



**Protecting Facilities, Families, & the Future**



**Wishing you a safe and Happy  
St. Patrick's Day!**



**Everybody is Irish on March 17th!**



# MISS DIG 811 BIRTHDAY BASH

## FREE Fun For The Whole Family!

**Live Music**  
**Family Movie**  
**Egg Hunt**  
**Kids Run the Bases**  
**Food trucks**  
**Local vendors**  
**Games and Prizes**  
**...and more**



**Jimmy John's Field**  
**Utica, MI**

**April 10: 11:00am - 7:00pm**

**April 11: 9:00am - 4:00pm**

### 50th Fun Fact!

**MISS DIG has seen some changes in 50 years.**



**MISS DIG in the early 1970's**



**MISS DIG ready to go to work  
today**

## **MISS DIG 811 will be at the Kiwanis Home & Garden Show in Escanaba, April 3 to 5!**



Join MISS DIG 811 at the Kiwanis Home and  
Garden Show / Pancake Days.

April 3rd to 5th at the Ruth Butler Building in the  
U.P. State Fairgrounds.

Free SWAG and Virtual Reality Game.



# Spring Kick-Off Events

**Come Join Us for MISS DIG 811's Damage and Safety Alliance  
Spring Kick-Off Events**

## Spring Kick-Off's !

**Visit us in: Saginaw, Escanaba, Kalamazoo, Lowell and Traverse City**

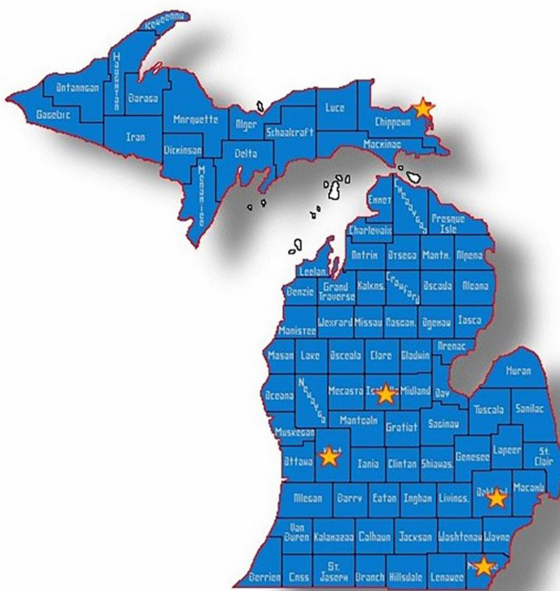
Start the Digging Season with:

- Food
- Industry Related Speakers
- Virtual Reality
- Prizes
- Networking
- Information & Fun



**Visit our web page for Locations, times and to Sign-up !**

**Safe Excavation  
Practices  
Workshops Now Open  
for Registration!**



- Become MISS DIG 811 Safe Excavation Practices Certified by attending a workshop and passing the course
- Earn FREE Continuing Education Credits (CEC's) for certain professions
- Workshop includes a free lunch and MISS DIG 811 SWAG
- Check the list below for a Safe Excavation Practices Workshop near you
- Click the star on the map where you would like to attend. The MISS DIG 811 Skillbuilder tab will open. Log into your account or if you are a new user, create a new account to register for a workshop

Only 5 SEPs left: Dundee, Grand Rapids,



[Click here to download the SkillBuilder Instructions](#)

### Gold Shovel Association appoints Mel Christopher as the new Executive Director



Mel Christopher has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the Gold Shovel Standard (GSS) program. The GSS program works to eliminate damages to underground infrastructure through adoption of damage prevention safety management systems and use of performance -improving metrics.



### Weight Restrictions Update



2020 spring weight restrictions went into effect as of Monday, February 24th at 6:00 AM. Spring weight restrictions will be imposed and enforced on all state trunk line highways as listed in the links below.

[MDOT Spring Weight Restrictions](#)

[County Jurisdiction Road Restrictions](#)



## MISS DIG 811's TIP OF THE MONTH!

Tired of calling MISS DIG 811 to place a dig notice? Remote Ticket Entry (RTE) users can place dig notices online.

To become an RTE user:



Sign-Up

Ticket Types	RTE Accounts			
	Basic (WEBL)	Basic W/ Emergency (WEBLE)	Basic W/ Project (WEBLP)	Full Access* (WEBF)
Normal 3-Day	X	X	X	X
Emergency		X		X
Project			X	X
Joint-Meet				X
Marine Meet				X
Re-Transmit				X

\*New users start with a basic account but may apply for Full Access after three months.

