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President's Report:

Fellow Fur Harvesters,

Hello, October. As the morning air turns chilly and the leaves start to turn that desire to get out into the field starts to burn in all of us. I hope everyone has their traps prepared, rifles oiled, waders patched, dirt dried, calls ready to go, and their favorite hand loads all dialed in. It's go time.

This is my first report as President of MTPCA. Most of you have met me over the years, I've served on the Board as the MUCC Director for somewhere in the ballpark of 18 years. As we announced at convention, Trevor Daley had conflicts with work & family that pushed him into making the difficult decision to resign as our President. I'd like to thank him for his service in that capacity and wish him & his family the best. If you see him, please thank him, it's not an easy job. The Board of Directors appointed me as the interim President to fill the vacancy. My term as interim Executive Vice President was up this year so instead of running for election in that capacity I decided I'd do my best to fill in the role of President until the term expires next year. We still have a vacancy in the Executive Vice President spot.

If you're a trapper or predator hunter you already know that we are constantly under assault by groups who don't understand sound, scientific wildlife management or the tools that are used to manage it. Between the threats from restrictive regulations, legislation, and ballot box initiatives it's a wonder we can still harvest any furbearers in this country. Many states can't. The reason we still can in Michigan is because of organizations like MTPCA, NTA, & MUCC. It is more important than ever to get involved with these organizations. All the conservation organizations are short on passionate people that are willing to give back to the sports that we all love. If we don't have participation, the organizations weaken. Without these organizations keeping a constant eye on what's happening with regulations & legislation we will lose it all. That is an unfortunate truth. I can't bear the thought of future generations not being able to hunt or trap. I'm sure you all share that fear. I know that 'life' is a barrier to volunteering time... work, kids, spouse, church, and heaven forbid a few days to hunt & trap... but please consider helping out, even in small ways. One day a year if that's all you can pull off. We are always looking for people to help educate- setting up a booth at the various sport shows, churches, waterfowl festivals, etc. We can use general labor help at fur sales & convention. If you are blessed with the ability to speak publicly and understand politics or leadership, we can use you. If you have IT skills or have access to professional services or supplies, we can use you too. Every little bit helps.

I'll leave you with this thought. What has hunting & trapping done for you in your life? For me, it shaped who I am. It kept me out of trouble as a young man in need of an adrenaline rush- instead of skipping school to do something stupid, I skipped school to go squirrel hunting or



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bass fishing (yeah, I know skipping school was the stupid part). It also shaped my world view. I know what those farmers do for our society and how hard they work for their money. The tall buildings of the city are not the center of this great land or it's economy.

So, as you ponder what hunting & trapping has done for you. As you reminisce on that 'Christmas morning' feeling checking your first coon line. As you envision the first coyote you saw bust out of the brush barreling straight toward your decoy... Think about giving a little back. Volunteer. Take time to share what you have learned. Take a kid with you. Teach your family, neighbors, & the non-hunting acquaintances why harvesting furbearers is important for the overall health of their populations.

Most importantly, set work aside for a spell, get afield and remember why you still love it. Life... will still be there when you're done hanging up the fur.

Good luck out there. Be safe.

Chris Kettler

Letter from the Editor:

It's been quite a year and we're (finally!) almost to trapping and calling season! Whew! We had 26 days by me that were over 90 degrees this summer and the wife dragged me to FLORIDA for a week in AUGUST! I can't wait to see some snow!!!

A lot of work by Dale Hendershot and Mark Spencer Jr. saved the second bobcat tag for the UP. Unfortunately it has to be used on private land only. The DNR was clear that they were moving toward a one-bobcat limit and the hound groups have been pushing for a one bobcat limit for years so a compromise was reached. Not great but better than what we might have ended up with....

In other (better) news- the DNR has increased the marten limit- something we've been pushing for a long time. See the Furharvester Regs for details.

And a bit of great news- Michigan now has more NTA members than any other state in the Union! We've trailed Pennsylvania as long as I can remember. I was thrilled when Ed Lundborg told us at Convention that Michigan was finally leading the way! I'm a Life Member of MTPCA and NTA; and it was really good to hear that more trappers are stepping up to support the organizations that fight to preserve our hunting and trapping heritage!

