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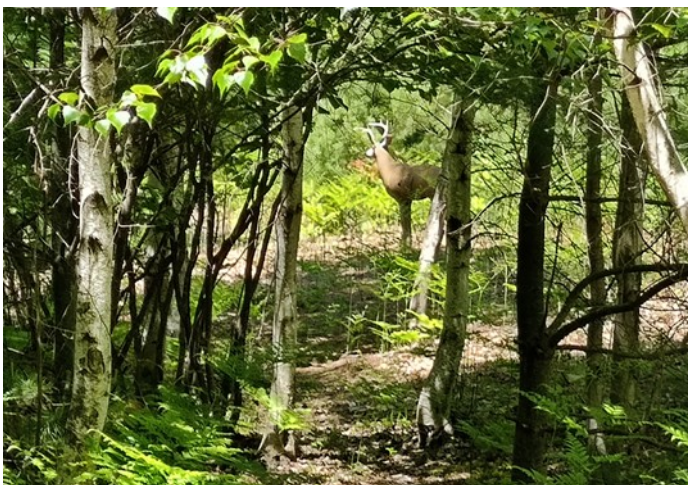
- 5 & 6 CPL Class
- 7- Rim Fire Shoot, 1 PM
- 9- 4H Meeting, 6 PM
- 10-Club meeting 6 PM dinner
- 17- Pistol Drill & Shoot 6 PM
- 18-Well Armed Women Mtg 6PM
- 21-Father's Day
- 23-4H Meeting 6 PM
- 27-Fun Pistol Shoot, Reg 8 PM
- 15-Walleye & Pike opens in UP

JULY

- 1- Board Mtg, 6 PM
- 4- Independence Day
- 14-4H Meeting 6 PM
- 15- Pistol Drill & Shoot, 6 PM
- 16- Well Armed Women Mtg 6 PM
- 28- 4H Meeting 6 PM

AUGUST

- 7 & 8- CPL Class
- 12-Club Meeting, dinner 6 PM
- 15 & 16-Hunter Safety Class
- 19-Pistol Drill & Shoot, 6 PM
- 20-Well Armed Women Mtg 6 PM



**A
couple
of 3D
Archery
Targets
at the
Archery
Range**

Nita Finch, Editor

June 2026

Chris Shimmel, President



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Terms End January 1st, 2027

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Terms End January 1st, 2028

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Armed Women of America 2026 Meetings 6:00 p.m. @ Fin and Feather Club House.

June 18, 2026
July 16, 2026

August 20, 2026 September 17, 2026
October 15, 2026 November 19, 2026
December 17, 2026

Armed Women of America exists to enable women to be their own self-protectors, creating freedom, peace of mind and confidence in themselves. For additional information please visit: <https://armedwomen.org>



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, water and wildlife.

Regular club meetings are held the second (2) Wednesday of every month. Dinner is served at 6:00 for a donation of \$10. Next meeting is June 10, 2026. You do not need to be a member to attend the meetings. The meetings are open to anyone that is interested.



Friends of Fin & Feather Club 2026

Please remember to support the Friends who support your club!!!

Let them know you saw their name in the Tattered Feather Newsletter.

Animal Hospital of Ludington
 Doug & Dawn Rollenhagen
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 Ernie & Maria Richardson
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 Sanders Meat
 Steve & Mary Anne Miller
 Veterinary Medical Center
 West Shore Bank

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



NRA

The cost to become a NRA member is \$35 per year. The club gets a profit when you join through the club. If you would like to join the NRA or renew your NRA membership, contact Chris at 616 970-0575 or by e-mail at: cschmidt36@yahoo.com



Michigan Bowhunter's Rendezvous

The Fin & Feather Club will be hosting the Michigan Bowhunter's Rendezvous in the spring of May 2027 and 2028. As of this writing, no firm date as been set. The club will need lots of volunteers to help with the set up and the hosting for the event. Watch the Tattered Feather for further details and how you can sign up to help.

Board of Director Meetings for 2026:
 July 1 October 7
 December 7 January 6, 2027
 All Board meetings start at **6:00 PM**. All interested Fin & Feather Club members are invited.



