

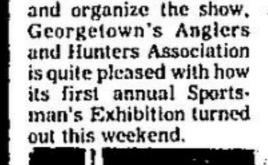




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Georgetown Anglers and Hunters Association Sportsman's

Damian Karlsson, 10, gets close up to a black Bear. Fortunately for him, this one has been made into a rug.



Although it had less

"We didn't has as much time as we would than four months to plan like to have had for the planning, but I'm not disappointed," said Association vice-president Steve Gemesi, "I guess the one thing we learned was to start planning a

"There were some exhibitors who couldn't come because they didn't have enough notice. Some exhibitors start plunning for shows a year in advance," he

Gemesi said the club

Group happy with Show decided upon holding the. the Alcott Arena were exhibition almost on the spur of the moment. He added the reasoning for holding such a show was to see if it would indeed get off the ground.

Event likely to be annual

He said the people he talked to during the three-day show held at

quite receptive to the

"I talked to some of those exhibitors in the show and they weren't disappointed," he said. "The crowds were not

steady. Like I said I wasn't disappointed."

The Association will hold a meeting this week, and the Sportsman Exhibition is likely to be the main subject discussed. Gemesi said he expects the show to become that big, but they were an annual affair.



Carver Stephen Robinson works on a paddle. The Woodbridge resident custom carves paddles as well as makes canoes out of trees.

He got involved in the

project in 1970 after

reading in a newspaper

Toronto International

Airport (now Lester B.

Pearson) was having

problems with increas-

ing numbers of Snowy

Owls. Having arrived

from Germany just three

years earlier, Watemann

and a friend went to see

if they could catch a

glimpse of the owl as

they are quite rare in



Georgetown Anglers and Hunters Association member Jan Kosler, equipped with a fancy hat, helps 11-year-old Ryan Scott alm at the Turkey shoot

prey ensuring safer airports

By DAN RALPH

Herald Sports Editor Ulrich Watermann has always had a deep love and respect for birds so it is no surprise he has developed those aspects into a professional car-

The Glen Williams resident operates UW Enterprises, which is a business specializing in airport bird control. Essentially Watermann owns birds of prey he uses at airports to scure off species like ring-billed gulls and thus ensure safer runways.

"We saw one, and were quite happy," he said, "All of a sudden a member of the maintenance crew drove up and shot the very bird we were watching. "That's when we

Germany.

thought we had better do something so we got a icense to trap and remove the birds. We would band and release those we caught at Wolf Island near Kinston." From that point on

Watermann has increased his level of involvement with birds to the stage where he is at today. He owns several fulcons and other birds of prey and uses them to keep airports free of increasing numbers of

birds. He has birds at CFB Trenton as well as Tor-

onto. Before Watermann's birds were in Trenton, planes lost between 10 and 20 engines a year. Since 1979 only one plan engine has been lost.

don't necessarily kill all the other birds in the area he said. "If one of my birds has say a ring-billed gult and

lease it. It leaves the

Watermann's birds

it is still alive, I'll re-

area quite quickly and the numbers in the spechas a way of telling other ific area. birds not to go into the Watermann is quite area," he said, "In Torcritical of the Ministry of onto we're killing less

ed by the planes." If left to reproduce indiscriminantly, gulls and other birds can cause a dangerous hazard to incoming planes. They invariably can get caught in a plane's engines which could result in

gulls than would be kill-

a crash. In addition to falcons, Watermann uses owls and golden eagles, depending on the situation. For example if Snowy Owls, pidgeons and starlings are causing problems, the presence of an

eagle will soon diminish

are a lot of Goshawks in

Natural Resources' att-

empts of reviving the

birds of prey populations

in Ontario. He said their

attempts are not very

"They're letting pere-

grine falcons raised on

quail go in downtown

Toronto and Algonquin

Park. If a bird has been

raised on quall, it is

going to look for quall.

Where is there quail in

Ontario?. Besides, there

good ones.

Algonquin Park, and to them a peregrine is a welcomed breakfast. "Why don't they re-

Niagara Escarpment? That's where the last falcons were known tohave bred," he said. "Also, letting them go on the Toronto Waterfront would be better too because of the gull population there."

Having been involved with birds for much of his life, Watermann does have some amazing stories about the anim-

"I had one falcon at Toronto and a bald eagle tried to attack it. The Peregrine held on to the eagle with its talons until help arrived. I didn't believe it until I actually saw it. The eagle now is at the Mountsbert Wild-

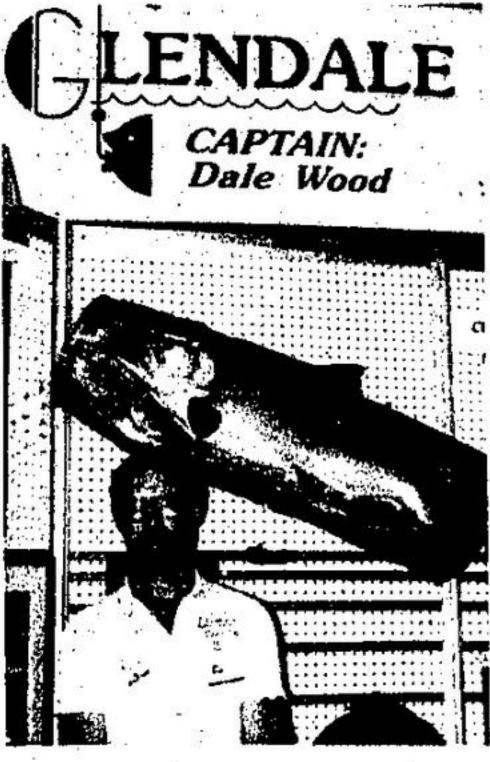
life Centre."





Ulrich Watermann proudly displays one of the falcons he has working for him. Watermann uses the birds to fend off other birds around pirport

areas. Here he shows 10-year-old Kevin Shaw a Peregrine



chicks to cuddle up with.

Dale Wood stands beside one of the trophles one could latch on to while out on a charter boat flahing. Wood had an exhibit at the weekend show.



Out in the wild, getting close to a buil moose like this one would be quite difficult. Yet even when the animal has been mounted, touching it means getting a chair for seven-year-old Aaron

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