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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 \$28.

Memorial Brick cost will be going up SOON, so order by March 15 to get this deal. After March 15th, the cost will be more. 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.

An order will be going in soon for the bricks. So, if you would like to get a brick for that special person and the sale price of \$28, contact Frank ASAP.



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.

The Fin & Feather Club will be the host for the Michigan Bowhunters Shoot in 2026 and 2027. More information will be available as we move forward in 2024.

Friends of Fin & Feather Club 2023

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

Memory of Koby Kobrehel
Hardman Construction
Animal Hospital of Ludington
In Memory Harmon Deal
James Holzbach
Lundquist's Furniture
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Ludington Beverage
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West Shore Bank
Mason County Press
Ernie & Maria Richardson
Wayne Andersen
Memory of Dr. Sidney A. McKnight

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 note 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



NEXT UPCOMING MEETING

The next meeting will be March 13, 2024. The meal for the meeting will be chicken & beef pot pie. The meal starts at 6:00 and the cost is still \$10 for all you can eat. The speaker will be club member Larry Protasiewicz. V.P. and Member of the Board of Directors at Spicer Group, Inc. The meeting will follow immediately after.

New Rifle Range Meeting.;

There will be another range planning meeting Wednesday March 20th at 7 PM at the clubhouse. Mike will be updating those who are interested in the layout and development portion as to what they've found out on the Legal aspects, Zoning and Design requirements. We will also look at ideas, for a design on how we want to lay out the area and range's. Questions, contact Mike at 231 690-3966



Board of Director Meetings for 2024

April 3 July 3 October 2
December 4 & January 6,
2025

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

Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Member for 2023

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 have 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	2022 Don & Eldonna Folkman & Gary Kondracki		
2023 Larry Scherer			

Congrats to Larry Scherer, Outstanding Club Member for 2023

GUN A MONTH RAFFLE 2024-2025

The new 2024-2025 Gun A Month raffle has begun. Once the raffle starts no more tickets will be sold. Once again 350 tickets were sold at \$50 each. 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 a list and the dates of the drawing for the 2023-24 raffle:

October 11, 2023	Winchester S X P 12 ga, field nickel	Winner: Ross Kissel
November 8, 2023	Win Wildcat Verde combo	Winner: Dave Organ
December 13, 2023	Win XPR .350 Legend	Winner: Tony Zack
January 10, 2024	Mossberg Patriot 6.5 PRC	Winner: Mark Patterson
February 14, 2024	ATI Cavalry 20 ga O/U	
March 13, 2024	Tisas 1911 AI 9 mm pistol	
April 10, 2024	Ruger American Compact 7mm-08	
May 8, 2024	Centerpoint Mercury 390 crossbow	
June 12, 2024	Savage Axix II .270	
July 10, 2024	Taurus TX .22 pistol	
August 14, 2024	S&W M&P shield EZ 9mm pistol	
September 11, 2024	Howa 1500 6.5 creedmore	

Here is a list of the winners of the Gun A Month raffle 2022-2023: Congratulations to all who won.

October 12, 2022	S&W M&P9, Shield Plus	Winner: Adam Castonia
November 6, 2022	S&W M&P9 Perf Center 9mm	Winner: Scott May
December 14, 2022	Springfield Hellocat OSP	Winner: Dave Organ
January 11, 2023	ATI Calvary .410 O/U	Winner: Henry Lange
February 8, 2023	ATI Calvary 20 gauge O/U	Winner: Steve Miller
March 8, 2023	Mossberg Patriot Long Range 6.5 cm	Winner: Cade Scott
April 12, 2023	Rem 700 ADL Varmint 308	Winner: Doug Currier
May 10, 2023	Howe M1500 6.5 c, Heavy Barrel	Winner: Chris VanOver
June 14, 2023	Win XPR 350 Legend	Winner: Randolph Sarnowski
July 12, 2023	Win XPR Hunter Strata 30.06	Winner- Gabriel Wise
August 9, 2023	Win XPR Hunter MODWA 300 WM	Winner- Fred Forest
September 13, 2023	Browning AB3 Hunter .270	Winner- Kei Steffens



BIG GUN NIGHT APRIL 6, 2024

Big Gun Night is scheduled for April 6, 2024. The format will be much as the event has been in the past. Lots of quality



firearms, raffles and door prizes. Tickets are \$30 per person. We have increased the tickets sold from 250 to 270.

Again, we will have reserved captain tables. Letters to previous table captains have gone out in the mail. Once again, like last years Big Gun Night, no meal will be served. Instead we will have on site snacks and hors D'oeuvres. The committee has started selecting quality firearms, sporting items and many other raffles.