YOUTH SILHOUETTE PROGRAM

The Youth Silhouette Shoot in Mason County, Michigan, is hosted monthly by the Fin & Feather Club of Mason County. This recurring event is specifically designed to introduce younger shooters to steel target shooting in a safe and supportive environment.

Event Details & Schedule:

When: The first Saturday of every month from May through September.

Time: The shoot begins promptly at 9:00 AM.

Target Format: Shooters fire at 40 total targets, consisting of 10 metallic silhouettes (chickens, pigs, turkeys, and rams) placed at 4 different yardages.

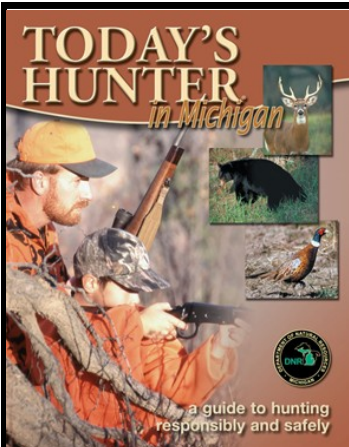
Rules & Requirements:

Age Limit: The event is open to everyone but is primarily geared toward youth aged 15 and under.

Ammunition & Firearms: Restricted strictly to standard .22 caliber long rifle or .22 short cartridges. High-velocity rounds (like mini-mags) are strictly prohibited because they damage the steel targets.

Supervision: Every participating youth shooter must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian on the range.

Fees: Free for youth participants. Adults (18 and older) who wish to shoot are charged a nominal \$2.00 fee.



Hunter Safety Class

The Fin & Feather Club will be holding a Hunter Safety Class on August 15 & 16. 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. 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 50 students we cannot add anymore. You need to register on line at:

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

Under Event programs, click on Traditional Course, then

Scroll down to Fin & Feather Club and follow the instructions.

Walk-ins are not 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. Students 10 and under, must be accompanied by an adult. Any questions, please call Nita at 231 690-0874.

4-H Shooting Sports

All youths ages 8-18 are invited to join the 4-H program. Meetings have started on Tuesday's in the Club House. They meet every other Tuesday from 6-8pm. The program will run thru July. We will begin with Indoor Air Rifle.

All youths will be instructed in Firearm Safety, 3 and 4 Position Shooting by 4-H Certified Instructors. All equipment is provided. Sign up at "4-H online". Any questions call Pam Velat @ (231)907-0285.

Rifle Range Update

Thanks to all our members for helping keep our ranges clean and taken care of. We continue to remind everyone of safety and various issues but forget to thank those that respect all the rules and take responsibility and have pride in them . So a big thanks to all of you that continue to be great members.

Rim fire Fun Shoot Sunday June 7th Starting at 1:00 pm.

Cost is \$10, youth under 17 are free with adult supervision required


We've been looking at some ways we can have a little fun and competition using our new rifle ranges. There is an organization called the Nation Rifle League, (NRL) that has formed a shooting program based on hunting scenarios. It looks like a lot of fun and doesn't require a lot of equipment or specialized guns.

You shoot steel targets at ranges out to 100 yards. Targets are not set at standard distance, (just like hunting). You shoot off various kinds of rest, a ladder, chair or 55 gal. drum. There will be 5 shooting positions, Each position may have several targets or ranges to shoot at. Most stages will be 10 shots. Don't worry, we will all miss and we will try and sit the targets so distances are not too difficult to hit. This is also a skill game and meant to improve your shooting ability **BUT MOST OF ALL WE WANT TO JUST HAVE FUN AND TRY SOMETHING NEW**

Helpful tips. Sight your rifle in at 50 yards. and use quality ammo. Bring a rest bag and bipod if you have them. (there are some shooting bags available if you don't have any) These ARE NOT necessary, just helpful. Bring extra magazines if you have them. We will make adjustments to reload if you don't have them.

Equipment: Any 22 LR rifle, EXCEPT single shots (No magnums or 17 cal.) Sandbags, Backpack, and attached Bipods are allowed.

