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President's Report

Well, the convention season is over for the year and it was GREAT to see everybody and sit around the fires and tell stories again.

Now for some not so good news, the city of Ann Arbor has passed an ordinance to ban all fur garments from being sold in the city of Ann Arbor. They are following California in that this is the way to stop trapping. If other cities follow along this could end trapping in our state. For all the members that live around the city CALL your REPRESENTATIVES because this violates federal trade laws in my opinion. We need to be proactive on this measure. There also is a rumor that the city of Ann Arbor has banned trapping on all public lands in the city limits. I haven't seen this ordinance yet but have feelers out for it.

On the wolf issue it doesn't look good. Out West it looks like the wolf is headed for the endangered species list again and I have heard from several sources that the Great lakes Wolf is also headed for the list again.

Ed Lundborg has resigned as our NTA director. THANK YOU, ED, for all your hard work and dedication to make sure Michigan was In the National spotlight.

The last thing I would like to bring up is probably a broken record for some but WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. This includes conventions, show, and fur sales (yes, we will have them again), so please contact one of the board members to help out. We are also looking for personnel to fill positions on the board most of our board members have been there awhile so some fresh insight would be appreciated.

Thank you

Mark Spencer

President

Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers

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



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Letter from the Editor:

Hello Trappers and Callers!

I really had a great time at Convention! It was sure good to get together with my friends after a long, strange year! We had about 100 kids come to the Kid Trapper Raffle this year. The lucky Winners are listed elsewhere in this issue. Thanks so much to all the folks who donated!

On a very sad note, we lost Phil Spring on September 26. Phil was a great guy and one of the dealers who always supported trappers and our Association. I will miss him- as will all the trappers of Michigan.

Season is getting ready to start. Fur prices seem to be inching their way back up. I'm probably going to try to take it a little easier than last year but still can't wait to get some steel in the woods. Good luck and be safe out there!

John Caretti, Editor

FTA/Raffle Report--FTA-Rep Craig Schafer

2021 Raffle Winners

1. \$2000 JAY'S Shopping Spree-----Tom Vogel-1010
2. 4-man Walleye Charter-----Brent Levesque 2952
3. Ruger 450 Bushmaster-----Joe Bruhuller 1257
4. RRKW Redi Ax -----Lester Crispin 1031
5. Eskimo Power Auger----- Jack Longstreet 0795
6. Primos Trigger Stick----- Jack Longstreet 0751
7. 1 Dozen FB DP----- Dan Mallory 3887
8. IcoTech Caller-----Ryan Olsen 4697
9. 1 Dozen WC #2 ----- Jerry Parks 2589
10. Shooter Girl Ladies Pkg----- Richard Lucas 4122
11. Stealth Cam----- Richard Lee 4143
12. J3 Outdoors Pkg-----Brett Kerridge 4506
13. 12 Gauge Escort ----- Mike Schuh 3378



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14. Buddy Heater----- Rose Currier 3340
15. 1 Dozen WC #1----- Fritz Scott 4147
16. Digital Metal Detector----- Ed Fonntain 1697
17. Ladies Fur mittens & Wallet----- Cory Drilling 2660
18. RRRKW Knife ----- Tristan Tate 1182
19. Caldwell Field Pod----- Katie Rose 4288
20. Savage 6.5 Creedmoor----- Scott Swingley 1117
21. 1 Dozen #4.5 RBG----- Aaron Pounders 2792
22. Fox Pro Caller----- Brian Riedel 0503
23. 1 Dozen FP DP----- Jack Longstreet 0800
24. Savage 22-250 ----- Al Chemoski 2697
25. RRRKW Knife ----- Eric Twardowski 4107
26. FB Coat Rack----- Dale Hendershot 3982
27. Min Kota Trolling Motor ----- Chad Teegardin 3808
28. 1 Dozen WC #552 ----- Ed Fonntain 1698
29. 1 Dozen MB 450 ----- Cory Drilling 2662
30. Ruger 10/22 ----- Kettler 2523
31. River Rat Predator Pkg ----- Bill McChesney 1100

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Shootergirl Ammunition Jewelry

Also, a THANK YOU to the MTPCA members that sold raffle tickets.

Lisa Bagalay, Mark Spencer, Sam Berkheimer, George Cullers, Jack Longstreet, Jeff Schafer, Ed Lundborg, Joe Velchansky, John Caretti, & Bernie Burzynski.



