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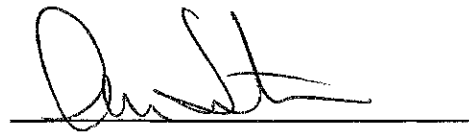
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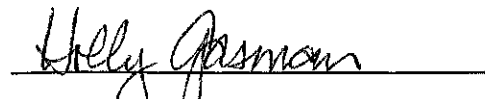
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A 200-plus pound female bear is seen in a Hancock backyard. (Daily Mining Gazette photo)

Bears in Hancock: Residents warned to remove attractions, keep distance

By **BEN GARBACZ**
Daily Mining Gazette
HANCOCK — Multiple sightings of black bears roaming the backyards of Hancock have been reported over the past three weeks. Over a dozen incidents on Prospect, Ingot, Cedar and North streets have been reported with one of the most recent resulting in six calls in one day to the Hancock Police Department.

Police are aware of four bears lumbering around the area. There is an estimated 100-pound male who is seemingly solitary and an estimated 200-pound female with two cubs about the size of small dogs.

The bears have not attacked any residents nor their pets but have torn down bird feeders, tipped over garbage bins and ripped open garbage bags. The bears have left trails of trash leading back to the nearby wood line and littered it throughout the woods. Officers have responded to the calls by using sirens, airhorns and yelling at the bears to scare them away. The bears are believed to have been attracted by bird feeders and garbage left out in the open in Hancock.

Officer Nanue Houle however said that he noticed something in common with all the locations of bear sightings: a barbecue grill. Every location had a grill outside, which could have leftover food stuck to its grates or grease traps releasing appetizing odors into the air. The locations are not far from the woods and the smell of food from the grills can be enticing to the bears.

A major concern the police have regarding the bears' presence is the amount of people that are getting too close to the bears for observation or to take photographs. There was an incident on Ingot Street where many people gathered and were trying to spot and take pictures of the female bear and her cubs.

Houle said that this was dangerous. "These bears do not care. They are not afraid of us," Houle warned. "When everyone gathers around, it's just going to be easy pickings if that bear decides to go rogue and attack someone."

If residents and tourists want to look at the bears, the police have suggested to keep a safe distance from them and to not exit their vehicles to do so.

Houle has responded to several of the calls involving the bears and has approached them to try and scare them away from residents' backyards. He had approached the male bear from the back door of a house and was within five feet of the bear eating from a bird feeder. Houle said the bear did not react to his presence and continued to feed.

Houle has also come close to the female at a distance of 10 feet and she did not react. One of the interactions he had with the female bear, however did result in a discovery. As Houle chased the bear, she planted herself at the base of a tree. When Houle looked up, he saw two cubs hugging the tree's branches.

The female bear is the most dangerous since she will instinctively attack anything or anyone that she believes to be a threat to her cubs. Houle emphasized that it is vital for residents to stay clear of the bear cubs. "Don't think they're all cute and cuddly," Houle said. "Don't try to pick up the cubs if you do come across a cub. Don't try to touch a cub."

Black bear attacks are not common in Michigan, but bears are capable of inflicting lifelong injuries or death. Black bears are formidable predators that have a bite force of 800 pounds per square inch and the ability to run up to 35 mph. A human that is attacked by one of these bears will have little chance of walking away unharmed.

The best action an individual can take to avoid a confrontation with a black bear is to keep their distance. If an encounter with a black bear which will not leave is inevitable, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Living With Black Bears brochure, an individual should yell at the bear and leave an unobstructed escape route for it to leave. If the bear has not yet left, the individual should take slow steps back away from the bear while continuing to talk to the bear in a stern tone.

If the bear attacks, the brochure instructs to not run away nor play dead. The best method of defense is to fight back with a backpack, stick or if no object is available, one's bare hands. The brochure is available to read on the DNR website. The Hancock Police Department has been in contact with the DNR to come up with plans on dealing with the bears. The DNR has traps avail-

able, but they prefer the public focus on removing their garbage, food and bird feeders out of the bears' reach.

The City of Hancock has a temporary ban on bird feeders in hopes of taking away an easy food source for the bears. If food is not in reach for the bears, it is believed that within a week or two they will move on.

Loud noises can frighten bears, and Houle suggests residents can create noises from a safe distance or within shelter with their pots and pans to scare the bears away.

He does not believe trapping to be a preferable action in these circumstances.

"The last thing you want to do is catch the mother bear and not the cubs. Because now we're left with another issue," Houle said.

Removing the bears by lethal means will not be considered unless there is an immediate danger to humans or their pets.

"I know myself along with the other officers don't want to have to shoot the mother bear because she attacked," Houle said. "And we don't want to shoot the male bear. They're just trying to live their lives, too."

Houle said that residents should be keeping a closer eye on their pets when walking them as some residents can become oblivious to the local wildlife. Other predators such as coyotes and foxes can be dangerous to cats and dogs.

