



# The Trapline

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## **President's Report**

Winter has arrived and the snow is starting to pile up. The lakes are beginning to freeze so if you go fishing or just travel on the lakes or ponds BE CAREFUL the snow has a tendency to make the ice bad and trust me the water is cold! Now on the political front. HB 6544 was introduced just before the end of session this bill would ban assault rifles with a very liberal definition of assault weapons. Here is the definition:

Sec. 1. As used in this act, "assault weapon" means a 2 semiautomatic rifle that has an ability to accept a detachable 3 magazine and has 1 or more of the following characteristics: 4 (i) A pistol grip or thumbhole stock. 5 (ii) Any feature capable of functioning as a protruding grip 6 that can be held by the nontrigger hand. December 01, 2022, Introduced by Rep. Pepper and referred to the Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security. 2 KHS Final Page H06384'22 1 (iii) A folding or telescoping stock. 2 (iv) A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely 3 encircles, the barrel and that permits the shooter to hold the 4 firearm with the nontrigger hand without being burned, but 5 excluding a slide that encloses the barrel.

It did not get out of committee prior to end of session but it will be introduced next session. We need to be proactive with this one by contacting our Reps in Congress even before they get back in session.

The wolf plan was signed by the Director of the DNR. The Chairman of the NRC has tasked the DNR to develop a flow chart of the steps necessary to have a wolf season when they become delisted. There is a Congressman in Wisconsin that is going to introduce changes to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) that would help get that done. When this is introduced, we will call on you to contact or people in Washington to get this done.

We still need the following personnel: Raffle Coordinator, Convention Coordinator and with Bernie being NTA Director, he would like somebody to take over as District 3 Vice President. SO PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!

Thank you

Mark Spencer, President

Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers

Remember "**KIDS WHO HUNT, FISH OR TRAP DON'T MUG LITTLE OLD LADIES**"

## **Membership Secretary- Steve Campbell**

Happy New Year to Everyone.

### Membership Secretary Report

As the year closes and a new one begins its always a great and easy time to look back on what was accomplished, what we wished we did and what we wished we didn't and what worked and what didn't. The first year for me as membership secretary has been eye opening and I know with low fur prices and anti-trapping hate as a constant pressure it's not going to be easy to continue to grow our membership base. But that's what we are going to do! Going into this year we are at about 628 members give or take a few. By this time next year, I want to be at 1000 members. The work will be worth it in the end. So members bring a kid along on the trapline as



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always, but more than just that bring your friend, your spouse, your neighbor an old timer and anyone that will come along out on the trapline and show them how great the outdoors really is. Then make them members, bring them to conventions with everyone trying to bring in at least one new member we can easily double our membership in no time. As always if there are any questions about memberships or magazine subscriptions feel free to reach out to me.

TIGHT CHAINS,

Steve Campbell  
Membership Secretary

## **Letter from the Editor:**

Happy New Year, Callers and Trappers!

Strange weather so far this winter! We started out the firearm deer season with eleven inches of snow on the opener with four more spread out over the following three days. I did some open water beaver damage control over Thanksgiving. Temperatures over Christmas never got out of the single digits. And then, when Area D bobcat hunting opened on January 1, it was 38 degrees and raining. Less than ideal to say the least.

Here's another "strange" development- The low fur prices have led to the beaver population increasing dramatically. Strange, huh? LOL These beaver (with all the dams they build) are causing trout streams to get warmer reducing the numbers of fish. The DNR is seeking "alternatives" to control the beavers. Maybe they should change the DNR's Winter Uniform to beaver fur coats!

In all seriousness, I'm not sure what the DNR's plans are. Perhaps allowing beaver hunting. For those unfamiliar with beaver hunting here's a little background. Some states and provinces allow beaver hunting for fur and some others allow shooting beaver that are causing damage-with and without permits depending on the state. The problem with beaver hunting is that, unlike almost every other critter, dead beavers sink. Unless the water is awfully shallow, a shot beaver is a lost beaver. I think most people agree we prefer our streams without dead beavers in them. You *can* get permission to shoot beavers in Michigan under a damage control permit IF the CO will allow it. I've been able to get authorization to shoot them in ponds not conducive to trapping. Usually small, brushy ponds with muck bottoms. Most COs I know are ready and willing to issue permits to trap beavers when they are causing damage. Permits to shoot them take more convincing. Maybe this will change, too.

