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President's Report

As you probably heard the gun bills in the Lansing are flying through. MUCC and us along with several other groups are trying to slow them down but barely get to speak. One problem is that we don't have a lot of current email addresses so we can get the word out quickly. So please contact Steve Campbell and update you email addresses. These gun bills are just the first of many fights for our privilege to do what we love to do.

There is one thing that we can do to help our cause. That thing is to be more respectful both to the general audience and to the animals by watching what we post on social media. Try to limit the blood and gore on some of our pictures. Also try to not show the traps in our pictures. Arrange the animals so that these things do not appear in the picture. The people we want to see the pics will know the things that are missing but our enemies will not have the ammunition to smear our activities. They cruise social media daily to find those kinds of pictures to send out propaganda to further their cause and hurt ours.

Inside this Trapline is the ballot for this year. Please fill it out and return it prior to the time on the ballot. Last year we only received about 30 ballots back. Speaking about convention you should have received or about to receive a postcard requesting help for the convention last year was great on the response and help let's do better this year. PLEASE send the cards back to Joe.

Thank you

Mark Spencer, President

Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers

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

Letter for Sgt. Jon Wood, MDNR Law Division

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In addition to being a trapping instructor, I also sit on the DNR's internal furbearer workgroup committee. This training has given me valuable insight that can be reflected upon when helping to recommend season dates, methods, and other regulations that pertain to furbearer harvest in Michigan.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to attend the FTA Trappers College.

Sgt. Jon Wood

Membership Secretary's Report- Steve Campbell

Happy New Year to Everyone.

I hope this find every one well and having had a good season. As season winds down and we look forward to summer and convention season it is good to take a moment to reflect on what we've accomplished and what we want to accomplish. We are setting at about 532 members so please make sure to renew your membership if you haven't done so. We are always looking for ways to grow our membership and we recently started out with Constant Contact to be able to reach out to our members quickly and efficiently. Please be looking in your email inboxes for emails from the association. As always if there are any questions about memberships or magazine subscriptions feel free to reach out to me.

TIGHT CHAINS AND STRAIGHT SHOOTING,

Steve Campbell
Membership Secretary

Letter from the Editor:

Happy Spring, Callers and Trappers!

Light winter this year- that wouldn't end! Unfortunately, even with it lingering, work kept me too busy to do the things I wanted to do. For example, in December I was working in my garage/workshop and came across a pike spear I'd started years ago but hadn't finished. I realized I hadn't speared a pike in about 15 years and decided I wanted to get back out this year. Oh well. Maybe next winter....

Please let your Regional VP know your email address. Starting soon we'll be emailing "The Trapline" as well as posting it. Many members never submitted their email address with their applications. We'll never disclose your

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email to anyone and will only use it to communicate with our members. This is especially important when we need to turn out and contact our lawmakers regarding legislation that threatens our sports.

Speaking of which, the State House and Senate went to the Left in Michigan last fall. Now a ton of gun restrictions are sailing through the House, Senate, and Governor's Office. Please become educated on these bills and reach out to your representatives and senators. Soon- or it will be too late.

On to something more positive. You may not be aware that, in an effort to improve knowledge and understanding of fur harvesting and techniques among the MDNR- the MTPCA, NGLFH and UPTA join together in sponsoring an MDNR Biologist and Conservation Officer to attend the FTA Trappers College. You may also not be aware that the MDNR has a "Trapping Enforcement" course that the use to train COs in the ins and outs of trapping. They learn about the regs., equipment, techniques, and actually go out and catch some furbearers. For several COs (and a few Biologists, too) I've talked to, these classes got them started on a new hobby! I know it works, too. I saw couple COs while I was out coyote trapping season before last. In the course of our conversation, the Sergeant asked me if my traps were tagged. I said they were and I could show her if she liked, but I'd ask her not touch the traps as they were all in bins and scent-free. She said, "No. I'm good. I know all about not touching a predator trapper's equipment. They taught us about that in Trapping Enforcement." She checked my license, we chatted a bot about the growing beaver and raccoon populations and then we all; went our separate ways. Which leads me to my next topic:

President Spencer received a nice "thank you" letter from Sgt. Jon Wood, MDNR Law Division. I've included it below. Sgt. Wood- You're welcome! Just please share what you learned with your fellow COs!

Lastly, Conventions are coming. Boys and Girls, I am ready! FTA in Jefferson, WI in June. NTA in Escanaba in July. And, of course, our Annual Convention on the 18th and 19th of August. I'm planning to be at both Michigan events. Hope you are as well!