Delta County board continues rollbacks

ESCANABA — The newly-elected Delta County Board continued in its effort to roll back the decisions of the prior board Tuesday, changing both the rules for public decorum at meetings and how commissioners are appointed to boards and commissions.

The first item, which was placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Kelli Van Ginhoven, was to rescind a vote that took place on Sept. 19, 2023, to adopt rules for decorum in the the county's policy's and procedures.

"It's not that there's anything particularly wrong, there are some grammatical errors, there are some spelling errors in it, and it doesn't give a full outline of, you know, if this happens then this, if this happens then this," said Van Ginhoven explaining the reasoning for her request.

The procedures that were adopted last September were written by Scott Graham, an attorney hired to represent the county by the last board who was highly controversial, primarily due to his prior representation of Former-Board Chair Dave Moyle's ex-wife shortly before Moyle's divorce was finalized. Moyle, who had encouraged Graham to seek consideration for the position, repeatedly stated he was impressed by Graham's work but denied allegations that he had any sort of personal relationship with the attorney.

Van Ginhoven said during her campaign that removing Graham was her first order of business if elected. She made good on that promise at the June 4 meeting, when the board reordered who the county would use for legal services, making Delta County Prosecutor Lauren Wickman the county's primary counsel, followed by attorneys provided by the county's insurance company, and "third party" attorneys as a last resort. The move effectively dropped Graham, who had once been the county's primary legal counsel.

Wickman — who at various points was the second and last choice for representation by the new board — had also prepared a decorum policy last September, but was not given an opportunity to present it. In two separate motions, both of which were made by Van Ginhoven, the board voted to rescind the vote made by the last commission to approve Graham's version and to replace that policy with the one put forward by Wickman.

Wickman's version includes multiple definitions and prohibits individuals from being ejected from a meeting unless they have commit a "breach of peace," which is defined as "seriously disruptive conduct involving abusive, disorderly, dangerous, or provocative speech and behaviors tending to threaten or incite violence."

"They way I looked at it is everybody who's coming in the room should have the same understanding of what the expectations are, and this outlines that better, where you can have that understanding of what does 'out of order' mean, what does 'breach of the peace mean' — because that's available to them to actually pull up and see 'this is what that means, it's what it means to me; it's what it means to this the board,'" said Wickman.

The discussion of rescinding a separate motion made at the Jan. 17, 2023 meeting that allowed the board chair to unilaterally make appointments for boards and commissions without a vote of the remainder of the commission was also added to the agenda by Van Ginhoven.

"What ended up happening is the chair made the appointments and then there was a motion to say that we could not challenge the appointments," said Commission Chair John Malnar.

Malnar's explanation did not accurately reflect the history of the Jan. 17, 2023 vote, which was made in response to an Open Meetings Act violation that took place immediately following the Jan. 3, 2023 reorganizational meeting — the very first meeting when the entirety of the past board was seated.

At that meeting, Moyle adjourned the meeting but continued working out the specifics of the board and committee appointments with the rest of the commissioners. While there was no attempt to hide that the commissioners were conducting business — Moyle himself told anyone from the public who was interested in the appointments that they could stay and listen and the entirety of the discussion was broadcast on Zoom — the fact that the first meeting was adjourned meant the appointment process took place during a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

"My problem is I wanted to please everybody, so what I did was when I adjourned the meeting, said come on by and we'll check it out, I invited the public, we kept it going on Zoom, and I committed an unintentional mistake of the Open Meetings Act. ... That's my fault. The buck stops here. It wasn't the board's fault," said Moyle at the Jan. 17, 2023 meeting.

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Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

Targeted Case Management Services for Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Beneficiaries with Medical Complexity State Plan Amendment Request

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) plans to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish coverage for Children with Medical Complexity Targeted Case Management (CMC TCM) program services for CSHCS beneficiaries under the age of 21 years who meet additional complexity and fragility criteria.

The anticipated effective date for the Targeted Case Management Services for CSHCS Beneficiaries with Medical Complexity SPA is October 1, 2024.

The purpose of this SPA is to establish coverage and reimbursement of Targeted Case Management (TCM) Services for CSHCS beneficiaries under 21 years of age with qualifying medical complexity. The TCM provider will function as the central point of contact for comprehensive, individualized care across the broader health care system. TCM providers will be required to maintain an intensive care coordination program to improve the overall quality of life for the beneficiary and reduce avoidable health care costs. Beneficiary participation is voluntary.

The SPA is estimated to be budget neutral.

There is no public meeting scheduled regarding this notice. Any interested party wishing to request a written copy of the SPA or wishing to submit comments may do so by sending an e-mail to MSADraftPolicy@michigan.gov or submitting a request in writing to: MDHHS/ Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration, Program Policy Division, PO Box 30479, Lansing, MI 48909-7979 by July 15, 2024. A copy of the proposed SPA will also be available for review at <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/inside-mdhhs/budgetfinance/264/state-plan-amendments>.

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