This is an area that could allow our Callers to get into the damage control game. The firearms used for calling are appropriate for beaver control. Also, while beaver that haven't been pressured will often move before dark, once they know they are being pursued, night vision and thermal scopes will come into play.

If you do end up shooting beavers, remember bullets ricochet off water. Buckshot is a good, safer choice for close range shots. If you need to use a rifle, frangible bullets are preferred for both safety and effectiveness.



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One last thing, DRT beavers are rare unless you get a brain or upper spine hit. Beavers are tough. Most importantly, know what's behind your target!

If you're going out on the hard water, remember your ice creepers and safety spikes! One last safety tip, if I'm going into the marshes or by beaver colonies where ice thickness can vary a lot, I wear a duck hunters life jacket. They're comfortable, stop the wind, the unpadded shoulders don't interfere with proper hold with a firearm, and they'll help keep you from going under if you fall through. Have a safe winter!

John Caretti

Editor and Kid Raffle Coordinator

## **FTA/Raffle Report—FTA Director Craig Schafer**

Michigan Trappers & Predator Callers Association  
2023 Raffle

Drawing 3 PM, August 19, 2023. Saturday  
Osceola Co. Fairgrounds. Ewart, MI. 49631

### Prizes

1. \$2000 Shopping Spree-Jay's Sporting Goods
2. 4 Man Walleye Charter
3. Ruger 6.5 Creedmoor
4. FnT GC \$50
5. 1 DZ #2's Wolf Creek
6. RRKW Knife
7. Tactacam
8. TC Venture 243 Win
9. Rhino Blind
10. Tanned Lynx
11. Wildview Cell Cam
12. Heritage 22 LR
13. ICOTec Outlaw Caller
14. 1 DZ MB 450's
15. Shooter Girl Ladies PKG
16. Nite Lite
17. RRKW Knife
18. J3 Outdoorz PKG
19. Patriot 350 Legend
20. FnT GC \$100
21. Phantom Caller
22. Wildgame Cell Cam
23. 1 DZ #1 Wolf Creek
24. Coyote Hat & Mittens



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25. ICOTec Hellion
26. 1 DZ #552 Wolf Creek
27. Lennon Lure PKG
28. Savage 17 HMR
29. Field Pod
30. Tactacam
31. Heritage 22 LR
32. FnT GC \$250
33. Tanned Wolverine
34. Savage 320, 20 ga.

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ICOTec Chris-Chuck  
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J3 Outdoorz  
Rapid River Knife Works RRKW  
Lennon Lures  
Reel Live Action Charters  
Shooter Girl Ammunition Jewelry  
Superior Furs  
Wolf Creek

## 2023 Convention Dates

FTA 55th Rendezvous  
June 22-24, 2023  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds  
503 North Jackson Ave  
Jefferson, WI. 53549

NTA 64th Rendezvous  
July 27-29, 2023  
UP State Fairgrounds  
2401 12th Ave North  
Escanaba, MI. 49829

MTPCA Rendezvous  
August 18-19, 2023  
Osceola County Fairgrounds  
101 Recreation Ave  
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NGLFH Rendezvous  
Chippewa County Fairgrounds  
September, 22-23, 2023  
Kinross, MI. 49752

## Fur Sale Dates

February 4, 2023 Fairgrounds, Marshall, MI.  
April 15, 2023 Conservation Club, Gaylord, MI.

FTA-Raffle-Secretary Report, Craig Schafer

The 2023 MTPCA Raffle is good to go. Tickets are on sale now. You can get tickets from Board members or at the shows we do or at the Fur Sales.

The MTPCA will have a booth at the "Ultimate Sport Show" Grand Rapids MI. Devos Place, March 9-12, 2023. As always, feel free to donate some of your time to help run the MTPCA Booth.

FTA- <http://www.furtakersofamerica.com/>

January brings in a new FTA President. Jason Wisniewski. Jason is from Tennessee . Jason has served on the FTA Board of Directors.

Check out the FTA Web Page. They did a major upgrade to their web page. Along with the FTA paw print logo. The FTA web page is the top shelf of trapping web pages now.

Join the MTPCA, FTA & NTA all associations need members. Memberships make for a strong association.

A shout out goes to Sarah Gomez "She Traps". Richard P. Smith did an article in " American Frontiersman " a quarterly magazine. Sarah's article is in the Fall. 2022 issue. Congratulations!

Respectfully  
Craig Schafer  
Recording Secretary  
FTA Rep  
Web Page

## **NTA Directors's Report**

Hello Everyone!