There will be a **mandatory safety meeting at the clubhouse a 1:00pm**, shooting will, begin around 1:30. For further information contact: Mike Hill - 231-690-3966 or text me or email me at m.hill6716@gmail.com to pre register. (just trying to get a rough idea how many shooters we may have. Feel free to just show up if you decide at last minute.




3 D ARCHERY UPDATE

We are looking for some help on the 3D Archery range in mid July. We have 2 culverts to install and 25 yards of road material to move. If you have a piece of equipment that can cut the trench for the culverts or anything with a loader to move dirt and are willing to help, please let me know. Times and days are very flexible to do this. Call Doug at (269)209-1538 .


We are also looking for help with the Michigan Bowhunters Event to be held next May. We need several people to help guide, register and be range officers. We don't have a firm date yet.

We are also looking for someone to put together a couple of meals for the attendees. Let me know if you can help. Call Doug 269 209-1538



Monday Night Women Pistol Shooting

On Monday nights, the women still shoot throughout the winter. The class starts at 6:00PM 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 you do not need to register. You can either bring your own pistol or a pistol will be supplied for you to use.



CPL Classes for 2026:

CPL: June 5 & 6 is the next CPL Class. You must register with Jim Glover in order to take the class. The dates for the other classes is as follows: August 7-8 September 4-5 October 2-3. So check over the months and dates and make sure you sign up for one of the classes. Cost is \$50 for club members and \$100 for non club members. Contact Jim by calling at 231 907-8330.



On April 17, the Fin & Feather Club hosted a Steel Plate Shoot.

Best Bear Lodge in Irons donated a 24 hour slingshot rental, show and dinner tickets, and one pound of their brand of coffee and a coffee mug. Tenney Industries donated a \$50 gift card, the club donated a \$25 gift card to Tenney Industries, and Chris Schmidt donated 6 \$10 gift cards from Meijer's. The winners were allowed to choose what prize they wanted.

Nick Fisher had the high score in center fire pistols and Mike Hollingsworth was 2nd in high score in the 22 rim fire. Russ Velat won the slingshot rental.



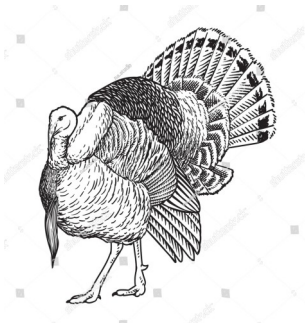
The CPL Class on May 1 & 2 had 9 students successfully pass the course. The next CPL Class is scheduled for June 5 & 6, then August 7 & 8. You must register in order to take the class.



Raymond Cummins with his trophy Turkey. Been 10 years since Raymond last hunted these supernatural birds due to life's schedule. After five days of chasing birds morning and night he was able to capitalize on an opportunity. He was hunting on his cousin's property, John and Kim Thomas. The bird tipped the scale at 18LB with a 9" beard.
Congrats Raymond.



Lance Christensen harvested this bird on April 28 at 6:50am. Bob Northrop was doing the calling for Lance.



Frank Koehle harvested this Wyoming Turkey on April 21 at 7am.
Nice bird Frank.



GUN A MONTH RAFFLE 2025-2026

350 tickets are sold at \$50 each for the 2025-2026 Gun A Month Raffle. 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. Once the drawing has started, no more tickets will be sold. Remember, if you win once, your ticket goes back in the raffle, so you have a chance to win again.

Here is the list and winners of the 2025-2026 Gun A Month Raffle:

October 8, 2025	Savage 220 Trail Hunter .300 Win Mag	Winner: Michael Latesky JR
November 12, 2025	Ruger American .308 w/Vortex scope	Winner: Erin Doan
December 10, 2025	Walther WMP .22wmr pistol	Winner: William Goodrich
January 14, 2026	TriStar Setter O/U .410	Winner: Susan Goodrich
February 11, 2026	Tisas 1911A1 Tank Commander .45ACP	Winner: Charles Breush
March 11, 2026	CZ 612 12ga 3.5" pump MOBL	Winner: Mike & Tracy Bonstell
April 8, 2026	Weatherby Element II 20ga	Winner: Mary Wilcoz
May 13, 2026	Browning Buck Mark Black Label .22LR Pistol	Winner: Kevin Cuthbertson
June 10, 2026	Ruger 10/22 Sporter .22LR	
July 8, 2026	Centerpoint Amped 425 Crossbow	
August 12, 2026	Winchester XPR Hunter Strata 6.8 Western	
September 9, 2026	Weatherby Vanguard Obsidian .270Win	