I'll close with three things:

1. I know fur prices are still down and it sucks. Don't hang up your steel and your calls- help out landowners with damage from raccoons, predators, beaver, and muskrats (as the laws allow). While you may not be getting rich- you will be putting trappers and



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trapping in a good light with landowners and probably building relationships that will provide you with trapping and calling locations for when the market turns. I've been in the game for 45 years and have seen the market cycle more times than I can count. This is also a great time to experiment with new techniques. The stuff you'll learn will help you be more successful and effective when prices are up and you need to be making hay!

2. THANKS SO MUCH TO EVERYONE THAT SUPPORTED THE KID RAFFLE! We had 14 grand prizes and 90 kids entered the Raffle this year. Every kid got an instant prize as well! See later in this issue for a list of the lucky winners. Donations of equipment (new and used) and donations at the Cook-out are what keeps it going. If I remember correctly we're pushing our 15th year- all made possible by generous trappers and callers! If you want to see some excited kids- come by the drawing on Saturday at next year's convention!
3. Lori was very appreciative and surprised to receive the Spouse of the Year award at this year's convention! Thanks a lot! I've sure got a keeper in her!

Thanks for being a part of the MTPCA! Without the support of people like you- trapping would be something we'd be telling our kids and grandkids about as opposed to take them out and teaching them! Be safe out there- no muskrat or beaver pelt is worth your life!

John Caretti



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NTA Director's Report

Hello Trappers!

The 2018-2019 trapping season is almost here, and I hope you have a successful season. With that in mind please remember that the reason you have the right to trap, is because of NTA, MTPCA, and because the people that do not trap say its ok. So please remember to respect other people's rights and property. How you present yourself affects all trappers not just you. Do not post bloody pictures or other objectionable material on the internet the whole world is watching. (Editor's Note: Great point, Ed! I hate seeing pictures of a nice buck or doe with the tongue hanging out and blood dripping from the muzzle. Ever notice you never see a picture like that in a hunting magazine? Before taking a picture of the deer- tuck the tongue back in and clean it up a little. It shows respect for the animal and makes the picture a trophy instead of something that sends Grandma off to the bathroom to toss her lunch. Editor)

On a good note we now have 1032 NTA members in Michigan. If you are not a member and want to be call me NTA has some promotions for new members. The NTA national convention will be in Kalamazoo in 2020, good news. So, get your memberships up to date.

Good luck trapping

Ed Lundborg
N.T.A Director 231-342-4553
Please call if you have questions

Region 1 Vice President's Report

Hello, from the UP NORTH.

Well the weather has turned towards fall; the leaves are turning and it is starting to smell like trapping weather. If you missed NGLFH convention in September we had a good time despite the weather (50 mile an hour winds, no power for 20 hours) but Saturday night we had our UP bonfire (Vicki posted pictures on Facebook).

Now for trapping news, the DNR has granted us either two marten or one marten and one fisher with a season that starts the first Friday in Dec and goes through the following Sunday. This was a hard-fought win for us trappers and if you see Dale Hendershot- thank him for he did a lot on getting this done. The other news if that the DNR wanted to go to a one bobcat limit statewide we were able to convince the NRC to allow the second cat to be taken in the UP on private land only. This does not include CFR land so be careful when taking the second cat. (Editor's Note: While CFR Land is privately-owned- all PUBLIC land regulations apply on CFR



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lands. This includes applicable antlerless deer tags and all other public land restrictions on hunting and trapping. Word to the Wise!)

The 2019 raffle tickets will be available hopefully by December. See the list of prizes in this issue. If you need some for an event up here call me and I will have some available to sell.

That's it from way UP NORTH. Remember "Kids who hunt, fish or trap DON'T mug little old ladies!"

Mark Spencer, Jr.

Region 2 Vice President

I want to thank everyone for supporting me in the election for this position and thank Tom Oakey for the work that he has done. I would like to set up a Regional Meeting for Region 2 if anyone has ideas of where they would want to meet to organize our Region and do a service project please contact me with what you would like to see. dhendershot69@gmail.com or 616-862-5494. Season is about to start and I hope everyone has tight chains and a good season.

Exposed Bait

There has been some confusion about the new rule about exposed bait. There have been several eagles that have been injured and some had to be put down that were caught in traps on exposed bait. There was a movement by some rehab groups to bring the issue to the Legislature which would probably have gone real bad for us. The trapping associations had discussions with the DNR and came up with this which is the exact wording of the Wildlife Conservation Order.

(14) A person shall not set or maintain any foothold trap within 20 feet of bait located in such a manner that it is visible from 4 feet or more above the bait. This shall not be construed to prohibit the use of completely submerged foothold traps located within 20 feet of any bait.