Be safe out there!

John Caretti
Editor and Kid Drawing Coordinator

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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

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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
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.

Sponsors

Barnes Hide & Fur
Bob's Gun & Tackle
FnT
Gold Star Outdoors
ICOTec Chris-Chuck
Jay's Sporting Goods
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 Evart, MI. 49631

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NGLFH Rendezvous
Chippewa County Fairgrounds
September, 22-23, 2023 Kinross, MI. 49752

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

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.

Respectfully

Craig Schafer
Recording Secretary
FTA Rep
Web Page

NTA Directors' Report

The 64th NTA convention is just around the corner in Escanba Mi a lot of good demos are on the list. As always we are looking for volunteers to help out in many places. I have found it to be fun to work with people with the same interest and rewarding. So for those of you that are not afraid to work a little and volunteer some time the reward is great.

A Lot of things are happening in the United States as far as trapping go's. New Mexico is one, the best way to follow this is to go to the NTA web site www.nationaltrappers.com

Be a volunteer a little work go's a long way.

N.T.A. Michigan Director
Ken (Bernie) Burzynski
kbernie200@gmail.com

Public Relations Director's Report

Spring has sprung and the snow has been replaced by rain. This is the time of year I look at the remnants of the fur season. Piles of dirty traps and gear have replaced put up fur in the fur shed. There is something bittersweet about a fur shed void of the seasons work.

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Dry days will be here before long and my efforts will turn to collecting and drying dirt in preparation for waxing. Don't miss out on those hot summer days ahead to prepare for fall.

As always, the forces out there to take our fur harvesting rights away have no season and will continue to bring the fight whenever we let our guard down. At the NRC Meetings there are always people there trying to put an end to what we do. We are always there in some way to counter the nonsense with common sense. Our job is never done.

I would recommend that you talk with all of your non fur harvesting friends about what we do. The other sporting groups share the outdoors with us and certainly benefit from our efforts. Go to their Ducks Unlimited banquets and their Pheasants Forever events. Let them know you support them and build those relationships that will become our allies as we tackle new and unseen challenges.

Mark Earl
MTPCA PR Director

MTPCA Region 1 Vice President's Report

Hi Trappers and Predators Callers

Well I'm sitting here in sunny Florida writing this newsletter and thinking about all the snow they're having in the U.P. MI that I'm missing. Ha. Ha.

Northern Great Lakes Fur Harvesters meeting is May 17th at 7pm at the recreation building in the Hiawatha Sportsman Club to discuss the NTA Convention in Escanaba.

Well, that's all I have.

Thanks! Take care!
Ed Kramer
Region 1 Vice President

MTPCA Region 2 Vice President's Report

Hey all... I hope everyone's year is going well so far. I haven't done much trapping but like I said last Trapline, I'm having a great time helping others.

I did get a chance to go to my first Predator Hunt. I didn't participate but I attended the 11th Annual Luzerne Predator Roundup weigh-in and banquet in February, and spoke briefly on behalf of the MTPCA. They had 41 teams, 101 hunters and 40 animals harvested. This Predator Hunt is one of the smaller ones in Michigan with a cap on teams entered. Their reason is the venue that hosts the hunt has limited capacity, and they want to keep the tradition of the hunt staying in Luzerne. A respectable reason if you ask me. A great spread was put out at the banquet by Ma Deeter's, and the prizes for so many different categories were outstanding. And I can't forget the Youth Squirrel Hunt for 15 & under, with the winner walking away with a Gamo Pellet Gun. What a way for parents to support their young hunters. I had a great time and look forward to going back next year.

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Moving on to the NRC meetings. Beaver continues to be a hot topic. I have been working with the fisheries department, DNR biologists and Trout Unlimited to help clean up the beavers in one of the best trout streams in southern Michigan. The site access is maintained by Trout Unlimited and they have done a lot of habitat work there in the past. They helped facilitate permissions from the private landowner to move forward with this cleanup. With the assistance of Joe Velchansky, (our new Landowner Assistance, Director at Large) we were able to get a local trapper who will be working hand in hand with the rest of the team, to keep allow for natural reproduction in this trout creek.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the fur sale in Gaylord on April 15th.

Tammy McDuffie

Region 2 Vice President

MTPCA Region 3 Vice President's Report

Hello Michigan Trappers.

The season is winding down hope all had a good year I guess as a trapper my year is the trapping season.

I received a call from our Landowners Assistant Program person- Joe Velchansky to help out with a beaver flooding problem not far from me.