Doors will open at 5:00PM. Tickets are going very fast and we are almost sold out, so if you are planning on attending, get that ticket or table reservation in now....There will be a \$20 ticket for our Banquet Firearm and \$5.00 tickets for firearms and raffles, along with \$10 and \$20 ticket raffles. There will be a card game for a pistol and a Mystery Raffle for a nice quality firearm and case.

Contact Nita at 231 690-0874 or Cindy at 231 690-445 to get your ticket. If anyone or business would like to help out with a donation or would like to volunteer to help that night, contact Cindy or Nita.

Mark your calendar, April 6, for a night filled with fun.....

Fin & Feather Cub has an endowment account with Midway USA Foundation.

The **MidwayUSA Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) public charity working to sustain and grow youth shooting sports by providing long-term funding to youth shooting teams through annual cash grants. Every donation made is tax-deductible and allows the Foundation to assist in expanding and enhancing the leadership skills, confidence, and discipline of today's youth through shooting sports activities.

We support all shooting disciplines and you can help make an impact by donating to the team endowment, organizational endowment, or special purpose program of your choice. 100% of your donation benefits that endowment and your donation may qualify for a match through our current Matching Program.

You can find our account on midwayusafoundation.org go to Team finder look under Scottville John Barbrick, Private Wealth Advisor

With a sad and heavy heart, the Fin & Feather Club has lost another one of it's long time members, Gary Kondracki. Gary passed away February 18th. At every monthly meeting, you could always find Gary in the dinner line, and always first in line. Gary was a Hunter Safety Instructor for many, many years. He will be missed by his many Fin & Feather friends. Our condolences goes out to the family.

NRA

The cost to become a NRA member is \$35 per year. The club gets a profit when you join NRA through the club. To contact Nick, call 586-752-7603 or by e-mail at nicamicone@gmail.com. Nick will be at all the regular club meetings to sign or renew your NRA membership.

CPL & BASIC PISTOL CLASSES:

This is the schedule for Basic Pistol Classes for 2024: April 20 & September 7th. The class is \$20 and will be all day. The class will conclude with shooting pistols at the end. This class is for men and women. You have to register with Jim at 231 907-8330.

This is the schedule for the CPL Classes for 2024:

April 12 & 13 May 3 & 4 June 7 & 8 July 12 & 13 August 2 & 3 October 4 & 5

The class is \$100 for non club members and \$50 for club members. You must be registered with Jim Glover at 231 to take any of the Basic Pistol

To access the Fin and Feather web site, go to: "finandfeatherclub.org."

If you have something that needs to go into the website, contact Nita at bearladytwo@live.com.



FREE FIRE WOOD FOR CLUB MEMBERS & CLUB MEMBERS GUEST

There's still lots of firewood available right now on the South club property. Club members can bring a friend or non members to take advantage of it as long as the club member accompanies the guest. **The 200 Yard range is CLOSED right now due to brush and tree tops blocking the target backstops. Please refrain from using it.** We will continue to work on getting that area cleaned up and will notify everyone when it becomes available for use again. Please be aware of fellow members using the range, there's plenty of wood available West of the 100 yard range if it is in use. Please use extra

caution while cutting. There are slips and trip hazards and potential ice and snow.

Any questions, contact Bruce Rosema at 231 499-6000.



UPCOMING HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

The Fin & Feather Cub will be holding a Hunter Safety Class on April 20 & 21st. This is a traditional class, which requires students to attend class both days to receive a certificate. There is no cost for the class. The time is 9 AM to 3 PM both days. Lunch will be provided for both days at no charge. All class related material will be provided. Dress for the weather on Sunday, April 21st for the outside field day portion of the class. Saturday class will be inside all day. If you register for the class and cannot attend, please cancel your registration so others can have a chance to sign up for the class. Once we reach 60 students we cannot add anymore. You need to register on line at

<https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/events>

You have to be registered in order to take the class. Walk-ins will not be accepted. A parent or guardian is welcome to stay with their student during the class. Please do not register the parent or guardian for the class as this only eliminates the spot for other students. If the parent or guardian wishes to go through and receive credit for Hunter Education, feel free to sign up.

Any questions, please call Nita at 231 690-0874.

We are still in need of Hunter Safety Instructors. It doesn't take much time to help out and it is rewarding to see the faces of the students that you help by teaching them the right way to be a safe and responsible hunter. They are our future!!!!

If interested, please contact Nita at 231 690-0874.

Scholarship applications available

Once again the Fin & Feather Club will be awarding a \$1500 scholarship for a student majoring in the outdoor sciences. If you've received the award once, you can apply again as long as your major is still 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.

Trap & Skeet Shooting Range Hours

Skeet- Tuesday, Thursday 2-4:30 ish. Saturday - 9-Noon

Trap/Skrap- Tuesday 3:30-7. Saturday 9-Noon

Don't forget to sign in and out at any of the ranges that you are going to use. There is a sign in book in the mail boxes at all ranges. If you see anyone that is miss-using the ranges or destroying the range property in any way, please contact Bruce Rosema at 231 499-600 or Dan Engelhardt at 231 510-1003.