(a) As used in this subsection, "bait" is any animal or animal parts, including dead fish, except that pieces of less than 36 square inches and comprised of dried hide, fur, feathers or bones and entirely free of meat may be used as a visible attractant.

We are working to get the above in the trapping digest next year to help clear up the confusion.

Dale Hendershot



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Region 3 Vice President's Report

Hello Michigan Trappers,

The shift is in the air and thoughts of football, hayrides, hunting and the approaching trapping season are upon us. As you begin to get ready for the upcoming trapping season, remember to check the 2018 Fur Harvester Digest to make sure you are up to date on all the regulations/laws that are in place. Make note of the new foothold trapping near exposed bait restrictions (@ mi.gov/trapping) that is now in place.

Also, check out our website: www.mtpca.com for an update on our new Board of Directors as we have had some changes in leadership. This website will also be the go to place for the events coming up, the fur sale dates, etc. We have our fur sale auction rules that will be posted and is a great guideline for those that are new to our fur sales and also to those that have been coming for some time. Take the time to read them and familiarize yourself to help make our fur sales run smoothly and more efficient.

We continue to strive to make things better in our organization. With that being said, we cannot do this without the help of our members and volunteers. If you have time to help at any of our fur sales, shows, fundraising events or our annual convention, please let us know. Our board is made up of 14 people (with 7 district directors) at this moment. These 21 people continue to put forth an enormous amount of time/effort to keep this organization running while we continue to represent trappers at various functions around the state. If you see a function happening in your Region and would like to volunteer your time at any of these events, please let us know. WE. NEED. YOUR. HELP! I cannot stress this enough.....

For those in Region 3, and as your Region 3 - Vice-President, I would like to look into possibly holding some fundraising events in this area. With the help of my district directors (Bernie Burzynski and Jason Ray) we will be calling some of our Region 3 members to get your advice on what we may do to bring an event to Region 3 and how to make this come to fruition. Your input is needed and is greatly appreciated. Let's help make this association grow and become stronger than ever- TOGETHER!

A quick note on social media. Make sure we are cognizant of what we are placing on social media. As it is a blessing and a curse (social media), when we post pictures of our catches in less-than-positive photos, we are giving the anti's ammunition against us. Use good judgement and always think there is an "anti" in the wings waiting to grab whatever they can to fight against us. And if a person is on the fence about trapping, well, that will solidify their



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opinion. We need to continue to promote trapping in a good light and your help is needed to continue to do so.

On a last note, stay informed on what is going on, not only in our state, but around us. It is imperative to know and realize how we are being attacked, what we, and other states, are doing to make sure that your privilege to trap stays intact. A good resource to do so is to visit the National Trappers Association website @ www.nationaltrappers.com. Knowledge, it will help not only you, but to inform others of why our organization is important and needed to continue to do what we love in the outdoors.

Good luck to all of you on the trap line!

Tamara Masterson
Region 3 – Vice President

MTPCA Convention

Well folks the 2018 MTPCA convention is in the books. With a depressed fur market we were still able to have great convention. Gate attendance was 853. Down 53 from last year. With the NTA convention in Escanaba only three weeks before our MTPCA convention and a low fur market, this may have had a lot to do with attendance a little low. That's the bad news, if you want to call it bad.

Now on a more positive note, we had four buildings full of inside vendors and tailgaters taking up all available spaces outside. If you needed supplies or equipment there was plenty of deals to be had. These same vendors and tailgaters give so much to the MTPCA. They give all items for our benefit auction. This years auction generated over \$5000.00. A big thank you to all those who donated items and a very big thank you for all those that were able to bid on those items.

New this year was an advertising campaign headed up by Craig Schafer. Publicizing our convention brought new vendors and attendees. We will continue with advertising for two more years to understand if it brings more folks to our events. If after a total of three years the ad campaign is a success, we will continue. We must try at least a three-year program to get an average. (just like a bowling average, you need at least 3 games).

One thing we sure could use is more volunteers at convention. If you would like to help out at any part of the convention please feel free to contact me and I will add your name to the volunteer list. There are many duties to choose from. Admission gate (most needed volunteers), trap setting contest, kids games, set up and clean up, working at the auction and many more.

We had a very successful Friday night cookout. The dinner raised \$630 towards the kids raffle program. I must say that at first count I was proud to announce there was a total of \$430 donated. Shortly after i made that announcement John Caretti came up and gave me two \$100.00 bills. They were donated by a gentleman that told me he will try to do that every year as long as he is able to. He said the reason why is because one year his grandson won one of the kids trapping kits. He does this because he



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wants to see it continue after seeing what joy it brings to a young trapper. With a lump in my throat and holding back a tear, i thanked him several times. People like this gentleman are why we are a trapping family.

