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# The Tattered Feather

***Mason County Fin & Feather Club serving  
conservation & education since 1936.***

***Honoring our past, cherishing our present,  
insuring our future***

**February  
March  
2021**



## MEMORIAL BRICKS

The Fin & Feather Club Memorial, honors our past and present club members. Frank Koehle designed and erected the Memorial that is directly in front of the clubhouse.

Anyone desiring a name to be placed on one of the bricks can purchase one for a donation of \$50. The brick can have 3 lines per brick and 14 characters per line.

Contact Frank Koehle regarding purchasing a brick at [fkoehle@t-one.net](mailto:fkoehle@t-one.net) or 231 510-5558.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2020-2022****Terms End January 1st, 2022**

Dan Engelhardt	Rick Gleason	Bruce Rosema
David Sanders	Larry Scherer	

**Terms End January 1st, 2023**

Russ Bosley	Jim Glover	Don Henry
Frank Koehle	Diane Zack	

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**CANCELLATION OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021 CLUB MEETING**

COVID-19 cases and incidences are occurring at a disturbing level. Due to this pandemic, the Board thought it best to cancel the February 10th regular club meeting. The health and safety of all of our club members is most important to us. **Please stay safe! Hope to see everyone in March!!**

**Gun A Month Winner**

The winner for December was John Gancarz. He won a Tikka T3 Lite 25-06. The winner of the January Gun A Month was Andreas VonPohl. He won a Remington 200 year comm. 12 ga. The next drawing will be February 10th.

**Board of Director Meetings for 2021:**

<b>February 3, 2021</b>	<b>April 7th</b>	<b>July 7th</b>
<b>October 6th</b>	<b>Dec. 6th</b>	<b>January 5, 2022</b>

**All Board meetings start at 6:00 PM. All interested Fin & Feather Club members are invited to attend.**

## **Friends of Fin & Feather Club 2019 to 2020**

Please remember to support the Friends who support your club!!!  
Let them know you saw their name in the Tattered Feather Newsletter.

Al & Carole Hardman  
Animal Hospital of Ludington  
In Memory Harmon Deal  
James Holzbach  
Executive Wealth Management, John Barbrick  
Legends Taxidermy  
Ludington Beverage  
Magee Insurance  
Dune Side Auto Glass  
Dusty's Auto Body & Detail  
Squires Family Care Chiropractic  
Veterinary Medical Center  
West Shore Bank  
Ted W. Towl  
Mason County Press

Hardman Construction  
Indian Summer Co-op  
Bob's Roofing  
Turf Care Mole Man  
Charles & Sarah Griffith  
Country Veterinary Clinic  
Doug & Diane Chaffin  
Dr. Sidney & Carole McKnight  
Sanders Meat  
Smith & Eddy Insurance Agency  
Ernie & Maria Richardson  
Wayne Andersen / Cynthia Carrig  
Matthew T. Miller  
Walter R Karboske  
Larry & Barb Scherer

### **Fin & Feather Friends & Members.**

In 1989, Friends of Fin & Feather was born and joined us in our conservation efforts. We are currently inviting you to participate in the Friends of Fin & Feather. The program collects money from individuals & businesses to promote conservation & educational programs within our community.

Over the years, we have participated in many different activities. Examples of Conservation & Education programs are:

Big Sable Riverbank Stabilization  
Pere Marquette River Watershed  
Mason County Walleye Association  
Victory Township Park Improvements  
Mason-Lake Soil Conservation  
Trooper Paul Butterfield Scholarship

Outdoor Science Scholarship  
4-H Youth Rifle Marksmanship  
MUCC Summer Camp  
"MUCC Tracks" Magazine  
Hunter Safety Classes  
**Plus many others not listed**

If you feel this is a worthy cause of protecting and preserving our natural resources in our area is meant for you, you're invited to join us at one of three levels: **Bronze is \$200, Silver is \$400 and Gold is \$600.** Our promise to you is that 100% of your donation will be invested in our Conservation & Education programs.

If you would like to donate or have additional questions please contact me.