MUCC Camp

On line registration is open at www.mucccamp.org for Summer 2024 camps. The Fin & Feather Club every year sends kids to camp. This year if you would like to send your child, grandchild, neighbor or a friend to the camp, you must contact Cindy at 231 690-3445. She will in turn register that child with MUCC Camp. The deadline for registering a child to camp is March 1st. So if you have someone interested in going to MUCC Camp this year, contact Cindy so she can get the child registered. 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 or if you have any questions. MUCC will be running seven weeks of camp this summer. Two are day camp programs, and the remaining five are overnight programs. The camp is located at the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center in Chelsea, MI. The only thing the child has to do, is to get travel to the camp and back home. The Fin & Feather pays all other expenses. The camp weeks are: Ages 6-12 - June 17-21; Ages 9-11 - June 23-28 & July 14-19; Ages 12-14 - July 7-12. No matter what week the camper chooses, they will get to participate in daily activities such as archery, kayaking, fishing, hiking, and so much more!



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 call be posted by e mailing "bearladytwo@live.com" or call 231 690-0874.)**Please advise when items are sold***

- ** 1932 Remington Model 25, 2520 pump. Bore is good, finish is 70 per cent. Wood nice. \$900.00 or best offer.
Terry Luxford 616 648 7062. (2)
- ** Remington 1100 410 auto. Skeet barrel and full choke barrel, nice condition. 1985 edition .. 1100.00 obo
Pat 231 510-5411 (4)
- ** Shotgun for sale: Remington 1187 shotgun. 26 Bird Barrel, slug barrel, Bushnell Circle X Scope, 3 chokes, duck plug for magazine. \$500, PRICE REDUCED.... Call 231-613-4276, ask for Ed (5)
- ** Remington 1187 12 Gauge. Slug Barrel, Bushnell 1.5-4 circle X scope, 26 inch bird barrel. \$825.
Call Ed at 231-613-4276. (4)
- ** 3000 rounds 22 rimfire, various types
500 rounds 12 gauge, various types. Contact Jim Beckstrom 231 233-992 for price (4)
- ** Remington model 700 Varmint Heavy Barrel .308 caliber Synthetic camouflage stock. Pine Creek (Cabelas) 4x12x44 mm scope With Butler Creek flip up scope caps 2 boxes ammo \$750. 231-233-2394 Tom. (3)
- ** Ruger model 77RSI International in 250 Savage. Red pad, tang safety. 95% \$1500
Ruger No. 1 International in 7x57 Mauser. Red pad. 99% \$1750
Winchester model 70 XTR Featherweight in 7x57 Mauser 95% \$1000
Winchester model 70 Coyote in .223 wssm. Tack driver. 99% \$950
Winchester model 94 Big Bore Angle Eject Timber Carbine in 444 Marlin. Very rare. 99% with original box and manual. \$1800
Winchester model 94 Big Bore top eject in 375 Winchester. 98% \$1000
Beretta model 3901 12-gauge slug gun, NIB \$800
Winchester model 70 Classic featherweight, controlled round feed model chambered in 300 wsm.
99% condition. \$950 Contact Richard Dust 231-690-5569 or richarddust@frontier.com (2)

Monday Night Women Pistol Shooting

On Monday nights, the women are still shooting pistols. The class starts at 6:00 PM and is taught by Jim Glover. The class is for women and is open to the public. There is no cost to come out and shoot and you can either bring your own pistol or pistols will be supplied.



**DON'T FORGET
TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD
MARCH 10TH.**

Tattered Feather



4 hardy hunters, Jim Schneider, Rick Gleason, Bruce Rosema, & Dan Engelhardt harvested 9 birds at Gleason's Pheasant Farm on a snowy February day.



At Fin & Feather's monthly club meeting, which was held February 14th, the speaker was Ryan Cassan of River Rat's Guide Service. Ryan is also an employee at Captain Chuck's in Ludington.



Fin & Feather's 2023 Outstanding Cub Member of the Year, Larry Scherer accepting the award from President Chris Shimmel. Congrats Larry, well deserved...



On January 20, 2024, Cpl. Steve Orange, DNR Hunter Ed Specialist for West Michigan, held a Hunter's Ed Field Day at the Fin & Feather Club. Field day went along well in spite of the bad roads and snowy weather. Chris Shimmel, Russ Bosley, Dan Englehardt and Pat Donovan helped to teach the class. Frank Koehle stopped in to check on the class. CO Kyle Publiski came and spoke. Nineteen registrants took the class. Some parents sat in and audited what the class was all about. Everyone passed their test. There was a good group of students, who were attentive and interactive. The class was 4 hours and no live fire. Above CO Kyle Publiski is talking with the group of students.