We will be changing a few things for next year. The Saturday night auction will be moving to Friday night. The reason for this change is some folks leave Saturday afternoon and miss the auction. Same as some vendors. We feel the move will bring more folks to the auction. The cookout will not be done by the MTPCA next year. If anyone would like to organize the cookout and hold it in the same location they are more than welcome to. We struggled getting enough volunteers at this years cookout. Another new thing for 2019, I send out convention vendor/tailgater reservation forms around the end of January or early February each year. New for next year, if vendors or tailgaters reserve there spot/booth by May 1st. they will have there name added to our advertising. This year the ads were in Woods and Water News and Michigan Outdoor News.

The demo area was very well attended. Mark Earl and Ed Lundborg really did a great job of putting together a realistic habitat area including flowing water. We are very fortunate to have some top notch professional trappers in this state that are willing to do a demo at our convention. We also had some out of state trappers doing demos also.

If there is something you would like to see at next years convention or if there is something you would like to see done different please feel free to contact me. Remember this is your convention. I am learning with each convention and trying to make each one better for our members. It seems like most members, vendors and tailgaters like the fairgrounds in Ewart. They do have a great facility and their staff really helps us with all our needs.

Thank you and hope the hear from you,

Happy Trapping!

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2018 MTPCA Raffle Winners

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1. Fred Herald # 1647
2. Sam Hodges # 4220
3. Ed Lundburg # 2092
4. Dan B Johnson # 2901
5. Ken Rudd # 4681
6. Matt Musselman #1692
7. Alex Twardoski # 1949
8. Neil Speckin # 1504
9. Eileen Priestly # 2134
10. Lyle Vance # 1572
11. Rob Malmstead # 0629
12. Missi Martineau #1888
13. Joe Publiese # 4286
14. Steve Schworer # 0285
15. Alex Twardowski #1948
16. Alex Twardowski #1822
17. Kathy Thomas #4726
18. Ed Lundburg # 2083
19. Jess LaForest # 0821
20. Arne Arbelius # 0667
21. Turk # 1686
22. Dale Walker # 1830

ALL prizes, but one were delivered by August 22, 2018 per UPS Tracking.

I delivered the LAST one August 24, 2018

All prizes have been delivered to winners.

Craig "Stanley" Schafer

15th Annual MTPCA Kid Raffle Winners (2018)

Fishing Pole #1- Girls Ages 7 and Under

Johanna Stark- Branch, MI

Fishing Pole #2- Girls Ages 7 and Under

Hadlee Lanning- Olathe, KS

Fishing Pole #1- Boys Ages 7 and Under

Steve "Reed" Sisson- Cadillac, MI

Fishing Pole #2- Boys Ages 7 and Under

Mason Illing- Mancelona, MI

Muskrat Trapping Kit #1 Kids Ages 8-13

Tyler Sanders- Stanton, MI

Muskrat Trapping Kit #2 Kids Ages 8-13

Ruth Filkins- Cadillac, MI

Muskrat Trapping Kit #3 Kids Ages 8-13

Daeshawn Humphrey- Edmore, MI



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Raccoon Trapping Kit #1 Ages Kids 8-16
Raccoon Trapping Kit #2 Ages Kids 8-16
Raccoon Trapping Kit #3 Ages Kids 8-16

Ali Roach- Prescott, MI
Brad Jenks- Belding, MI
Jeffrey Hochstetler- Marion, MI

Beaver Trapping Kit Kids Ages 14-16

Keith Stoll- Ewart, MI

Predator Trapping Kit Kids Ages 14-16

Logan Stapel- Hesperia, MI

Calling Kit Kids Ages 8-16

Brooklyn Long- St. Louis, MI

Kayak - Kids Ages 8-16
(Donated by Nick and Crystal Beder)

Myran Hochstetler- Marion, MI

Thanks to all those who supported the Kid Raffle! Just a note- if you have unused trapping or calling equipment, we'd be thrilled to help get it into the hands of a kid that can use it to get started. You can bring it to a Fur Sale or to Convention. Broken traps are cheerfully accepted- I can often take two or three broken traps and make a good one for a kid. Because of the equipment (new and used) donated by Trappers, Callers, and Dealers- we were able to give instant prizes to 90 kids and outfit these 14 kits for a total of \$495 (money that came from donations at the 2017 Trappers and Callers Cook-out). Do the math and you'll find that because of the number of supporters pitching in a little here and a little there we get a pretty good band for the buck!