Well, I contacted the landowners and they had a problem being I do not get to do this without traveling some distance. Let's go take a look. I called up a friend of mine Larry for some help. I learned a lot trapping with him. For he had learned from Bob Steinmetz the legendary Beaver Bob -the U.P. N.T.A. Member Hall of Famer. As of this writing we did ok. The landowners seem to be good with it. Still working on the last one.

The last letter I put out was about my traps being plowed under. Well the weather broke I got out my metal detector and heck I found all of my traps- some not in the best of shape. Darn earth anchors hold well. Into the repair bucket for a rainy day.

Fur sale at the Calhoun County fairgrounds went well. Prices are what they are. Next year we are moving it over to another building.

September 10, 2023 the DNR is will be hosting a outdoor jamboree at Lake Hudson camp grounds basically for the youth to experiences outdoor activities. I will be set up there to represent MPTCA and doing

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a show-and-tell about trapping. Volunteers are welcome to join. I will keep you updated as time goes.

O yeah, the Ugly Hawaiian Shirt is still on the Thursday before our convention.

As the season ends I hope all where safe and had a good year. Spring is upon us take a kid outdoors and mentor them.

Ken (Bernie) Burzynski
Region 3 Vice President

Director-at-Large Report

I am your new Director at Large. When you get this Trapline trapping season will be about over, hope you had a great season.

Unfortunately the anti. Crowd has no seasons and keep coming up with new ways to make life difficult for the Trappers. So on that note please keep your memberships up to date. Remember that none of your MTPCA Directors receive any pay, they work tirelessly to keep our trapping rights so please support them.

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\The Railroad Yote

By Nick Biggs

(Steve Campbell- The below is an article from Nick Biggs from Biggs Time Trapping out of West Virginia. Nick is a great trapper and helps run the Mountain State Trappers & Friends Facebook Page. On there he is constantly giving free advice to new and old trappers alike, including some top-notch gland removal videos. His whole family is very active in the outdoors and he spins a good yarn.)

During the summer months preceding trapping season, my family spends a lot of time fishing. In order to access one of our favorite holes of water, we have to walk the railroad tracks. A few years ago, every time we used the railroad tracks to access our favorite hole of water, I would always notice a fresh set of coyote tracks in the remnants of coal dirt between the wooden railroad cross ties. As all trappers do, I began to envision where I could get sets in during trapping season in order to pick up this coyote. Fishing trips quickly turned into coyote scouting expeditions, and we soon discovered the preferred travel path of our target.

He was using a huge drainage runoff that ran from an old mine reclaim field. It ultimately emptied into a large culvert that was routed under the railroad tracks and discharged into the river below. Locating the coyote's travel path was the easy part. The difficult part was finding an appropriate location to make a set. I knew the coyote was using the drainage runoff to access the old reclaim at the top to hunt the field in search of rabbits, mice, and any other critter it could find. Southern WV is coal country, so we are no strangers to making sets in mine reclaim fields. The problem with this particular field is that

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it's a hotbed for rabbit hunters. Being a responsible trapper, I wasn't willing to make sets in a field where I knew I was likely to catch rabbit hounds, so the field was a no-go. The drainage runoff was 30 feet wide and completely covered in cement from left to right and top to bottom, so making sets there was out as well. The area in the bottom where the drainage runoff emptied into the culvert was virtually swamp land, so that location was out also. I did notice that the coyote was entering the culvert at times, so we hung a cable restraint, but he avoided it at all costs. Back to the drawing board! We eventually decided to make a set beside the railroad tracks above the culvert. The next problem we faced was trying to get a trap bedded and anchored in railroad ballast. The thought of using a drag crossed my mind, but the thought of possibly derailing a train deterred me from it rather quickly lol. Ultimately, we made an extremely large mound of railroad ballast, which was great eye appeal, and bedded a trap in front of it after digging out an area in the ballast just big enough for a trap. We added some bait and lure at the top of the mound down inside the ballast so the coyote would have to work for it, as well as, some call lure on a small tree nearby. To finish the set, we sifted coal dirt in over our trap and over the majority of the entire set.

One week later, a friend of mine, who is an engineer with Norfolk/Southern, called me and said he just saw a coyote from his locomotive running circles in a trap right beside the railroad tracks in my neck of the woods and wanted to know if it was mine. We had caught the coyote by the back paw, as I would assume he was standing with his front paws on the ballast mound when his back paw stepped in the trap. This set was far from a "text book" coyote set. However, it worked. Regardless of what many folks say, allow yourself the chance to think outside the box when it comes to coyote trapping. More often than not, it will always pay off for you. My family still laughs together when we talk about the "Railroad Yote." Tight chains my friends. Hope to see you somewhere down the line!