The new year is here. As always, the Anti's are always out and about. Your state's trapping organizations is the best way to defend your rights as a trapper and caller. Join up a new member. Take someone new to the sport out on the line with you and explain what you do.



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The NTA National Convention is just around the corner in Escanaba, Michigan. If anyone would like to volunteer get in touch with me or in contact with the UP Trappers Association.

To every on have a safe NEW YEAR.

Ken(Bernie) Burzynski  
NTA Director

## **Public Relations Director's Report**

The people in this world that want to end fur harvesting never stop. They address the Natural Resource Commission every month and are at every meeting they can be at to take our rights away. I recommend that you familiarize yourself with the NRC and your legislators as well.

You are welcome to attend the NRC meetings and can even address them if you want. The more voices we have in support of us really increases our chances of preserving our way of life.,

If you would like to speak during the public appearances portion of the meeting, please email [NRC@michigan.gov](mailto:NRC@michigan.gov).

Go to the NRC webpage for details. Here is a list of the upcoming NRC meeting dates:

Jan. 12, 2023  
West Campus Rooms M119-121

Lansing Community College

Feb. 9, 2023  
West Campus Rooms M119-121

Lansing Community College

March 9, 2023  
Bellaire, MI

Shanty Creek

April 13, 2023  
West Campus Rooms M119-121

Lansing Community College

May 11, 2023  
West Campus Rooms M119-121

Lansing Community College

June 8, 2023  
Roscommon, MI

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July 13, 2023  
West Campus Rooms M119-121

Lansing Community College

Mark Earl  
MTPCA PR Director



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## **MTPCA Region 1 Vice President's Report**

Happy New Year Trappers.

Let's hope the new year brings higher prices. As for myself don't trap for the money. I enjoy the challenge to outsmart predators on my trap line. Not much going on down here in sunny Florida.

Northern Great Lakes Trappers dinner is February 25, 2023 at Audie's restaurant. 314 N. Nicolet St. Mackinaw City, Michigan Happy hour is 5:00 - 6:00 pm dinner to follow.

For more information call:

Dave Spencer 906-322-2554 or

Mark Spencer 906-430-8804

Ed Kramer

Region 1 Vice President

## **MTPCA Region 2 Vice President's Report**

Hello everyone, I hope you had a great new year and that your trapping season is going well. I haven't done much trapping so far this season. I set one nuisance beaver property that only produced one lone beaver. I also set for bobcat and was unsuccessful again this year. I had tracks going to a set, but it just wouldn't commit. However, all was not lost as I finally connected with the illusive (to me) red fox. I've tried for years to catch red fox that get my friend's chickens, and all I ever caught were their chickens. Ha!

Though I'm not trapping as much as I'd like to, my work life has afforded me the opportunity to talk trapping almost every day. Spending a lot of time lending guidance to new and old trappers. I helped a young man who came in with his one trap, get it set up to catch coyote on his grandparents farm. He only has one trap, and he's done great filling it with possums like we all do. He's doing great. I helped an older gentleman who came in completely discouraged that he wasn't catching coyote understand something. There are no rules to trapping, just laws. Sometimes you have to break the rules of all the sets you've ever seen, and do something a little different. He caught the next day. And as for bobcat (that I can't seem to catch), a customer came in to tell me he caught his first bobcat three hours after he made the adjustments I suggested. So though I haven't had a big season for myself, I am having the best season ever through my customers!

Now onto the NRC meetings I've been attending. I have been learning so much. Dale Hendershot and Mark Spencer have taken me under their wings with the NRC meetings. Those two men do not get the credit they deserve, for all the things they do for this association, and I'd like to personally thank them for everything they do. As we all know by now, the Wolf Management Program (that isn't a management program at all) was unfortunately signed in as it is currently written. I spoke briefly on behalf of the MTPCA on the subject matter.

Moving onto their next big topic, BEAVERS!!! Apparently beaver dams are causing an issue for the cold water, trout creeks and streams. As the water warms in a dammed creek that warm water, along with the silt collected



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is causing problems with the trout habitat and migration. Nothing was mentioned about the over 2,300 man made dams in the state causing issue. What was brought up was were the funds available for the elimination of certain man made dams as they interfere with fish migration, should be delegated to beaver dam removal as well. The NRC/DNR stated that the fur market being poor and high gas prices is proving difficult for them to be able to depend on trappers to manage the population like we've done in the past. No issue is on the table.