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Tickets for the MTPCA 2022 Raffle will go on sale on December 18-2021. At the MTPCA Fur Sale, Jay's Sporting Goods, Clare, MI.

FTA Report. Craig Schafer FTA rep

While at the NTA Convention in Spencer Iowa. Mark Spencer, Ed Lungburg and myself had a great discussion with Dave Hasting, FTA President. The conversation revolved around trappers and organizations working a whole and supporting each other. What is happening overseas with the fur trade.

Dave Hasting also was very prompt to contact the MTPCA ,on what he could do to help. With the very poor decision of the Ann Arbor City council to ban all fur sales in the city of Ann Arbor MI.

If you have not already, join the FTA. www.furtakersofamerica.com

Important dates for the upcoming year.

December 18-2021

MTPCA Fur Sale 9 AM
Jays Sporting Goods
Clare, MI.48617

January 28-30, 2022

MTPCA Booth
Weller Sport Show
Delta Plex
Grand Rapids, MI

February 5, 2022

MTPCA Fur Sale 9 AM
Calhoun County Fairgrounds.
Marshall, MI 49068

March 5, 2022

UP Trappers Banquet
For Tickets Contact
Roy Dahlgren, trapperroy@outlook.com



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March 18-20, 2022

MTPCA Booth

Gaylord Expo

Gaylord, MI 49734

March 26, 2022

MTPCA Fur Sale

Northland, Conservation Club

Gaylord, MI. 49734

Lansing Deer & Turkey Show

No dates available.

June 16-18, 2022

FTA 54th Convention

Douglas County Fairgrounds

2110 Harper St.

Lawrence, KS 66046

July 15-16 2022

UP Trappers Convention

UP State Fairgrounds

Escanaba, MI. 49829

July 28-31, 2022

NTA Convention

Allen County Fairgrounds

Lima, OH

August 19-20, 2022

MTPCA Convention

Osceola County Fairgrounds

Evart, MI 49631

NGLFH Convention

September 23-24, 2022 Chippewa County Fairgrounds, Kinross, MI 49752



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As always, the MTPCA is in need of more active members to donate some of their time. The MTPCA Association needs volunteers to help out at the booth during the Shows we do. At the MTPCA convention in August also.

I would like to welcome Jim Tate, Tammy McDuffie, and Jack Longstreet as Regional Directors. Thank You for stepping up for the trappers of Michigan!

Respectfully

Craig S Schafer

FTA Rep

Raffle Coordinator

MTPCA Region 3 Vice President's Report

Hello Michigan Trappers,

Here we go. Convention is over. What a long wait and finally over. It was great to see old friends and meet new. I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped unload some of the vendors. Great job, Folks!

Also we had some people step up to be Directors in Region 3 Jack Longstreet & Jim Tate and in Region 2 Tammy McDuffie. Thank you all welcome aboard.

As this goes to print everything will come to point another year of preparation to the beginning of a year of trapping season 21/22. Also the new MPTCA trailer is done look for it at shows or on the road. I would like to thank Ed Lundborg for his time and dedication as one of Michigan's NTA Directors. Ed, Thank you for your hard work.

As the season starts be safe. Respect what you do as a trapper remember once you put on the hat you represent all trappers world wide not just Michigan.

Take a kid trapping, mentor someone, a lot of people are interested- they just don't know where to start.

Ride hard , shoot straight and keep the chains tight be safe out there.

Ken (Bernie) Burzynski



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2021 MTPCA Convention

The 2021 convention is in the books! I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and had plenty of time to catch up with old friends and maybe made some new ones. If you needed supplies for the upcoming season, anything and everything was there to look at and purchase.

We had a total of 1047 paid attendance through the gate. That had been our average for about the last five conventions. I asked quite a few people how could we get more attendance through the gate in the down fur market. One friend said "Maybe that's all we'll get". He went on to explain, maybe that's all the people that want to attend our trapping convention. There are always more trappers and predator callers out there but they may not want to go to a convention. Well, we all sure had a good time.

The pig roast for the Friday night dinner was a big hit. Thank you Greg and crew! The games are always fun and new this year was the "possum" toss. I can see this being part of convention for years to come. The live auction was also a hit, I did drop the ball a little with not having lights set up. But Calvin saved the day with his work light. Tent lights will be part of the tent rental next year. I am always learning.

