunting community.



L-R): DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason, DNR Director Keith Creagh, MDHA President Marc Curtis, NRC Chairman J.R. Richardson

Partners in Conservation Awards are made to individuals and organizations that have been nominated by DNR staffers for exemplary service to state conservation efforts. To become a member or to learn more about the Michigan Duck Hunters Association, stop by their festival information booth at the front of the expo tent or visit www.midha.org. Stop by their booth and find out about special membership package available during the festival, Chapter locations around the state, and local club projects. Get involved in making sure that our children inherit the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy!

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DNR Wildlife Division

Area Wildlife Biologists and conservation organizations are also our partners in bringing to you this year's Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival. DNR biologists will be available to answer your wildlife questions both days of the Festival. The DNR Information booth is located inside the visitor center. On Sunday, 11:30AM, DNR Wildlife Division will present the "DNR Waterfowl Hunting Forecast", in the Visitor Center Auditorium. Area managers will also be on hand to give updates on conditions of the state's staging areas and predictions in regards to the upcoming waterfowl season. You can find out more information on hunting by visiting www.michigan.gov/dnr or calling: DNR Wildlife Division Information -(517) 373-1263 Saginaw Bay District DNR Wildlife Division -(989) 684-9141. Nayanquin Point Wildlife Area -(989) 697-5101 St. Charles Field Office -(989) 865-6211 Fish Point Wildlife Area -(989) 674-2511



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Featured WildLife Artist: Jim Wardynski

Jim Wardynski was born in Bay City Michigan, on May 11, 1953, the fifth child in a family of seven children. He realized that from a very young age that he had an avid interest in drawing and painting animals. The joy that he felt from creating his artwork, inspired by his love for the out-of-doors continues to be reflected in his paintings today that you will see on display at the festival. He is a self-taught artist with his own unique style. He does his artwork in different mediums, oil paints, graphite pencil, colored pencil, pen and ink, and acrylic paints. He also enjoys spending time with his family and friends, waterfowling and fishing. He currently resides in Essexville, Michigan with his loving wife of 37 years, Sue and their four dogs.




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Last year's 2012's Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival attracted nearly 10,000 waterfowl hunters and their families! The "Hunting & Outdoor Recreation Expo" was a bustling place of activity where over 100 exhibitors displayed their hunting, archery, camping, boating, wildlife watching, and habitat enhancement products and wares. Festival exhibitors are also knowledgeable outdoorsmen and women who are very willing to share valuable information and tips, as well as, offer for sale the latest in waterfowl hunting gear, outdoor clothing, wildlife watching equipment and attractive wildlife home decor.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Friends of Bay City State Recreation Area partnering with the Michigan Duck Hunter's Association, Ducks Unlimited, Dow Chemical and The Frank N. Andersen Foundation have

worked hard to put together this event, hoping to stimulate interest and awareness in Michigan's Waterfowl Resources, the Sport of Waterfowl Hunting and the need to Conserve these Valuable Resources! Read on and you will find a truly unique festival, designed for your entire family. There is something for everyone... the hunter, the wildlife watcher, the wildlife artist and those interested in conservation of wetland wildlife resources.

Come on out and discover why this sportsman's show is unique! The event is specially designed as a way for outdoorsmen and women to introduce their children to a wide array of outdoor, natural resource based activities. Every hour on the hour there are hands-on clinics, and programs which introduce participants to traditional forms of outdoor recreation... duck calling, canoeing, dog retriever training, air rifle marksmanship, decoy carving, wildlife photography, wildlife watching, and skills of bird identification. The event also focuses on safety in the out-of-doors, and offers many opportunities for families to reinforce methods of keeping outdoor adventures safe for their children.

For more information contact the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center inside Bay City State Recreation, (989) 667-0717 or www.michigan.gov/saginawbayvc

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Featured Wildlife Carver: Robert Gubbins



Robert (Bob) Gubbins is 76 years old and a current resident of Saginaw, Michigan. He started carving in 1991, when he retired, and is a past and present president on the Tri-City Carvers. He is also a member of the American Legion and Disabled American Vets. He has competed in various carving shows and competitions, winning a 3rd best of show in one competition and has won numerous 1st place ribbons in various categories. He also teaches carving classes at his residence and, on occasion, teaches adult enrichment classes for the community education programs at the local high schools. Recently, Bob had been approached by Saginaw Valley State University to teach a carving class for their fine arts students and he is currently considering the very, flattering offer. He loves to carve birds, ducks and characters the best. Bob like to put a unique twist on his carvings. He does this by adding funny features to his extraordinary detailed carvings, like caricatures. He also likes to teach this way because it is easier to learn if your carving doesn't have to end up perfect. His mission is to promote the art of wood carving.