Thanks in advance, Dan Engelhardt Friends of the Fin & Feather Chairperson (231) 510-1003

### **Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Member**

Every year, the Fin & Feather Club awards to a club member, the honor of being the Outstanding Club the year. This award is given to a member who shows outstanding devotion to the club and has devoted his/her time, talents and expertise to the club in an unselfish manner beyond the normal. Here is a list of previous club members that has been awarded this honor.

1991 Dick VanAtta (Gunsmoke)	1992 Randy Wolfe	1993 Bruce Krieger	1994 Larry Moorlag
1995 Bruce Finch	1996 Nita Finch	1997 Ray Cummins & Jack Thiel	
1998 Marv Hanna	1999 Ralph Christensen	2000 Kim Thomas	
2001 Wayne Andersen	2002 Joanne Cummins	2003 Tom Sheppardson	2004 John Ochs
2005 Walt Olmstead	2006 Frank Koehle	2007 Bob Fenstermacher	
2008 Corky Jensen & Bill Olsen	2009 Koby Kobrehel	2010 Jim Glover & Gordon Grossenbacher	
2011 Bob Ferney, Bruce Wadel & Ed Zientek		2012 Russ Bosley	2013 Lance Christensen
2014 Diane Zack	2015 Bruce Rosema	2016 Cindy Gleason	2017 Dan Engelhardt
2018 Rick Gleason	2019 Dick Herrmann	2020 ????????	

**If you know of a club member that you would like to nominate for Outstanding Club Member for 2020, get that name into Chairperson, Nita Finch at [bearladytwo@live.com](mailto:bearladytwo@live.com). Make sure you state why you feel that person is deserving of the award. The nominees will be voted on at the April Board of Directors meeting and announced at the April regular club meeting. There are lots of club members out there that deserve the award, so get that name into me. Thanks, Nita**

**2021 schedule of upcoming events and classes****CPL Class**

April 2 &amp; 3, 2021

June 4 &amp; 5

August 6 &amp; 7

October 1 &amp; 2

Friday's 6-9:30 PM; Saturdays, all day

\$100 for non-club members; \$50 club members

**Youth Silhouette Shoot**

First Saturday of every month from

May 1st thru September 4th

No charge for those under 18; over 18 \$2.00

Starts at 9 AM

**Cowboy Action Shoot**

4th Saturday of every month starting

March 27 thru September 25

Registration 8:30AM

**Indoor Archery League**

Starting January 7 through March 18th

Basement of the clubhouse

7PM; Cost \$72 for the 11 weeks

**Basic Pistol Class**

May 1st

September 4

8AM—5PM

\$20 for non members &amp; club members

**Hunter Safety Class**March 28—**Tentative live fire class ONLY** for those  
who took Hunter Safety on line 9AM-3PM

April 10 &amp; 11 9AM-3PM

August 21 &amp; 22 9AM-3PM

NO charge but must be pre-registered

**The Well Armed Woman**

Meetings from 6PM-8PM

January 21

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 19

Sept. 16

October 21

November 18

Dec 16

**Shotgun Sport Ranges OPEN**Shotgun Sports Ranges have **REOPENED** Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Range Hours Skeet Field Tuesday 2:30-5:30, Saturday 9:00-Noon.

Range Hours Trap Field Tuesday 3:30-6:30, Saturday 9-Noon

Covid-19 protocol will be posted and observed.

Come out and shoot at a few targets!

Questions? Call me. Thank you, Bruce Rosema (231)499-6000

**MUCC Camp for Kids**

Due to Covid-19, MUCC Camp for kids will be on a day to day basis. Due to the covid, MUCC flt is was better than to have the kids stay for the week. The kids that were signed up will have a chance to go to year. Contact Cindy at 231 757-3515 or by e-mail at cgleasonff@gmail.com. If you have any questions.

You can check out the camp at [www. MUCC Camp.](http://www.MUCC.Camp)

**Fin & Feather Scholarship**

Once again the Fin & Feather Club will be awarding a \$1500 scholarship for a student majoring in the outdoor sciences. Applications can be obtained by contacting Chairman Laude Hartman at 231 233-7633 or by downloading an application on the website. The deadline for the applications is May 1st.

