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The Tattered Feather

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

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

Calendar of Events for March & April

March 9—Fin & Feather Club Meeting
Dinner 6:00, Speaker 6:45, Mtg to follow
March 13—Daylight savings time begins
March 17—St Patrick's Day
March 18—Last Indoor archery league day
March 20—Spring Begins
(Skeet hours on Tuesday's is 2:30-5:30,
and Saturday from 9:00-Noon.
Trap hours on Tuesdays is 3:30-6:30, and
Saturday 9-Noon)
March 26—Cowboy Action Shooting begins
April 1—April Fool's Day
April 2—Youth Silhouette Shoot
April 6—Board of Directors mtg, 6:00
April 8-9 CPL Class
April 13—Fin & Feather Club Meeting
Dinner 6:00, Speaker 6:45, Mtg to follow
April 15—Good Friday
April 17—Easter
April 23—Cowboy Action Shooting



Nita Finch, Editor

March-April 2022

Chris Shimmel, President

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2022-2023

Terms End January 1st, 2023

Russ Bosley Jim Glover
Frank Koehle Diane Zack

Don Henry

Terms End January 1st, 2024

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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 Chris Shimmel	

2021 Pat & Sandee Donovan

Congratulations to Patrick & Sandee Donovan. They were chosen as Outstanding Club Members for 2021. (See the picture on page 5)

Friends of Fin & Feather Club 2020 & 2021

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

Lighthouse Reality, John Hanson
Al & Carole Hardman
Animal Hospital of Ludington
In Memory Harmon Deal
James Holzbach
Ted W. Towl
Country Veterinary Clinic
Ludington Beverage
Magee Insurance
Sanders Meat
Smith & Eddy Insurance
Squires Family Chiropractic
Veterinary Medical Center
Legends Taxidermy Studios
Executive Wealth Management, John Barbrick

Gary & Karen Hearing
Hardman Construction
Indian Summer Co-op
Bob's Roofing
Turf Care / Mole Man
Charles & Sarah Griffith
Dune Side Auto Glass
Douglas & Diane Chaffin
Larry & Barb Scherer
Dusty's Auto Body
Mason County Press
Ernie & Maria Richardson
Wayne Andersen
West Shore Bank
Memory of Dr. Sidney A. McKnight, Jr.

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



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.

Board of Director Meetings for 2022:

January 5, 2022 April 6 July 6
October 5 December 7 January 4, 2023

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



Next Club Meeting & Gun A Month Winner for February

The next club meeting will be March 9th. On the menu for dinner will be Burrito's, rice, beans, etc. The speaker will be Frank Koehle who will do a short presentation on a pistol shoot with him and Tom Sheppardson.

The winner of the Gun a Month raffle for February's drawing was Jeremy Whaling. He won a Browning 308 Winchester.

Forest Management Activities planned for Club Property

In 2021, the Conservation Committee worked to make some long-term plans for the Club property, hiring a certified Forester to write a 20-year forest management plan for club-owned lands. At the request of the Conservation Committee, Forester Brett Kuipers of MI Forestry, wrote a plan that focuses on managing healthy forests, minimizing disease and improving wildlife habitat throughout the property, more so than a boards-and-cords timber management approach. The plan was shared with the Board last summer and hopefully it will be posted to the Club's website soon. As a reminder, you can request a copy of the plan anytime by emailing Dani McGarry at dani.drekich@gmail.com.

With the Board's blessing, the Conservation Committee has started moving forward on the first recommended actions of the plan; managing the aspen stand and removing areas of declining or unhealthy trees. As part of the plan, a portion of the aspen stand to the north and west of the skeet and trap ranges will be clear cut. This is the best method for managing aspen, resulting in rapid regrowth and great habitat for partridge, small mammals and other upland birds. Closer to the clubhouse, on the north side of the road, a select-cut will take place for some declining, mature red pine and some invasive scots pine. The red pines are past their prime, and will only lose value and become a source of disease for the rest of the forest if left in place. A

select-cut of these trees will allow more sun to reach the forest floor, encouraging growth of black cherry, sugar maple, red maple and other hardwoods in the understory. If you see trees flagged or marked, please leave the flagging in place! Flags are marking the project area for the forester, and loggers will use those markings to bid on the project. Once a bid is accepted and a contract approved by the Board, harvest activities may happen this season, depending on site conditions and logger availability, or they could take place any time over the next two years when conditions are acceptable.