I'm also looking for people who are ready to be active Directors for Region 2. If you are interested please get ahold of me.

I look forward to spring beaver trapping, and hope I can get out more than I have so far. A big thanks to John C for putting the TrapLine together, and letting me turn in my homework late.

Tammy McDuffie  
Region 2 Vice President

## **MTPCA Region 3 Vice President's Report**

Hello Michigan Trappers.

Hope all is running well with everyone. To the start of a new year. The Season started slow with for me before I started to trap. I held on till fur primed up a little better. Deer season passed. Now on to ice fishing.

Now did you ever have one of those days. Well, I did. When you pull into one of your properties that you trap and everything is looking good. Canine tracks everywhere. So, I set it up hard with a little extra knowing it was going to produce at some point. Now this was my last stop of the day on the line last check. Well next day not really expecting anything all though I have caught coyotes on the first night set.

Sure enough, the next day, big as life, I could not believe my eyes when I rolled up. My luck, the big green tractor was just working up the land. Well let me tell you there was a lot of cussing going on in the truck then laughing and smiling. When the land owner made a round I went to talk to him. He apologized and offered to replace my traps. I said no way and thanked him for letting me trap. In return he thanked me for removing a lot of raccoons. All said and done that's part of the game.

With that being said brings me to mind a good piece of equipment for your trapping arsenal a metal detector. I know what I will be doing when the weather breaks.

Wrapping up the new year, I hope ever one has a good new year. Be safe and enjoy your season.

Good luck on the line.  
Ken (Bernie) Burzynski  
Region 3 Vice President





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## More Than Money

By Joe Velchansky, Sr.

Talk to a trapper today and one of the first things brought up are fur prices. Same if you talk to a fur buyer or trapping supply dealer. It's a tough time, we all know that. But for some crazy reason we keep going. For a lot of us it's more than money. It might be a family tradition, something you've done since you were a small child, or for people like me I just love to trap.

In today's fur market you don't have to worry about putting a nick in the back of a 4XL raccoon that will bring \$25 or \$30. Today that same coon will bring \$3 or \$4. Muskrats are even lower than that. I could keep going with a bleak fur market report, but that's not why all of us are still trapping.

Most days we as trappers are alone on the trapline. There are some of us that take kids along, grand kids or maybe let a friend ride along. I believe the majority of us are trapping alone. That's ok. It doesn't make us anti-social or a loner. It's just running a trapline only takes one person. That time on the line setting traps gives us a time to search, scout and try to outwit our target animal. By the time we get home from setting traps we are a little tired maybe a little sore and ready to rest. We run through the line in our heads, did I put out enough traps? Did I put them all on sign or location? I should have put a trap or two in that one spot...

The next day we get to see how well we outwitted our critters. It doesn't matter if you set 6 traps or 60. Checking traps always is exciting. Catching a big buck mink, or a 25-pound coon or a willy coyote. The thrill is always there. Now the work begins. Carrying your catch back to the boat or truck. Skinning, stretching and drying. It is a tough job from start to finish. I have not seen an "Easy" part of trapping yet. Some parts are more enjoyable than others. Getting older, carrying big loads uphill from the beaver pond get me winded. But I must say I feel better after a workout like that. And I didn't even have to go to the gym!

I have been blessed with being able to go out of state to trap coyote a couple of times (and more to come I hope). I did this with another friend who is a very good trapper. These trips we trap together. No competition, just the opposite. We help each other, see how we each make sets and why we made that particular set. Or what bait and lure we used. Working together from setting traps, checking traps and skinning fur in the evening. Making new friends far from home. Trapping in different terrain was a little challenging for me the first year but I got past it. I'm not trapping the land; I'm trapping the same animal from back home. The memories from trips like that last a lifetime.

Most of us that trap do more than that. We hunt, we fish, we look for mushrooms, we go camping. All these nontrapping outdoor activities bring us great joy. But none of these bring in any money. Yes, you may sell a deer hide for \$3 or \$4. Some folks do sell a few mushrooms. But all of these activities along with trapping we do for our enjoyment. If you are successful in hunting you will have some fine meals and possibly a trophy for the wall. The same goes for fishing. Trapping can help cover its own expense. Even in times of a down market, well-handled fur will sell. No, you won't get \$30 for that 4X coon this year but you will get something.