**GUN A MONTH RAFFLE 2020-2021**

Tickets for the Gun A Month raffle for 2020-2021, which started October 14, 2020, was sold out. Only 300 tickets were sold. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Gun A Month raffle a great success. Without their help and commitment selling tickets, this would be an overwhelming task. They make doing this fundraiser much easier. And if you missed getting a ticket this year and don't want to miss out again, please let us know. We would be happy to add your name and number to our list to call when we get next years tickets. Contact Tony and Diane Zack at 231 757-2747. You need not be present to win, but you **MUST** be 18 years of age to participate, have bought a Gun a Month ticket, and be eligible to purchase a firearm.

Here is the list of firearms for the raffle for 2020-2021.

October 14, 2020— Weatherby 270 **Winner: Frank Koehle**  
November 7, 2020— AB3 Hunter 308 **Winner: Dale Miller**  
December 9, 2020— Tikka T3 Lite 25-06 **Winner: John Gancarz**  
January 13, 2021— Remington 200 year Comm. 12 ga **Winner: Andreas VonPohl**  
February 10, 2021— Remington Turkey 12 ga  
March 10, 2021— Remington 783 450  
April 14, 2021— Remington 1187 290 ga  
May 12, 2021— Browning AB3 Hunter 7mm-08  
June 9, 2021— Tikka T3 Lite 6.5  
July 14, 2021— Weatherby 270 Winchester  
August 11, 2021— Henry 22 Lever Action & Heritage Rough Rider 22 LR/22 mag  
September 8, 2021— Weatherby 30-06

**It has been brought to our attention that there is an error on the Gun A Month tickets. The Jan. 13, 2021 gun should NOT have the Heritage Rough Rider 22 LR/22mag listed. That gun will be given away on Aug. 11, 2021 with the other Henry 22 Lever Action. We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes anyone. Thank you, Tony and Diane Zack**

**Plaid Shirt Night 2021**

Happy February Plaid Shirt Night family and friends. It's time for us to make plans for us to come together again. We missed a year of great times and memories in 2020. Let's see if we can actually celebrate the 49th annual PSN this year on Nov. 6th, 2021.

Obviously we are going to have to follow the rules brought onto us by the state. We have heard from a lot of our regular attendees that they want the event to come back as usual. We will have to respect everyone's decisions and the decisions of the clubs governing board. Please be patient as we are in uncharted waters. We will try to bring you the best experience we can.

The PSN crew understands that some of our usual sponsors are not in a place to support us this year. Fortunately, some of our sponsors have already stepped up and said they are going to be here for us to come back stronger than ever. We are always looking for new sponsors so don't be afraid to step up.

Please keep us in mind when making your plans for November 6th, 2021. If you want to help, then reach out to us. If you want to or can donate, please yell it out on the mountain tops. We will come a runnin' to anyone wanting to help. Cheesy, yes it is, but it's time for us to have fun again. Keep watchin' for updates as we try to bring back the event you know and love.

The PSN Crew



### **2021 Fin & Feather Club Elections**

At the Board of Directors Meeting which was held virtual on January 6, the results of the absentee ballots for club officers and 5 directors was announced.

The following was elected for the club's 2021 leadership:

**Officers:** President: Chris Shimmel 1st Vice President: Lance Christensen  
2nd Vice President: Rick Singleton Treasurer: Cindy Gleason  
Recording secretary: Dick Herrmann Membership Secretary: Nita Finch  
Board of Directors for a two year term: Russ Bosley, Frank Koehle, Jim Glover, Don Henry, Diane Zack.

A big thank you to Keith Anderson, Mike Hill and Ross Kissell for volunteering to run for the board. I sincerely hope these club members will try again in 2022. The only requirement to run for a board position is you have to be a club member for at least 1 year, be over the age of 18 and have a desire to represent the interest of all club members. The absentee ballot was a huge success and will be done again next year.

Thank you to all that sent in your ballot.