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nests photographing and eventually helping to hold birds during banding process. This has been shown on the Mike Avery show. He has also taken photos of wildlife from other states as he and his family has explored the United States, including Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The refuge system had used many of his photos for brochures, slide programs and law enforcement issues. Kim also does vol-

unteer work for the refuge system, doing bird counts and reporting rare or unusual sightings captured on film. He has also played a significant role over the years in photographing the Endangered Peregrine Falcon and reporting data from their bands to the USFW. This is an important way other amateur photographers can assist with ongoing migratory bird research projects.

When asked what advice he would share with other aspiring wildlife photographers hopeful of taking great photos he said, "First you have to spend a lot of time in the woods, many more hours than you would think. Next you have to know the habits of the wildlife you plan to photograph, and how to set up small blinds they will allow for close contact. You very seldom can get quality photos by just chance encounters hiking around in the woods, and then you must have great patience because there will be many hours of nothing to photograph." Kim takes advantage of his time by reading his favorite outdoor magazine in the blind!

Kim's love for the outdoors and nature is what started him on the road to photography. He had always spent a lot of time outdoors, hunting and fishing. What better way to share some of the sights of nature and the great outdoors than with a camera in hand. His first photos were of distant deer, eagles, ect. That is when he learned that a good blind set up was very important. Besides having descent equipment you need to blend in very well in order to get most wildlife in close enough to photograph.

He started photographing at the Shiawassee National wildlife refuge after turning in eagle sightings with colored bands. At first they weren't sure what they stood for, but they put him in contact with the group down in Lansing that did eagle monitoring through out the state. He was the only one around that was turning in ID numbers from live birds! This was very successful data in tracking eagle's movements after they leave the nest. He would get close enough to pull the code letters and numbers off. After that he started accompanying the researcher's to the

2014 MICHIGAN WATERFOWL STAMP COMPETITION: SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Michigan artists will compete with their original waterfowl art entry. This year's competition is open to ALL artists and original art of any Michigan waterfowl species, with the exception of the 2013 and 2014 stamp species, the Ring-necked Duck and the Black Duck. The first place entry will win a cash prize. All entries will be on display in the Visitor Center starting at 4pm on Saturday through 4PM Sunday. Judging will begin at 4:30PM on Saturday. Awards will be announced in the visitor center auditorium at 6:00PM on Saturday. This will be the only public opportunity to view the all of this year's entries and the original artwork of the 2014 Waterfowl Stamp Winner. Many of the state's finest wildlife artists are amongst those who have submitted entries in the past.



The Michigan Waterfowl Stamp Program began in 1976 as a project to raise money for wetland habitat restoration and acquisition for waterfowl. A portion of every Waterfowl Stamp purchased goes towards Michigan wetland habitat restoration. Nearly a million dollars has been raised for waterfowl conservation projects since the program began in 1976. For more information on registration visit www.midha.org. A special youth contest will also be held in conjunction with this event. Youth 17 and under may submit original drawings (in any media) of a Michigan Duck or Goose composed on 11x17 inch paper. These drawings should be delivered to the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center by August 3, 4pm. An opportunity will also be given youth to compose an entry during the event. The Future Duck Stamp Artist Contest is sponsored by the Friends of Bay City State Recreation Area.



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The coastal wetlands that rim Saginaw Bay provide crucial habitat to waterfowl during both spring and fall migrations. Their presence has also fostered a strong waterfowl hunting tradition throughout the Bay region as hunters flock to the area in pursuit of waterfowling opportunities. With funding from the Grant Lakes Restoration Initiative provided by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, a partnership formed between Ducks Unlimited, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Fish Point Wildlife Association has been able to restore wetlands that will serve both waterfowl and waterfowl hunters at Fish Point State Wildlife Area well.

