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Reporting fur duty!

Meet Lt. Col. Penny of the Michigan Army National Guard

Maj. Adam LaVigne sits with Penny, a ministry and resiliency support dog, at Joint Force Headquarters in Lansing on Aug. 13.

ADAM VANDER KOOT/HILLSDALE DAILY NEWS

Which parts of M-119 remain closed after washouts?

Janis Reeser

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A stretch of M-119 near West Stutsmanville Road has reopened after repairs to flood damage, restoring through traffic on part of the scenic corridor while two other sections remain closed.

The Michigan Department of Transportation reopened M-119 between West Stutsmanville Road and Terpening Road after completing a \$300,000 stabilization project, according to a community announcement. The work addressed slope failures beneath the roadway that occurred during spring flooding.

Contractors installed retaining walls along two damaged sections of

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Corey J. Murray Hillsdale Daily News | USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

There's a very special dog providing much-needed support to service members in Michigan, and her name is Lt. Col. Penny. • Penny, a black labrador retriever serving as a ministry and resiliency support dog for the Michigan Army National Guard, has helped facilitate more than 3,000 meaningful conversations with service members since September 2024. • Serving alongside her handler, Deputy State Chaplain Maj. Adam LaVigne, Penny helps soldiers, airmen and military families navigate stress, deployments and personal challenges. See PENNY, Page 2A

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