The Outlaw Trappers

By Greg Sulfridge

(Steve Campbell- The following below is a synopsis of the Outlaw Trappers East Mountain Trapper Training Camp written by Greg Sulfridge the group's spokesperson. Having personally met Greg and several of the other Outlaws at the FTA Convention in Virginia these guys are great people with a passion for trapping and keeping the heritage alive. I look forward to taking some of the things they are doing down in Tennessee and applying them up here in Yankee Land.)

So, what is an Outlaw? As that is a big part of our name, I often get asked to explain the origins of the East Tennessee Outlaw Trappers Association and to explain exactly what it is that we do.

It all started simply enough. Back in September 2020, several of the trappers that belonged to our state association decided that we needed to put together a fundraiser for one of our own, a young trapper just starting a family. He and his wife were burdened with the emotional and financial stress of having their firstborn daughter arrive months too early. At a mere two pounds, she would easily fit in the palm of your hand and faced a long health battle. We reached out to our state trapping association with our idea to help this trapper. Unfortunately, COVID and its mandated shutdowns were cranking up, and the powers that be decided that they could not support a gathering, no matter the cause. Being the red-blooded mountain folk that we are, we decided to do it anyway. We organized an outdoor 3-day trapping rendezvous and went to work. We reached out to dealers, sponsors, trappers in other states, and local businesses. A lot of footwork went into this event, and on short notice. But in mid-October everyone came together for a common cause, and a handful of East Tennessee trappers were able to

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raise between \$4000 and \$5000 to help our brother. A simple auction with simple items raised the bulk of the money, with donations being the rest. Home canned jars of green beans -\$100, homemade salsa-\$75, and so on. The bidding was fast and animated. Purposeful and meaningful. The event was a success, and I am happy to say that young Ariat is doing well and, while small, she is growing like weed. With that, we saw that a few determined people could accomplish things, big things. Instead of just seeing problems or things that needed to be done and complaining to whomever, we decided to take action. And so ... the Outlaws came to be.

Fast forward to today. The Outlaws still support brothers in need as much as we can, but we also engage the public to promote trapping to our youth. We have organized and hosted several single day meet-and-greets, and have taught multiple single day trappers ed classes. Our mission became educating the public and doing our best to dispel all the negative misinformation about trapping, and to preserve our heritage through education. And while the one-day events were successful, we knew we could do more. We needed a big venue and a high-profile attraction with some heavy advertising. We wanted to go big. The Outlaws contacted our state DNR, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, about our plans. The manager of the state's largest Wildlife Management Area was open to the idea, and we started meeting routinely with him and his staff to see if we could make this happen. The WMA was huge at 190,000 acres, was all mountainous, and was home to our state's only huntable elk herd. No other trapper training camp in the state had those attributes, as all the others were held in the central and western end of Tennessee. Phone calls and emails were sent to potential donors and sponsors, and TWRA allotted R3 (Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation) dollars to secure the necessary funding to make it happen. The East Tennessee Mountain Trapper Training Camp was born. Through the power of social media and word of mouth, the class was soon filled. TWRA had staff and volunteers from across the state come to the event and the students came from all over the state as well. TWRA's support was unbelievable. Our camp consisted of Friday evening meal and classroom session, followed by Saturday breakfast and a live trapline check. We then would split the class into small groups of 5-6 students and have two trapper instructors spend the rest of the day with each group in the field. The instructors duties were doing demos and setting more traps, with the students heavily involved and getting their hands dirty. Sunday was to be more of the same, with breakfast, a live trapline check, and more hands-on instruction.

All the planning and brainstorming paid off. Friday night's events went smoothly. The meal was good, and the classroom presentation was engaging. A lot of questions were asked and answered. Topics covered included Laws and Regulations, Ethics, BMPs, Safety, Trap Styles and Sizes, Snares, Lure and Bait Use, Locations, and the importance of supporting local, state, and national trapping associations that fight for our rights. Two youth trappers were recognized for their outstanding success and support of trapping. Both used 4H as a platform to advance trapping in their communities and their schools.

Saturday morning breakfast was great! Everyone was excited to get out to the trapline and rumor had it that a nice male bobcat was waiting on the class to arrive. The class was walked through the "where" and "why" of the catch location when they arrived, and the set was explained in detail. This set the stage for a lot of instruction throughout the day. The kids loved it. There were dirty hands and smiling faces everywhere you looked. Each student got to make a set of their own (with assistance) and all were anxious to get to the trapline the next morning.