### **Big Game Award Night for 2021 Is Cancelled**

Due to the Covid-19, Big Game Award Night has been cancelled for February 2021. We hope to be back in 2022 with just as many raffles and firearms as we have offered in the past. Plans are in the making that if we can't get together face to face, we will come up with something virtual.

Frank Koehle & Nita Finch

### **Voice Your Opinion! Guide future conservation efforts in our area!**

The Mason-Lake Conservation District is looking for public input on Conservation Needs in Mason and Lake Counties. Public input from this survey will help to guide conservation projects for the next 5 years. The survey takes about 5 minutes and participants can enter for a \$50 gift card to the upcoming tree sale at the Conservation District. Scan this QR code with your phone to complete the survey online, or call the Conservation District to receive a paper survey form in the mail (231) 757-3707 ext. 5.

Dani McGarry, Mason-Lake Conservation District

### **Shot Gun Shooting Class**

There is a possibility that Bruce Krieger and Dan Englehardt will hold a shotgun shooting class especially for women sometime in May. The date has not been set as yet. Watch in the Tattered Feather and on the club's website ([finandfetherclub.org](http://finandfetherclub.org)) for more information.

### **A few club fixing's update**

The old sound system is being replaced so all should be able to hear their wining numbers called the first time.

The memorial out side the club house is getting a touch up.

We will have a service in the spring for our members  
we lost this last year.

Bricks are available for departed club members only.

Contact

Frank Koehle for MEMORIAL BRICK Forms. 231-845-7259

Plans are in the making to remodel the Trap & Skeet ranges.

## TRADING POST

(If you have a sports related item to sell, trade or buy, contact the Editor, Nita Finch, and have it listed in the Tattered Feather Trading Post free of charge for members only. Your ad will run in the next Tattered Feather and if you want the ad to continue, you must contact the Editor before the next newsletter is published. The ads can be posted by e mailing [bearladytwo@live.com](mailto:bearladytwo@live.com) or call 231 690-0874. )Please advise when items are sold

\*\* Strike Master ice auger \$ 95.00 firm, 12 gauge Winchester Mod.101 Pigeon grade, winchokes, maker's case, excellent condition \$2,375.00 firm. Contact Hank Krawczyk at 231-907-2197 (6)

\*\* Browning M12, 28 Ga, vent rib, 2 3/4" only, serial number NM872/00646, very close to new condition, except rub mark at take down plate. \$1,400 Contact Ted Towl 231 730-3190 if interested (4)

\*\* Smith and Wesson m+p 40 caliber Full size, with 3 sets of grips and 2 clips. For sale for \$ 300 very little use in great shape. Keith Anderson 586-536-1656. Ludington (5)

\*\* Sako Finbear, left hand bolt action 7mm rem mag with Ziess 3 x 9 scope, some ammo, excl cond. \$1500.00 Firm. Lance 231 757 9224. (3)

\*\* Paintball gun for sale - Tippmann custom Pro, 2 CO2 bottles, 200 round hopper. \$50, call Dani 810 278-7307 or e-mail [dani.drekich@gmail.com](mailto:dani.drekich@gmail.com) (3)

\*\* Remington model 1911 stainless 45 caliber, 2 clips, highlight tactical LED light, hard case, Like new - \$750.00 Jim Johnson 586-530-5699. (3)

\*\* Browning Model 12 - 20 gauge. Never been fired. Beautiful wood. \$950.00. Jim Johnson 586-530-5699. (3)

\*\* 50 round drum clip for Glock ,17,18,1926,34 pistols. also fits Kel-Tec sub 2000. and AR 15 chambered in 9 mm. \$55.00 Terry Luxford..[tsluxford@gmail.com](mailto:tsluxford@gmail.com) (3)

\*\* Baby Browning, .25 cal, 2 clips. Some amo. \$325.00. Contact terry Luxford, [tsluxford@gmail.com](mailto:tsluxford@gmail.com) (3)