All in all everyone seemed to enjoy the convention. Vendors, tailgaters and guests all looed like they were having a good time. Now, for the not so fun part.

It takes a lot- and I mean a LOT of work to put on this convention. Many people come together and put their backs into it so everyone can enjoy themselves. At one point during convention I was ready to tell the board, I'm done. Find another convention coordinator. I bit my tongue and kept going. I really like what I do for the association and members. I like dealing with the vendors and tailgaters. I want to think over the last several years I have developed a good friendship with most of them. BUT, we need help.

I am looking for help for next years convention. If you can spare an hour or two, we can use your help. No experience necessary. Here is what is needed:

- -Camping and Tailgating collection person. (This duty will walk around Friday & Saturday morning and make sure each camper and tailgater has a "flag" to show that they have paid for their camping or tailgating spot.
- -Admission booth. (Just like it sounds, need several people to man the booth Friday & Saturday. The more people signed up the less time each one needs to spend at the booth).
- -MTPCA booth help. (As it sounds, folks needed to help with memberships, sell merchandise, sell raffle tickets and general information)
- -Games manager/organizer. (This would work good for at least 2 people to run the games such as, Kids' Hay Scramble, Trap Setting Contest & Possum Toss)



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If we can get these positions filled by next convention it would be great! We need your help. Please remember this is your convention.

Until next year- Happy Trapping,

Joe Velchansky Sr.
MTPCA Convention Coordinator

Kid Raffle Report

This year's Kid Raffle was amazing- the best ever in my opinion! We got a lot of great donations of equipment between the Cook Out and direct donations we raised over \$1900! With everyone's generosity we ended up giving away eighteen grand prizes including, for the first time, a muzzleloader to one of the older kids and a .22 to one of the younger ones! (With their parent's permission of course.)

Here are all the lucky winners:

Girls 7 and under Fishing Pole #1- Delanie Campbell Otsego, MI
Girls 7 and under Fishing Pole #2- Claire Schalk Bay City, MI
Boys 7 and under Fishing Pole #1- Gavin Faber Weidman, MI
Boys 7 and under Fishing Pole #2- Rylan King Evert, MI
Muskrat Kit #1- Gabe Faber Weidman, MI
Muskrat Kit #2- Jeremiah Vanderzon Grand Rapids, MI
Muskrat Kit #3- Dylan Steele Charlotte, MI
Raccoon Kit #1- Hannah Campbell Otsego, MI
Raccoon Kit #2- Austin Drilling Grand Rapids, MI
Raccoon Kit #3- Luke Masserant Newport, MI
Beaver Kit #1- James Beechy Vestaburg, MI
Beaver Kit #2- Jake Fredrick Big Rapids, MI
Predator Kit #1- Brad Jenks, Belding, MI
Predator Kit #2- Jake Plunkenhorn Vicksburg, MI
Calling Kit- Airreana Morse Dowagiac, MI
Mark Earl Trapper's Packbasket Dillon Campbell Otsego, MI
.22 Rifle- Brayden Bowman Vicksburg, MI
.50 caliber Muzzleloader- Jack Wylie Albion, MI

Thank you so much to all the people who donated! Especially when it comes to kids- Trappers have a good heart! I'm looking forward to next year! Bring the kids to Convention- the Raffle is always Saturday; the drawing for the Grand Prizes will be that afternoon somewhere around 3; and every kid gets a prize of some sort right when they sign up. God Bless You!

John Caretti



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Fur Sale Director's Report

John filling in for Missi:

Fur prices continue to be recovering. Muskrats averaged around \$5 at the recent FTA Auction. Castor was running at and over \$100 per pound for the good stuff at the FHA Auction. Raccoon is still cheap and Coyotes seem to have slipped a bit but are still not far from historical averages. Like I've said before- no one's going to get rich trapping but it's at least possible to cover expenses. Like I tell my wife- if I can cover my gas then I'm doing better than any duck, deer, or grouse hunter! 😊 We're planning to hold our fur auctions again next season.

Here are the dates and locations:

2021-2022 MTPCA Fur Sale Dates and Locations.

December 18, 2021
Jay's Sporting Goods
Clare MI

February 5, 2022
Calhoun County Fairgrounds
Marshall, MI

March 26, 2022
Northland Sportsman Club
Gaylord, MI

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