A couple special thanks to:

-) To FNT, J&K Fur, and PCS for donations and amazing deals on equipment that help us fill in the kits with things we need. Thanks, Guys! You ROCK!
-) To the Gentleman (I won't give his name because I don't have his permission) who, for the second year in a row, has handed me 2- \$100 bills at the Cook-out and told me, "Buy some nice stuff for the kids." You, Sir, are the Salt of the Earth! Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity! You make some young folks very happy! God Bless You!

Bring the kids to Convention!

John Caretti



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Fur Sale Director's Report

Hello, Everyone!

I am Missi Martineau, your MTPCA Fur Sale Director. Last season, I was flying by the seat of my pants, and with a little bit of turbulence, I was able to navigate through the process and learn a lot. I want to 'Thank Everyone' that helped contribute to a successful fur season. A HUGE SHOUT OUT to all of the Volunteers, Buyers and Sellers alike, because without one, there would be none.

I ask for a little bit of patience and input this season, as I hope to add to and spread out the 2019/2020 Fur Sale Locations. It is easy to squawk about dislikes, but when it comes to a solution, packs won't stick tight until they are forced apart. With much consideration, I have a real good idea of the direction that I would like to take the fur sales in the future. I am not a person to do things just because it is my opinion. I tend to make my decisions based on statistics, logistics and responsibilities.

I am looking for additional volunteers and facilities to continue to make the MTPCA Fur Sales successful. The following areas are considerations for the upcoming 2019/2020 Fur Sale Season: the Ravenna/Greenville area, the St. Johns area and the Marshall/Jackson area. Jay's in Clare and Gaylord are set locations. If you know of a facility in one of the mentioned areas or know of a contact name, please pass it along. You may bring the Opinions & Suggestions page to the upcoming December fur sale or email me respectively. I want to know your thoughts in regards to the Pro's, Con's and Suggestion's.

In closing, I would like all of the MTPCA members to know that I am taking all received Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers opinions into consideration, and even though it is near impossible to accommodate everyone, I will do my best to accommodate everyone possible. The more seller and volunteer participation that the Fur Sales receive, the more sales that can be scheduled in the future.

BRING ON THE FUR!

Missi Martineau



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Michigan Trappers & Predator Callers Association Fur Auction Rules

(Editor's Note: Meanings of the capitalized words can be found in the "Definitions" portion of this page.)

- 1) You must possess a valid Fur Harvesters License and be a current member of the MTPCA or if from out of state, your state association or the National Trappers Association.
- 2) You must purchase a LOT NUMBER, for \$5.00, in order to sell your fur. A LOT NUMBER is only good for one individual, or party (partners). You may not sell furs of another unless their furs are incorporated with yours (I.e. all furs of the same grade are sold together). Sub-lots are not allowed. LOT NUMBER'S are available from the Fur Sale Director.
- 3) You are responsible for your furs from the time you enter the auction site until such responsibility passes on to the buyer. If you NO SALE your furs, you remain responsible.
- 4) All fur will be sold in numerical order, by LOT NUMBER. (See exception under "8").
- 5) All fur must be accompanied by a correctly filled out LOT SLIP, LOT TAG and be double checked for count before being sold.
- 6) All fur will be sold as sorted/GRADED/BUNDLED and brought to the auction table. There will be no sorting of fur or breaking of BUNDLES on the auction table. No separate LOTS of same grade/species. Except for Muskrats. See "Grading, Bundling" for more information.
- 7) To keep the auction process is as quick as possible; please pay close attention when you are selling or about to sell your furs and help keep your furs moving along the tables.
- 8) If you are not prepared to sell your furs when it is your turn, you will be skipped. Your furs will be offered when convenient for the Fur Sale Director and/or volunteers assigned by the Fur Sale Director.
- 9) No switching or filling in of empty LOT NUMBERS at the fur sales will be allowed.
- 10) Deer hides must be properly salted to be sold at auction.
- 11) You or your representative must be present at all times when selling. Seller reserves the right to accept/reject the high bid on their furs. The auctioneer shall announce the final bid price to the seller, who shall immediately determine if the high bid is acceptable (sold) or unacceptable (NO SALE). In the event of a NO SALE, that LOT will be removed from the auction table for you. As soon as your other LOTS are sold, any 'NO SALE' LOTS must be removed from the auction area.
- 12) All fur sold at the auction site shall be subject to a 5% commission payable to the MTPCA. If NO SALE furs are later sold on the premises, that information must be entered on the trappers/hunters LOT SLIP and the commission paid. Members violating this rule will be subject to removal from the MTPCA by the Board of Directors, and thus loss of any, and all, future selling privileges.