## RTE Forums

- Refresh your skills
- Join an RTE Forum Webinar
- Two RTE Forums held each month
- March topic: Ingredients of a Quality Ticket
- RTE Forums- Wednesday, March 25 at 1:00 PM  
Tuesday, March 31 at 9:00 AM



For more information or to register contact Sandy Gunville at [sgunville@missdig811.org](mailto:sgunville@missdig811.org) or Stephanie Boe at [sboe@missdig811.org](mailto:sboe@missdig811.org)



## 2020 Common Ground Alliance Excavation Safety Conference & Expo

**March 24 - 26**  
**in Palm Springs, California**

Workshop registration includes:  
Tuesday Welcome Reception • Access to the Exhibit Hall • Wednesday CGA Annual Meeting & Breakfast • New Technology Forums • Outdoor Demo Fair

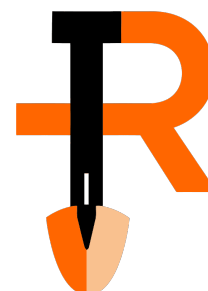
### Utility Locating with GPR Course

Tuesday, March 24, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Greg Johnston, Applications Geophysicist, Sensors & Software, Inc.

Cost: \$295

This full day training course meets the NULCA "Competencies for the GPR Technician" curriculum. The objective is to ensure that the user demonstrates knowledge, skill, and understanding in applying GPR safely and professionally to locate utilities. Topics include GPR theory, factors affecting target detection, how GPR compliments traditional EM locating, application of Line Scan





and Grid Scans, hands-on equipment setup and data collection, data interpretation, and case studies.

Pre-registration is required. Box lunch included in cost.

### **Damage Investigation & Claims Resolution**

Tuesday, March 24, 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Ron Peterson; President with Ron Peterson Consulting, LLC

Cost: \$255

This workshop focuses on the required elements of a successful damage investigation. Setting the stage for a valid root cause investigation and following standard investigative procedures are vital to an effective analysis of a damage. Topics covered include asset protection, revenue / loss recovery, ethics and other ingredients needed to perform accurate and timely root cause investigations.

All workshop participants will then move to the Underground Safety Summit to participate in the discussion regarding: What is the best approach for attracting and keeping good locators?

Pre-registration is required. Box lunch included in cost.

### **Utility Locator Skills Enhancement**

Tuesday, March 24, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Bob Nighswonger; President with Utility Training Academy

Cost: \$295

Not only is this skills training workshop a great introductory session and a valuable career-building tool for the novice locator, the workshop was designed to challenge and expand the knowledge base of even the most seasoned of pros on the art of underground line locating and marking. This two-fold training workshop begins with a live classroom training session with comprehensive animated slide presentations, lively discussions, and a supporting workbook loaded with reference materials and classroom activities. The classroom session is followed by hands-on instruction performed outdoors where a variety of conventional and not-so-conventional equipment is placed in the hands of the workshop participants. This workshop is approved for 6-8 Continuing Educational Hours or Training Credits for Water Operator Certification renewals in California, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, Minnesota, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

The workshop is approved for 8 contact hours for CWEA certificate holders for credit toward the continuing education requirement for re-certification.

Pre-registration is required. Box lunch included in cost.

### **Locating Theory Demystified!**

Wednesday, March 25, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Christopher Koch; President with ZoneOne Locating

Tim Thrift; Safety Management Consultant, TNT Safety Enterprises, Inc.

Cost: \$150

Have you ever looked at someone locating and wondered what the heck is going on? Whether you are a locator, work with locating personnel, or are just curious about locating you will benefit from seeing and using the latest in locating technology as accurate locating is crucial to damage prevention. This workshop explores the principles of locating, the role locating plays in safe excavation, and includes hands-on use of equipment. With classroom training on locating basics and hands-on training, students will be able to experience using various pieces of equipment in different settings. Several locate equipment manufacturers will provide equipment and tips on how to get an accurate locate, including using ground penetrating radar (GPR).

Pre-registration is required.

### **Safe 4 Culture Changer Program: Improve Your Safety Culture through an Effective Safety Campaign**

Thursday, March 26, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Wylie Davidson; Training and Culture Specialist with DIVAL Safety

Cost: \$295

Built upon the foundation of the "Safe 4 the Right Reasons" safety message, this



workshop is an organized, planned, and proven method of improving a company's safety culture. Most companies don't have a lack of desire, dedication, or even funding to keep their employees safe, what they often lack is a plan. This workshop addresses the ineffective approach that consists of sporadic events and a lack of consistency and commitment resulting in the "flavor of the day" safety effort that results in meager results. Let's face it, we are Safety Marketers – we are attempting to influence our employees and drive them to want what we are offering, being safe both on and off the job, so they can continue to take care of their families and loved ones.

This workshop addresses:

- Utilizing human nature and human emotion in the safety effort
- Setting goals for your campaign and defining what success looks like
- Establishing KPIs critical to campaign success
- Employee engagement and participation
- Increased employee morale
- Employees making safety a personal value and watching out for one another
- Leadership, management and especially front-line supervisor's roles & responsibilities
- How to create an organized plan for 12 – 24 months and beyond
- Allow your employees to have input and take ownership in the campaign
- A proven message that is personal for every employee
- An introduction into the marketing approach to safety

Pre-registration is required. Box lunch included in cost.