Due to their fertile underlying soils, many of the wetlands within the Saginaw Bay watershed have been drained and converted to agricultural land since pre-settlement times. This activity has greatly diminished the amount of habitat available to wildlife and increased the amount of chemical and sediment run-off entering the Great Lakes. In 2010, Ducks Unlimited applied for and received grant funds on behalf of the partnership to restore a 19-acre tract of previously converted agriculture land along Saginaw Bay back to coastal wetland habitat. This project addresses water quality by disabling drain tiles, reconfiguring a tile pump, and filtering agricultural run-off through the restored wetland, benefiting the overall health of Saginaw Bay for a multitude of wildlife and fish species. The construction of low level berms and installation of a water level control structure and pump was completed in December 2012. The spring of 2013 marks the first time that the site has not been drained in more than 75 years. The resiliency of the wetland seed bank will become evident this summer as vegetation begins to flourish, morphing back into a wetland where ducks and hunters can both enjoy the newly restored habitat this fall.

Work in the Saginaw Bay and around the continent is made possible by conservation partnerships and by the volunteers of Ducks Unlimited.

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Featured Taxidermist: Kevin Perry

When Kevin Perry was growing up he got in a lot of trouble. He wasn't going down the best road in life but that would soon change. His second cousin took Kevin hunting when he was 16 and Kevin shot the first thing he saw, a 6 point buck. After that hunting trip Kevin fell in love with the outdoors. He loved it so much he wanted to learn everything about it and taxidermy was just a portion of it. Now Kevin has been a taxidermist for 33 years and has been a commercial taxidermist for 28 years. His favorite things to mount are fish and mammals. And he was even a state champion with one of his fish mounts. Now he doesn't do much competing of his own but he loves it so much he became a judge for the state show.

Kevin is also a member of the Past Present Michigan Taxidermy Association. When Kevin was on the Board of Directors he was always trying to start new programs so more children could enjoy the outdoors just like he did when he was a child. But his ideas always got shot down.

Then when Kevin became president of the association it was his time to shine. Kevin's dream came true as he worked through MTA to initiate the "Dream Makers Project." This program provides a unique opportunity for mentally disadvantaged children to experience hunting in Michigan's great outdoors! The MTA partners each child with a hunting mentor who helps them prepare for the hunt and then accompanies them out on their first hunting experience. Kevin also took the lead in establishing a youth division within the MTA, where adult members mentor the youth in hunting, trapping and fishing and organizes opportunities for the kids to go on hunting adventures.

Today, Kevin shares his enthusiasm and love for the outdoors with visitors at the Johnson Hunting and Fishing Visitors Center, at the Mitchell's State Park in Cadillac. There he works as a part-time naturalist guide introducing thousands of youth annually to the joys that are found in Michigan's Great Outdoors through Hunting, Fishing and Trapping!

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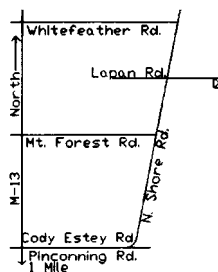
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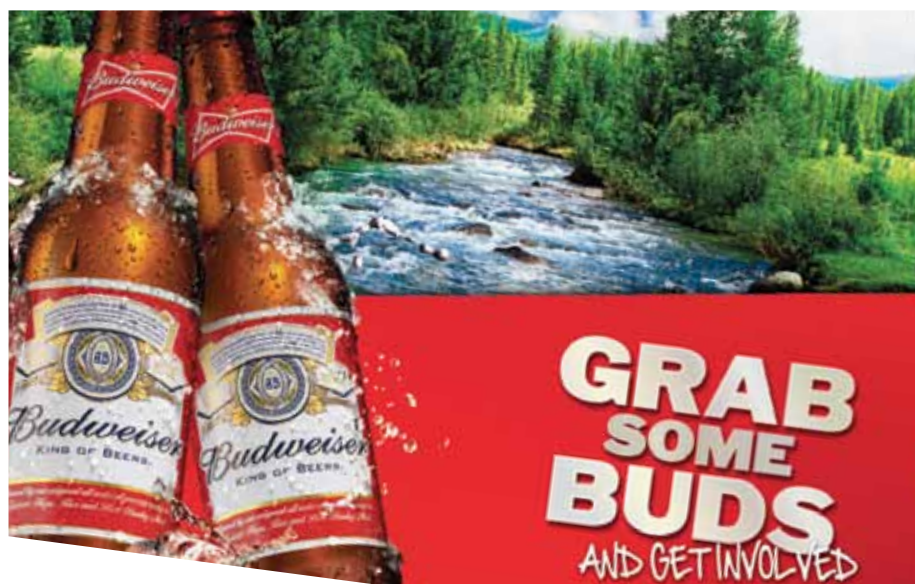
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Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) promotes the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy in the Saginaw Bay Region



The Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN), a community-based initiative that connects people with organizations, programs, and resources, has recently funded a project to help promote and implement the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy in the Saginaw Bay region, which is the largest watershed in Michigan. The Michigan Waterfowl Legacy (MWL) is a 10-year, cooperative partnership to restore, conserve, and celebrate Michigan's waterfowl, wetlands, and waterfowl hunting community. The legacy is an important "Call to Action" that hopes to honor yesterday by celebrating past accomplishments in conservation, to engage today by embracing our current conservation projects and efforts, and to build tomorrow by enriching our waterfowl hunting heritage and increasing our support of wetland conservation. The Michigan Waterfowl Legacy is about community, which involves waterfowlers, other hunters, and the general public. In order to involve the community, funding for the implementation of MWL to the Saginaw Bay region will be used for development and promotion of tourism opportunities, public events, outreach materials, educational toolkits, and lesson plans related to waterfowl and the wetlands. By developing and promoting these materials, this project seeks to increase the enjoyment and use of the wetlands by Saginaw Bay citizens, to promote the conservation value of waterfowl hunting, and to communicate the economic importance of waterfowl and the wetlands to the Saginaw Bay region. We hope to create a

call to action for citizens in Saginaw Bay to become engaged and supportive of waterfowl and wetland conservation efforts. In order to protect our natural resources now, it is necessary to develop an engaged partnership, which includes the citizens in the community. Let's get excited about and celebrate our waterfowl heritage! Here are 10 ways that you can help to conserve waterfowl and the wetlands:

1. Buy a Michigan Waterfowl Hunting License and/or State or Federal Duck Stamp, even if you don't hunt! Every purchase helps conserve wetlands.
2. Join a wetland/waterfowl conservation organization.
3. Restore habitat on your property.
4. Volunteer on a public wetland restoration project.
5. Participate in waterfowl related activities.
6. Educate yourself and friends about waterfowl and wetlands.
7. Contact your legislators and ask them to support programs and legislation that conserve wetlands.
8. Help control invasive wetland plants and learn how you can help keep these pests at bay.
9. Donate to a conservation project.
10. Take initiative! It takes effort from everyone to make positive change

Interested in learning more? Check out www.michigan.gov/mwl for more information!



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Michigan DNR Law Enforcement Division is another partner in providing Waterfowl Education at the festival

Conservations Officers will be available to answer your outdoor recreation questions at the DNR Law Enforcement Information Booth located in the front of the Hunting & Outdoor Recreation Expo tent during the Festival. Area Conservation officers will also be discussing 2013 Waterfowl Hunting Rules & Regulations, changes to expect this year and will give updates on the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Waterfowl Policies for this fall at a Visitor Center Auditorium Presentation. Also Kids and parents are invited to try out their Duck ID skills and enter the officer's Duck ID Challenge for a chance to win speical waterfowl prizes.



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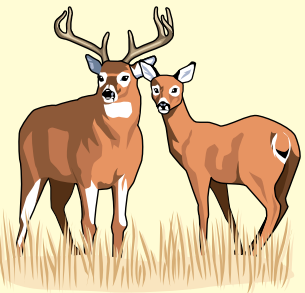


Kids, try out your marksmanship at the Air Rifle Shooting Gallery



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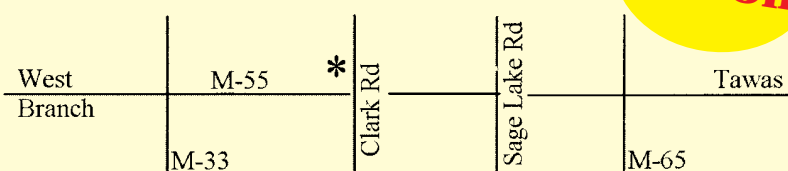
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And don't miss your chance to try out your shooting and hunter ethic skills with the DNR's Waterfowl Hunting Video Simulator. Once again we will be giving participants the opportunity to train on this state of the art shooting gallery designed for hunter education and training your skills against the swift flight of ducks and geese. The Hunting Simulator is located in the Visitor Center Wet Lab at the back of the museum. We ask that all visitors enter through the inside Wet Lab Door at the back of the museum. Details on location at the visitor center information desk.



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