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Mother Nature decided the event needed an inch of rain Sunday, and as a result, the students were unable to go into the field, although two coyotes, another bobcat, and a raccoon (caught by a student!) were caught. Not to worry, contingency plans were in place for a rain out. Breakfast, then on to hands on skinning demos, trap bedding stations, snare building, prize giveaways, and concluded with one youth trapper winning the grand prize. It was a complete trapping starter kit with footholds, anchors, dog proof traps, snares, bait, lure, urine, sifter, trapping hammer, dye and wax, and an instructional trapping DVD. All students received a bucket, a trap, trapping hammer, a sifter, lure and bait, and a camp T shirt.

The success of the camp was gratifying. But more than that, it reinforced our belief that a determined small group of likeminded people can accomplish great things. The parents, students, and even TWRA, asked at different points of the weekend how to join, how to be an Outlaw. Was there an application? How much is our membership fee? Who are the officers of our association? The answer was always the same. There is no membership fee, no application, no big shots. Anyone can be an Outlaw. Step up, get involved, make a difference, pass it on. Make that phone call or send that email. Find like minded people and share a focal point. Come together with a common goal. That is being an Outlaw.

Why is a Non-Resident an MTPCA Member?

By Roger Jetmore

(Steve Campbell- The below article is from a familiar face to many- Roger Jetmore. He is always at our yearly convention and is a longtime supporter of the MTPCA. I asked him to write a small article about why he supports the MTPCA being a nonresident.)

Hello everyone! I've been asked to write a short article about why I support the MTPCA and being a non-resident. First and foremost, we are all in this fight together! No, I am not a resident BUT I live about a quarter of a mile from the Michigan line. I own a cabin in between Grayling and Kalkaska and love grouse and woodcock hunting and trout fishing in the Manistee that's in front of my cabin. My Grandparents and my dad lived in Michigan most of their lives. My wife works in Coldwater so you see Michigan is like my second home. I spend a lot of time in your beautiful state. We have made a lot of friends at the MTPCA Conventions, too many to mention! My wife and granddaughters love taking the camper and spending the weekend. We feel like we're with family. The girls are pretty well known amongst the trapping community and we were honored when Skylar was nominated as youth trapper of the year. The activities for the kids are awesome and the dinner has more food than you can imagine, it's like a family reunion

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Keep doing what you do!!
Roger Jetmore.

A Seasonal Perspective

by Mark Earl

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Many of you have put the traps and rifles away with visions of gobblers or wet lines taking the forefront. When you are moving into these other pursuits, remember that fur scouting can be a useful benefit this time of year.

With the snow going or gone, the coyote droppings are there showing you where the territory boundaries are. They might be white and fading but it can still give you a population estimate and the preferred travel routes. I always like to visit my old set locations to see if there has been visitation after the traps were pulled. Some are untouched while others have been blown out like an excavator was there. This can be helpful information.

When you are on the river or lakes you can see signs of beaver or muskrat activity. Take notes and use your fishing trips to gain knowledge for the coming fall. The season may be over but a little spring scouting can jump start your fall!

Fur Sale Director's Report

Hi Trappers and Callers!

As most of you know, I am kind of new to the Board of Directors, filling the position of Fur Sale Director. Things are slow, as the fur prices are down and the sales are small. If you would like to help out at the Fur Sales, please contact me, or another board member. If you have suggestions, please let me know. A number of people have already made suggestions.

Please bear with me as I learn and become a better director. Thank You!!

Calvin Miller
Fur Sale Director

Calhoun County Fairgrounds 2/4/23

Row Labels	Sum of COUNT	Max of BID \$	Min of BID \$	Weighted Average
BEAVER	127	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$29.55
BEAVER CASTOR	48	\$120.00	\$1.00	\$12.92
BEAVER OIL SACKS	0.61	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
COYOTE	48	\$70.00	\$1.00	\$15.73
DEER HIDES	6	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
FOX - RED	43	\$90.00	\$3.00	\$15.56
MINK - FEMALE	19	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$4.26
MINK - MALE	25	\$13.00	\$0.25	\$9.39
MUSKRAT	1693.5	\$6.25	\$0.50	\$3.37
OPOSSUM	5	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
RACCOON	136	\$11.00	\$1.00	\$3.90
SKUNK	1	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
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Grand Total	2152.11	\$120.00	\$0.25	\$5.76

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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:

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