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JUNE 10 MEETING FOR THE 2026-2027 GUN A MONTH RAFFLE

Once again there will be 350 tickets sold at \$50 each. The Gun A Month Raffle is being handled by the Fund Raising Committee Members. Club Members, support your club by buying a ticket and or helping to sell them. With over 800 members, we should sell out immediately if every club member buys one. If you would like to help sell or interested in buying one, contact Nita at 231 690-0874 or Cindy at 231 757-3515.

Here is a list and the dates of the drawing for the 2026-27 raffle:

October 14, 2026	Winchester XPR compact 350 Legend bolt action rifle
November 7, 2026	Ruger Harrier 5.56 cal. Semi-auto rifle
December 9, 2026	Stevens Model 334, 308 Win. Bolt Action rifle
January 13, 2027	Charles Daly 410 O/U shotgun
February 10, 2027	Sig Sauer, P365 Micro compact 9mm semi-auto pistol
March 10, 2027	Ruger SR 1911 9mm semi-auto pistol
April 14, 2027	Ruger RXM 9mm semi-auto pistol
May 12, 2027	Winchester SXP 12 gauge Pump shotgun
June 9, 2027	Browning X Bolt 2 Hunter composite 7mm PRC Bolt Action rifle
July 14, 2027	Winchester Ranger 22 LR Lever Action, rifle
August 11, 2027	Winchester XPR compact 6.5 Creedmore bolt action, rifle
September 8, 2027	Ruger American Gen 2, 300 Win. Mag Bolt Action rifle

Special **THANKS** goes out to Susan Razminas. Cindy, (Treasurer) will be her mentor for assuming the club's Treasurer duties, until Susan takes over the job as Treasurer.

Special **THANKS** to Dave VanPutten. He is helping with the Website, adding photos, information, etc. If you haven't checked out the website lately, you need to do so. It really looks great. Thanks Dave.

Trading Post

**Find
Bargains
Here!**



(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. If the item is sold please contact Nita. The ads can be posted by e mailing "bearladytwo@live.com" or call 231 690-0874.) Items will be listed 6 times. If there is no response from the seller, then the item(s) will be deleted

Please advise when items are sold

****** Marlin 336 chambered in 32 Winchester Special made in 1948. Comes with a Leopold 2-7 scope with tall rings so the irons can be used, a leather sling, and about 100 rounds of ammo, \$1300 obo.

Contact me at 734 258 5398 or Eric1976mi@gmail.com (3)

****** Smith and Wesson Walther PPK 380. Comes with 3 magazines, a soft IWB holster, and about 400 rounds of ammo \$700 obo. Contact me at 734 258 5398 or Eric1976mi@gmail.com (3)

****** Le Fever Double Barrel Nitro Special 12 ga. 28 in. full & mod. 1923-24

Le Fever Double Darrel Nitro Special 20 ga. 28 in. full & mod. 1938-39 Both in very good condition,
\$625 each , O.B.O. Call Larry Page, 231-845-7100 (3)

****** Weatherby 12 gage O/U, 2 3/4"-3" screw in chokes. Adjustable cheek stock (upgraded wood). Ported barrels. Fired only with one box of shells. \$1,000 OBO Call Pat 231 510-5411 (6)

****** New Starline Brass, 380 ACP-40 s-w \$20 per 100; 44 spl. -44 mag. -45 super, \$25 per 100
Call Russ 810 348-6740 (2)

****** Winchester Model 70, Cal. 270, excellent condition. Includes 4X Weaver scope & leather sling & ammo.
\$1,650 Contact Dan at 231 299-1453, dannypeggy550@gmail.com (1)

****** Ruger #3 carbine cal 223, like new condition, falling block action, with a 1.5-4.5 Bushnell scope & ammo
\$950 Contact Dan at 231 299-1453, dannypeggy550@gmail.com (1)