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- 13) It will be the sole responsibility of the trapper/hunter to pick up or make arrangements to pick up fur checks from their buyer(s).
- 14) The first 10 seller numbers have the option to rerun their unsold furs again immediately after lot number 25's furs have been completed and in the same selling order as before.
- 15) If you cannot attend, but want a friend (representative) to sell your fur, they must have your current membership card and a copy of your valid Fur Harvesters License in their possession at the sale. All checks will be made out in the name of the member that holds the LOT NUMBER.

GRADING, BUNDLING

The following are the number of grades per species, allowed at an MTPCA auction. NOTE: Exceptionally large LOTS are allowed more GRADES. Assistance is available for anyone who is unsure of proper grading. A minimum of 5 of any one species is required before sorting into grades. Mink are excluded.

-) Badger – 3 Grades: XL, over 25"; L, 25" to 22"; M/S, under 22".
-) Beaver – 14 Grades: (fall or winter) 3XL, over 70"; 2XL, 70" to 65"; XL, 65" to 60"; L, 60" to 55"; L/M, 55" to 51"; M, 51" to 47"; Kits, under 47". Measure length and width or diagonals; then add together.
-) Bobcat – 3 Grades: XL, over 36"; L, 36" to 32", M/S, under 32".
-) Coyote – 3 Grades: XL, over 42"; L, 42" to 36"; M/S, under 36".
-) Deer – 2 Grades: Large and Damaged/Small. Note: The buyer, who bids the highest, shall buy all deer hides brought to the auction and at one of the two grades/prices. Buyer retains the right to refuse rotten, small, rubbed or slipping hides.
-) Fisher – 3 Grades: XL/L, over 28"; L/M, 28" to 25"; M/S, under 25".
-) Fox (Grey) – 2 Grades: XL/L, over 28"; M/S, under 28".
-) Fox (Red) – 4 Grades: 2XL, over 34"; XL, 34" to 32"; L 32" to 28"; M/S and Flat under 28".
-) Martin – 5 Grades: 2XL, over 23"; XL, 23" to 21"; L, 21" to 18"; M, 18" to 16", S under 16".
-) Mink (Female) – 3 Grades: XL, over 19"; L, 19" to 17"; M/S, under 17". (Male) – 5 Grades: 2XL, over 23"; XL, 23" to 21"; L, 21" to 19", L/M, 19" to 17"; M/S, under 17".
-) Muskrat – 14 Grades: (Fall or Winter) 3XL, over 17"; 2XL, 17" to 15 1/2"; XL, 15 1/2" to 14"; L, 14" to 13";
-) M, 13" to 11 1/2"; S, 11 1/2" to 10"; Kits, under 10". Note: Large lots may be BUNDLED in 25's with a minimum of 250 or more pelts per LOT. Large LOTS of muskrats may be separated into LOTS of 250 or more.
-) Opossum - 3 Grades: XL, over 25"; L, 25" to 22"; M/S, under 22".
-) Otter – 5 Grades: XL, over 38"; L, 38" to 34"; L/M, 34" to 32"; M/S, 32" to 30"; XS, under 30".
-) Raccoon – 6 Grades: Jumbo, over 35"; 3XL, 35" to 32"; 2XL, 32" to 29"; XL, 29" to 27", L/M, 24" to 22"; M/S, under 22". Note: Blue coon needs to separate from Prime coon. All Green coons will be sold as one LOT whether the LOT NUMBER contains two or more. However, they must be bundled to be sold. No more than 5 green coon per bundle due to weight.
-) Skunk – 3 Grades: 2XL, over 22"; XL/L, 22" to 18"; M/S, under 18". Note: ALL carcass skunks MUST remain outside of ALL buildings. Please let the Fur Sale Director know if any carcass skunks need to be sold as soon as you arrive.



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-) It is highly recommended to sort, GRADE, tag and string (BUNDLE) your pelts prior to arriving at the auction. Space is always at a premium and you may be skipped if you are not prepared to sell when it is your turn. IF you are one of the first few sellers, it is best to have your furs ready for sale prior to 9am.