Lastly, the Conservation Committee is planning a tree planting day in the spring and is looking for volunteers! Bare root shrubs and tree seedlings will be planted in northern areas of the "north 40", outside of future harvest areas. Adding species like hazelnut, serviceberry and yellow birch will increase diversity, provide hard and soft mass food sources for a variety of wildlife and improve pollination sources for our bees, moths and other pollinators. If you'd like to volunteer to help with planting (and we'll probably rip out some autumn olive while we're at it) call Dani McGarry (810) 278-7307 or Rick Gleason (231) 690-3443 for details.

GUN A MONTH RAFFLE 2021-2022

Tickets for the Gun A Month raffle for 2021-2022 started October 13, 2021. Only 300 tickets were sold and once again, all 300 tickets were sold. We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket and good luck to you. After close to 10 years of handling the Gun A Month Raffle for the club, Tony & Diane have decided to give it up. Thank you to Ross Kissel who will be taking over the Gun A Month raffle for 2022-2023.

The rules for the raffle are: 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 2021-2022:

October 13, 2021— \$550 gift cert to Captain Chuck's	Winner: Matt VanStrate
November 6, 2021—Browning 270 Winchester	Winner: Michael Mollema
December 8, 2021—Weatherby VanGuard 30-06	Winner: Jim Holzbach
January 12, 2022—Ruger Predator 6.5	Winner: Mike Svihra
February 9, 2022 —Browning 308 Winchester	Winner: Jeremy Whaling
March 9, 2022—ATI 12 gauge Over/Under	
April 13, 2022—Weatherby 25-06	
May 11, 2022—Ruger 450 Bushmaster	
June 8, 2022—Thompson II 308	
July 13, 2022—Weatherby 6.5 PRC	
August 10, 2022—Beretta PX4 Storm 40 cal	
September 14, 2022 —Weatherby 300 Winchester	

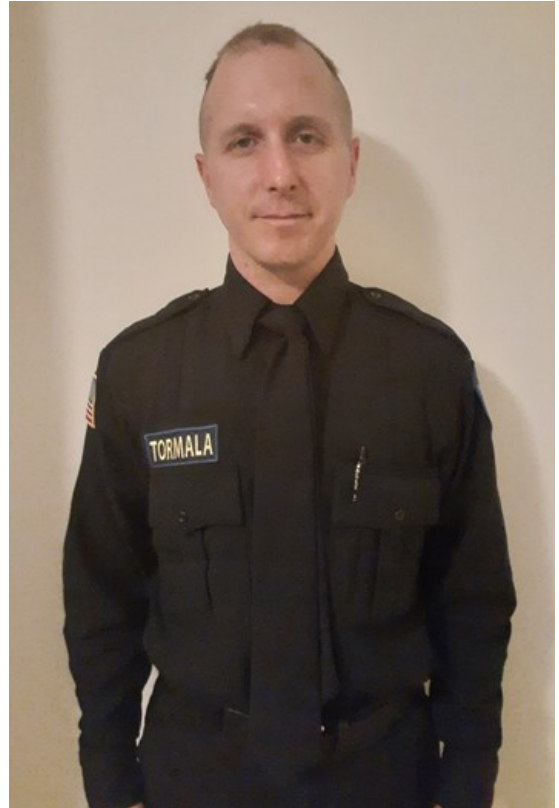
Paul Butterfield Law Enforcement Award

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 field.

This year West Shore College selected Jeremy Tormala.

My name is Jeremy Tormala, a veteran of the US Army, who served 5 years of active duty service with two tours of duty to Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am married to my wife Nicole of nearly 6 years. Together we have a son, Matej, and are expecting another child later this year. There is no greater feeling than serving one's community and country. It is a calling that runs through my veins like blood.

