

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Michigan Bell Telephone Company has announced that the telephone numbering system for all its customers will get a new look. The new style number will consist of seven numerals instead of the two-letter five numeral types currently in use. Crystal Falls area telephone numbers will be converted from UP5-1234 to 875-1234. The new system will be instituted on a progressive basis beginning on April 1st. The conversion to the new system, known as "All Number Calling" (ANC), was necessary because the steady growth of telephones is rapidly depleting the company's stockpile of available telephone numbers.

The largest bear taken in the recently closed Michigan firearm deer season was a 360 pound brute shot by Roy Pace of Pontiac, Michigan in the Camp 5 area of Southeast Iron County. Pace routed the animal from his den under a stump and after his gun jammed on the first shot his hunting partner Ron Preible of Orchard Lake, Michigan, blasted the bear with five more shots from a range of 10' to complete the job.