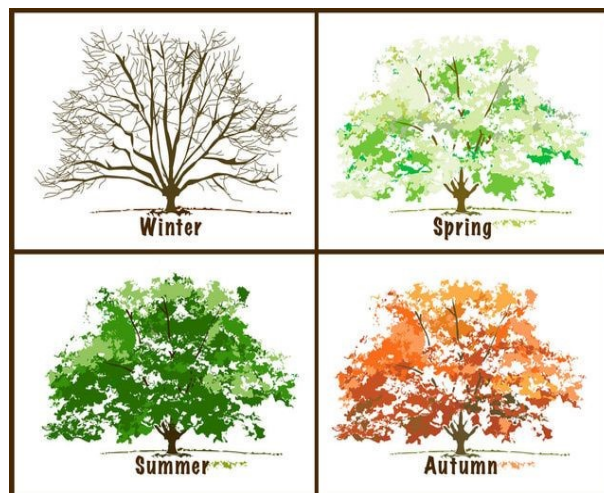
### CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste, the natural resources of my country. It's air, soil, and minerals, it's forests, waters and wildlife.

### NRA

If you would like to become a NRA member or if you need to renew your NRA membership, contact Keith Anderson at 586 536-1656 or by e mail at [cleatus81@yahoo.com](mailto:cleatus81@yahoo.com).

The cost is cheaper going through the club and the club gets a profit from new memberships and renewals.





## Paul Butterfield Law Enforcement Award

Once a year the Fin & Feather Club awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a student at West Shore Community College who is entering the law enforcement. This year the scholarship goes to Bryan Sanders of Ludington.

Dear Fin and Feather Club members,

My name is Bryan Sanders. I'm 34 years old and have lived in Ludington for most of my life. I've been married for 14 years. I have 3 kids, one boy, and two girls. For most of my adult life, I've been a carpenter but was looking for a change. A friend of mine told me that the Ludington Police Department going to be going through a big turnaround due to the retirement status of many of the officers. After much thought and looking into what it would to become an officer, I decided that this was the change that I wanted.

Through the years, the community has brought me many jobs as a carpenter and now is a way that I can give back to the community. I was the sole source of income for my family. Over the last two years, we've been able to save enough for our daily living expenses. Now that I am in the academy I am not working anymore. Unfortunately, that left us with very little funds for any "emergency" expenses that may come up. This scholarship, gives us an emergency account should any issues arise. I'm very grateful for the blessing of receiving this scholarship from you and look forward to protecting our community.

Thank you for the blessing, Bryan Sanders

("In just a few short weeks, Bryan has demonstrated his commitment to the academy, and has showcased his leadership skills on multiple occasions. Making a career change is never easy; however, Brian has made some significant financial sacrifices to reach his goal of giving back to his community as a law enforcement officer.")

That speaks volumes for his character.

Academy Director John O'Hagan



## IN MEMORY

The Fin & Feather Club has recently lost some long time club members.

**Tom Sheppardson** passed away 12/13/20. Tom had been a club member since, well I took over the club membership in 1993 and he had been a club member since before then. He was club president for many, many years, on the Board of Directors (when he wasn't president), a range officer and I'm sure many other positions in the club. You could almost always find him on the shooting ranges. The pistol range was named after him. He always attended any of the club's fund raisers and you could always count on

him for any advice you needed. He will be deeply missed by his many club members and friends. Our sympathies and prayers go out to the family.

The Fin & Feather Club has just lost another long time club member,

**Orlie D'Arcangelo** on February 3, 2021. Once again I'm not sure when Orlie became a club member, since he had been a club member for long before then. For years, Orlie helped promote the club's functions and was know as the "Master Ticket Salesman" at Plaid Shirt Night and Big Game Award Night. He always sold the most raffle tickets at the events. In 2017, Orlie was presented with the Life Time Achievement Award.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family.



**Arie Vree** had been a Fin & Feather Club member since 2011. He passed away 1/30/21. Arie enjoyed riding his "Fat Bike" at least 20 miles a day. Our sympathies go out to the family.

Long time club member **Bob Clarke** passed away 1/22/21. He had been a club member since 1998. Bob enjoyed the out doors which included hunting and fishing along with traveling, hiking and scuba diving. The Fin & Feather Clubs expresses their sympathies to Bob's family