The Butterfield Scholarship will allow me to make an impact on this world by serving as a police officer. It is part of a picture for others to see that, regardless of your age or financial status, it is never too late to answer the call. The best way to honor those who have given their lives is by living and helping others to the best of one's ability. I will be my best in every chance that I get because it represents what Trooper Butterfield did for our country and community. The Butterfield name will forever etched in the things I accomplish and do for others.



Once a year the Board of Directors of the Fin & Feather Club select an Outstanding Club Member of the Year. This person or persons, in this case, goes above and beyond the normal supporting the club. Patrick & Sandee Donovan were selected as recipients for the year 2021. On the left is President Chris Shimmel presenting the award to Patrick and Sandee.

Congratulations

CPL & BASIC PISTOL CLASSES:

CPL classes for 2022: April 8 & 9 June 3rd & 4th
July 8th & 9th August 5th & 6th October 7th & 8th
November 4th & 5th.

Basic Pistol May 7th September 3rd
You must register with Jim Glover at 231 907-8330 in order to take any of the classes.

Turn
your
clocks
forward
March
13th





The many 2020 and 2021 deer mounts that were shown at Big Game Award Night. In 1st place in 2020 men's Firearm division was: Nick VerBerkmoes; 2nd place was Will Siegert. In 1st place in women's Firearm division was Kate Burns. In 1st place in 2021 men's Archery division was: Michael Parker; 2nd place was: Jake Brock; 3rd place was: Will Siegert. In 1st place in 2021 women's Archery division was: Teresa McClure; 2nd place was: Nikki VerBerkmoes. Youths being awarded and recognized were: Blake Warren, Avery Smith, Gabriel Weber, Kiefer Shannon and Keegan Shannon.

BIG GAME AWARD NIGHT

Once again Big Game Night is in the archive books for 2022. The event was once again a giant success thanks to all the volunteers and the attendees that attended the event. This event is one of the club's major fund raising endeavors. We had a full house that seemed to enjoy the added addition of firearms and raffle prizes that were available to them. The tickets are usually sold out 3 weeks earlier, so next year make sure you get yours early. The event next year will be held on February 18, 2023.

The key raffle was back again selling keys upstairs for a Winchester XPR Hunter 7mm and downstairs for a Winchester XPR Titanium 350. Again, thanks to Wayne Andersen and Steve Stakenas from Commemorative Bucks of Michigan for scoring the racks.

Once a year at Big Game Award Night, a Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded to a deserving person or persons. This year the award was presented to Dr. Lewis Squires and Smith & Eddy Insurance. (See the photos on page 8.)

This event was made possible by our donors, sponsors, volunteers and attendees. We would like to express our appreciation to the following sponsors and donors: Dr. Lew Squires, Squires Family Chiropractic, Dr. William Ingle, Ingle Family Care Chiropractic Center, for their generous sponsorship of the \$20 firearm raffle. David Sanders and PCA for their sponsoring the Ice Chest with \$400 Sanders meats, Little River Casino & Resort, Legend's Taxidermy Studio, Inc, Dusty's Auto Body & Detail, Ludington Beverage, Kate Burns, Oak Grove Funeral Home, Manistee, Terry Kammerud, Gleason's Pheasant Farm, Jim Holzbach, Sureloc Edging/Wolverine Hand Tools, Tony Jabrocki, Osborn's Sports, Bear Lake, David Bialochowski, Jay's Sporting Goods, Clare, PCA, Manistee, Captain Chucks, Lance Christensen, Source One Digital, A&W Restaurant, Mary Wilkosz, Nick & Nikki VerBerkmoes, West MI Wild Game Processing, Holden's Emporium, Shawn Scherer, Mac's Rod Shop, Fin & Feather Club, Jake Tenney, Lake Effect Taxidermy and Sanders Meats.

Thank you to Gloria Ann's Catering of Fountain and her staff for the outstanding evening meal and of course the evening would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers, and a special Thank You to Blake for drawing the raffle tickets. A special THANK YOU to Frank Koehle and Mike Hill Co-Chairmen.

Again, thank you to all who made the evening possible

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.