Securely tie and label with a LOT TAG to each BUNDLE of fur with string, rope, twine, or zip ties in a manner that prevents the loss of individual pelts. (Stringing through the eye, ear or mouth holes is preferred.) **Wire is unacceptable- it damages other furs in the Buyers Bags.**

BUNDLE/String: Muskrats in groups of 25 max; Green coon in groups of 5 max (weight consideration); all other furs in 10 max. Write number of pelts in BUNDLE, grade, and LOT NUMBER on LOT TAG. Attach a tag to each BUNDLE. All fur that is the same GRADE for any LOT NUMBER must be offered at the same time. (I.e. A seller had 4 bundles of Jumbo Green coon. He shall offer the 20 pelts for the sale together as one LOT, not four different lots.) LOTS must be signified on LOT TAG as 1 of 4, 2 of 4, 3 of 4 and 4 of 4 or as it pertains to that particular LOT.

AUCTION DAY PROCEDURES

-) Please check in at the MTPCA table prior to bringing your furs into the building. Must verify that the seller's MTPCA Membership is current and contact information is correct for the sale.
-) Please pick up LOT SLIPS, string and LOT TAGS and fill out completely. Lots will not be sold until BUNDLE contains all necessary information.
-) Fill out the seller's information on the LOT SLIPS completely. NOTE: Many of our members make donations of furs to the MTPCA. These are always accepted and certainly appreciated. If you choose to donate, fill out a LOT SLIP as noted, with the addition of clearly marking as a 'DONATION'. Please notify the Fur Sale Director of your intentions. Also, please allow the MTPCA to determine the best MTPCA use of your furs (i.e. resale, tanning for resale or use in a fur kit. Any monies collected from donated furs sold at auction, will go to the Trappers Education Fund.).
-) Sort, GRADE, TAG, and BUNDLE your pelts if you have not yet done so.
-) Place your furs on table, in the order you want them sold (i.e. mink, muskrat, coon, coyote, fox) as space and proximity to selling time allows.
-) Please leave your LOT SLIPS with the appropriate BUNDLES/GRADES/LOTS of your furs, so that count and species can be verified.
-) Please pay attention and move your furs along the tables as the sale progresses.
-) Periodically, check with the computer operator to see if your copies of the sold LOT SLIPS are ready for pick up.
-) Pick up your completed LOT SLIPS promptly and bring them to the buyer's check writer. You are responsible for taking your slips to each buyer's writer and collecting your money.

DEFINITIONS

BUNDLE – Pelts of like species/grade strung together for ease of handling, counting, bagging; can be any number of pelts up to allowable limit outlined herein.

GRADE – The size, color, damage, etc. of a pelt; used for sorting like furs into bundles/lots.



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LOT – Any number of pelts or bundles of pelts being sold at the same time.

LOT NUMBER – The numerical order in which you will be selling; used on lot slips and lot tags to identify seller.

LOT SLIP – A three-part carbon-less form filled out by the seller which identifies the seller, the species being sold, quantity, grade, bid price, commission, proceeds and buyer.

LOT TAG – Any slip attached to a bundle of pelts which contains the seller's number, quantity, grade of the bundle and portion of LOT.

NO SALE – What is said when the bid price is unacceptable to the Trapper/Caller for the lot being bid upon.

Lot Numbers first become available during the MTPCA Convention. After Convention they will be available from MTPCA Fur Sale Director:

Missi Martineau
(269) 425-6024 (text preferred)
Superiorfur@gmail.com





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2019 MTPCA Raffle

We're getting a great jump on the raffle for 2019! Craig "Stanley" Shafer has hit another grand slam putting together the prizes for the Raffle. Stanley has said he'll have tickets by 1/1/2019 (and we're hoping to have tickets ready for the December Fur Sale). Here are the prizes:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> |
|---|---|
| 1. \$2000.00 Shopping spree at Jay's [unrestricted] | Jay's Sporting Goods |
| 2. Ruger American 450 Bushmaster | Bob's Gun & Tackle |
| 3. 3-Man Fishing Charter-Reel Live Action Charters | Reel Live Action Charters- Nick Dood |
| 4. Shootergirl Ammunition Jewelry , Ladies Package | Shootergirl Ammunition Jewelry -Tracy L. Polaski |
| 5. 1 Dozen Freedom Brand DP's | FNT Fur Harvesters |
| 6. Lead Sled | Gold Star Outdoors |
| 7. CVA Hunter 450 Bushmaster | Bob's Gun's & Tackle |
| 8. 1 Dozen WC Eliminator #1 DJ Traps | PCS Outdoors |
| 9. Stealth Cam RX24 | PCS Outdoors |
| 10. Rapid River Knife | Rapid River Knife Works |
| 11. ION 8" Ice Auger | Gold Star Outdoors |
| 12. Mossberg-Maverick 20 ga. | Bob's Gun's & Tackle |
| 13. Fox Pro-Hammer Jack | FNT Fur Harvesters |
| 14. 1 Dozen WC 552 Conibear 5 X 5 | PCS Outdoors |
| 15. Rapid River Knife | Rapid River Knife Works |
| 16. Bright Eyes Hunting Cap | FNT Fur Harvesters |
| 17. Ruger 10/22 DXL Sporter | Bob's Guns & Tackle |
| 18. His & Her's Beaver Tail Wallets | FNT Fur Harvesters |
| 19. Double Bull Deer Blind | Gold Star Outdoors |
| 20. Hunting Buddy Heater | Gold Star Outdoors |
| 21. RRKW Redi-Axe Combo | Jay's Sporting Goods |
| 22. 1 Dozen WC #2 CB Dogless Traps | PCS Outdoors |
| 23. Night Snipe Hunting Light | PCS Outdoors |
| 24. Savage M-42 .22/.410 | Bob's Guns & Tackle |
| 25. LEM Sausage Kit | Jay's Sporting Goods |
| 26. 1 Dozen Freedom Brand DP's | FNT Fur Harvesters |

[Pretty nice, huh? Editor.]



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2018-2019 Trapper's and Caller's Calendar

January 25-27. Delta Plex, Grand Rapids MI Hunting Time Expo

UP Trappers Rendezvous . Escanaba MI . Fair Grounds June 14-15, 2019

FTA Rendezvous , Harrison, VA. Fair Grounds, June 19-23, 2019

NTA Convention, Springfield, MO. July 11-13, 2019

MTPCA Convention & Outdoor Show. Ewart MI. Osceola Cty Fairgrounds. August 16-17, 2019

Northern Great Lakes Fur Harvesters, Chippewa County Fair Grounds, Kinross, MI.
September 27-28, 2019

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MTPCA Membership Application

_____ \$25/yr Regular

_____ \$250 Senior Life Membership

_____ \$850 Reg. Life Membership [\$850 or \$200 down & 13 payments of \$50]

_____ \$10/yr Junior, age 15 or younger [Trapline, MOoD, Fur Sale]

* All adult memberships get: Trap Line, MOoD (online ONLY), Fur Sale, Vote

OPTIONAL MAGAZINES OFFERED AT A DISCOUNT:

_____ \$12/yr Trapper and Predator Caller (10 issues)

_____ \$11/yr. Trappers World (6 issues)

_____ \$13/yr. Trappers Post (6 issues)

_____ Donation

_____ Total: Make checks out to: MTPCA

Name: _____

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Region: _____ County: _____ Birthday: Mon _____ Yr _____

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Mail to: Membership Secretary Bruce Barlow, 4520 N. Shaw Rd. Gladwin, MI 48624

Yearly memberships run from January 1 through December 31



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MTPCA 2019/2020 Fur Sale

Opinions & Suggestions

Option #1**Jay's in Clare 12/14/2019**

8800 S. Clare Ave., Clare, MI

Pro's _____

Con's _____

Suggestion's _____

Marshall Area 1/18/2020

Facility Suggestions _____

Pro's and or Con's _____

Other Suggestion's _____

St. Johns Area 2/15/2020

Facility Suggestions _____

Pro's and or Con's _____

Other Suggestion's _____

Jay's in Gaylord 3/14/2020

1151 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord, MI

Pro's _____

Con's _____

Suggestion's _____

Option #2**Jay's in Clare 12/14/2019**

8800 S. Clare Ave., Clare, MI

Pro's _____

Con's _____

Suggestion's _____

Greenville/Ravenna Area 1/18/2020

Facility Suggestions _____

Pro's and or Con's _____

Other Suggestion's _____

Charlotte/Jackson Area 2/15/2020

Facility Suggestions _____

Pro's and or Con's _____

Other Suggestion's _____

Jay's in Gaylord 3/14/2020

1151 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord, MI

Pro's _____

Con's _____

Suggestion's _____

Please submit prior to December 31st, 2018 to Missi Martineau, 2171 9 Mile Rd., Union City, MI 49094 or
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