These times of low fur prices are a perfect time to send some fur out to get tanned or tan it yourself. I have been sending a few pelts in every year for quite some time. After seeing how many pelts I had we decided to have something made. I sent out a bunch of furs to have a bed spread made. If taken care of it will last a lifetime.



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As the title states, trapping is more than money. For some of us, it's a lifestyle. Come to any convention and see the bond among friends. True friendships that, like my bed spread, will last a lifetime. Yes, trapping is more than money.

## The Season Pause Button

By Mark Earl

Every season finds me with a trapline set the way I want and a schedule conflict making me wish I didn't have a trap set. Many times, these conflicts are weather related or because of a family obligation. An active Blizzard like December threw at us is just the latest conflict requiring me to hit the pause button.

In the earlier years I had a larger dilemma as my staking method was a little more rigid. I didn't like leaving cross staked 24-inch rods out in the field and I had a limited amount of re-rod stakes also. I would often just set my traps off and cover them with grass hoping to reset when the weather allowed. This left the set looking unnatural and I would be forced to reset or pull the trap later.

Things are different now that I am using cabled earth anchors. The ease with which I can loosen a J-hook and pull a trap has made me look at things from a different lens. I pulled my traps leaving the cable in place, and each set was quickly blended in like there was never a trap there. The backing or hole is still sitting nicely in place, and I am ready to do the next level of scouting. The sites are visited once the weather eases up and I can then determine if it is worth resetting a trap. If there has been no activity since the pause, I will often abandon the location. I am looking for sets that show signs of visitation. This allows me to pick the preferred spots and shift the rest of my energy towards new locations. Active sites are reset and freshened up with bait and lure. The checks will resume the following morning with a new confidence. Sometimes it's amazing how a property will come back to life after a week with no activity there.



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**Jay's Fur Sale Results**  
**December 17, 2022**

<b>SPECIES SUMMARY</b>					
Row Labels	Sum of COUNT	Max of BID \$	Min of BID \$	Weighted Average	
BADGER	1	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00	
BEAVER	82	\$31.00	\$3.00	\$14.15	
BEAVER CASTOR	3	\$380.00	\$25.00	\$153.33	
BOBCAT	1	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$95.00	
COYOTE	3	\$20.00	\$6.00	\$10.67	
FOX - GRAY	1	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00	
FOX - RED	16	\$13.50	\$12.00	\$12.88	
MINK - FEMALE	2	\$3.50	\$1.00	\$2.25	
MINK - MALE	5	\$8.50	\$2.00	\$4.50	
MUSKRAT	1326	\$5.00	\$0.25	\$2.79	
OTTER	1	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$39.00	
RACCOON	41	\$6.50	\$0.25	\$3.35	
SKUNK	7	\$14.00	\$5.00	\$9.86	
WEASEL	16	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	
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SQUIRREL - TAILS	7	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.45	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1512</b>	<b>\$380.00</b>	<b>\$0.25</b>	<b>\$4.01</b>	



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## MICHIGAN TRAPPER AND PREDATOR CALLERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS-MEMBER OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF MICHIGAN TRAPPER AND PREDATOR CALLERS ASSOCIATION AND MAJORING IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT OR CLOSELY RELATED FIELD.

### I. PERSONAL DATA

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PERMANENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

### II. EDUCATIONAL RECORD

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY YOU ARE ATTENDING/PLANNING TO ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_  
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CLASS STATUS NEXT FALL (CIRCLE ONE) FRESHMAN SOPHOMORE JUNIOR SENIOR GRADUATE STUDENT  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_ MINOR \_\_\_\_\_

### III. BACKGROUND

ARE YOU A CURRENT MEMBER OF A STATE TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION? \_\_\_\_\_  
ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE NTA OR FTA? \_\_\_\_\_  
IS A MEMBER OF YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY A MEMBER OF NTA OR FTA \_\_\_\_\_  
  
NAME OF MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING ON SEPARATE PAGES;

1. DESCRIBE 3 THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGED IN THE WAY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN MANAGES WILDLIFE.
2. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT MORE RESTRICTIVE GUN CONTROL REGULATIONS?
3. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE BENEFITS OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT?
4. DESCRIBE YOUR SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM GOALS AND EXPLAIN WHY YOU HAVE MADE THESE DECISIONS.

ATTACH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS, WORK HISTORY AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WISH.

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

Mark Spencer, N4552 Spencer Lane, Moran, MI 49760

ANNUAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2023



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