Rifle Range Improvement Group

We will have another rifle range improvement meeting Wednesday March 23rd at 7:00 pm. Several members were not able to attend the last one due to the weather and we can bring them up to date on what we discussed.. We will also be looking at how we want to proceed;. Things like getting estimates on cost, design ideas, long term vs short term plan, grants etc.

Look forward to seeing you there.
Thanks, Mike Hill 231 690-3966
m.hill6716@gmail.com

MUCC

The 2022 MUCC conference will be June 25th and 26th. As a club we will have to vote on the upcoming proposed resolutions. At this time we only have 8 proposed resolutions so the time for voting may not take that long and we should be able to complete the voting at one meeting.

I am on the MUCC Conservation Policy Board and will be attending the policy board meeting in St. Ignace on March 12th. Hopefully I will have more information after that.
Rick Singleton

Youth Silhouette Shoot

Youth Silhouette Shoot will begin April 2, then will continue shooting the first Saturday of the month until September. The shoot is open to anyone, but is geared toward the younger shooters 15 and under. Prizes will be awarded to the top shooters at the end of the shooting season. Firearms are limited to .22 caliber long rifle or .22 short (no mini-mags since they damage the targets). Each shooter must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The event starts at 9 AM and involves shooting 10 metal silhouette targets at 4 different yardages for a total of 40 targets. Anyone 18 and over that wants to shoot, there is a \$2.00 fee charge. Contact Mark Luce at 231 690-7929 or by e-mail:

INDOOR ARCHERY LEAGUE

The Indoor Archery League continues until March 18th. It is being held in the basement of the clubhouse. The cost is \$50 for 10 weeks and begins at 7:00 PM. Any questions contact Chris at 231 239-2448

Hunter Safety

Hunter Safety Classes for 2022 are still in the making. We hope to have two full classes, one in April and one in August.

Watch the Tattered Feather for the dates.

MUCC Camp

On line registration is open at www.mucccamp.org for Summer 2022 camps for ages 9-16. If registering online, list the Fin & Feather Club of Mason County as the sponsoring club so we will qualify for a \$50 registration discount.

You do not need to be a member of the Fin & Feather Club to send your child, Grandchild, neighbor or friend to the camp.

Contact Cindy Gleason at 231 690-3445 or cgleasonff@gmail.com to arrange for registration payment or if you have any questions.

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 e mail at cleatus81@yahoo.com.

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

MEMORIAL BRICKS

The Fin & Feather 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 231 845-7259 or 231 510-5558.



April 17



Nita Finch presenting Dr. Squires with the Life Time Achievement Award.



Some of the team members from Smith & Eddy Insurance with their Life Time Achievement Award.

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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" or call 231 690-0874.)Please advise when items are sold)

**** Chokes 12 gage, all cylinders some extended, for Benelli and Beretta shotguns.**

\$20-30-50 dollars. Call Pat 231-510-5411 (6)

**** New 9 mm Beretta NIB JS92F 300M, with 2 - 15 Rd mags and 500 Rounds of Winchester 9 mm 115 Grain FMJ. Contact Bob 313-399-9594 \$1000.00 BO." (1)**

**** MEC 20 Ga. Shot shell reloader, grabber model. \$225 OBO. Call Jim 231 690-7542 (3)**

**** Smith/Wesson pistol 40 cal SD40VE \$700.00 OBO. Contact Pat 231 510-5411 (3)**

**** For Sale, many items that belonged in "Big Nose Kates' Shop" in Arizona.**

Shirts, black ties, vests, arm garters, scarfs, pants, suspenders, black wool cowboy hat, tombstone cowboy hat, boss cowboy hat, cowboy boots, hat stands, hat retainer, watches and a marshal badge.

Contact Steve Cote at 231 723-1755 for sizes and price. (3)

*****Attention .410 shooters.**

A MEC Grabber in 410, 2 1/2 inch shells, Model 76 1R.

Redone by MEC in 2018, works perfectly, complete, ready to load, includes a 1/2 ounce charge bar with a number 10 MEC bushing. and shot/powder bottles.

This is set up. And in use so a prospective buyer can load a few shells to see how well it works.. \$ 350

Contact Pat Donovan 231 883 1347 (1)