****** 20 Ga DBL BRL shotgun, Model 202 (made in Spain), plus ammo \$250 Contact Dan at 231 299-1453,
dannypeggy550@gmail.com (1)

****** Winchester Model 37 410 shotgun, single shot, top break, nice condition, plus ammo \$200
Contact Dan at 231 299-1453, dannypeggy550@gmail.com (1)

****** Smith & Wesson pistol model 66, 357 magnum with ammo, excellent condition. \$650
Contact Dan at 231 299-1453, dannypeggy550@gmail.com (1)

****** Colt MKIV/series 70, Govt. model 45 Cal, plus ammo. New condition \$2,200
Contact Dan at 231 299-1453, dannypeggy550@gmail.com (1)

****** Bersa Thunder model 380 Cal. Carry pistol, protect holster with ammo. Extended high capacity magazine \$350
Contact Dan at 231 299-1453, dannypeggy550@gmail.com (1)



****** For sale a 40 caliber pistol with 4 magazines and 3 boxes of ammunition. Used very little. It was my son's pistol and he died . \$250.00 James Hubbard 231 239-1448 (3)

Fin & Feather Renewals were due May 1st.

The gate combination was changed and if you have not renewed your membership you won't be able to get inside the gate and have access to the club grounds. If you did not receive a renewal form, you can contact Membership Secretary Nita at 231 690-0874. According to the By-Laws, you must renew your membership by May 1, in order to remain in good standing with the club.

To access the Fin and Feather web site, go to: finandfeatherclub.org. If you have something that needs to go into the website, contact Dave at ltfd101@gmail.com or Nita at bearladtwo@live.com.



Scholarship

Once again the Fin & Feather Club will be awarded two \$1500 scholarships for a student majoring in the outdoor sciences. This year the committee awarded the scholarship Alaina White. This is the second year that the award has been awarded to Alaina. Alaina is majoring at Grand Valley University in Natural Resources and Environmental Management, minoring in Biology and she is pursuing two professional certificates in Ecological Restoration and Applied Geographic Information Systems. Her goal is to become fully knowledgeable in her field and strategically to being a career as an environmental consultant.

The second scholarship was awarded to Madalyn Wayward. Madalyn will be attending University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. She plans on studying fisheries and aquatic sciences and work with the DNR or a private business as a Fisheries Biologist in the field.

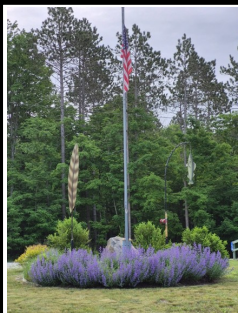
The Fin & Feather Club is proud to be a part of their education. The best of luck to both girls.

Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Members

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. Once that person has been selected for The Outstanding Club Member, they cannot be chosen again. 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	2024 Doug Rollenhagen	2025 David Sanders	

At the December 3, 2025, Board of Directors meeting, the Board will chose DAVID SANDERS as the 2025 Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Member. **Congratulations Dave!!!!**



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 \$30. The brick can have 3 lines per brick and 14 characters per line. Contact Frank to purchase a brick at 231 510-5558.



TRAP & SKEET SHOOTING HOURS

Days and hours for shooting **Skeet**: Tuesday from 2:00 to 5:00PM.

Trap/Skrap: Tuesday from 3:30 to 6:30PM.
Saturday hours: 9AM to Noon.

Price: Members \$5 for a single round; \$40 for 1 10 round card (Members); \$3 for a single round under the age of 18; \$for 6 a single round for Non Members.

To shoot the 200-300 ranges, **We require you to sign a Range Agreement Form.** A range ID card will be issued upon signing the agreement. Agreements and cards are available by contacting one of the Range Committee members, at the club meetings, and most Tuesdays you can catch one of us at the Trap Range. Committee Members are; Mike Hill: 231-690-3966, Chris Shimmel: 231-239-2448, Dan Englehardt: 231-510-1003 or Rick Gleason: 231-690-3443:



PISTOL SKILL DRILL & SHOOT

Fin & Feather is hosting a "Pistol Skill Drill" learning/shooting series focusing on advanced pistol handling. The drill is @ 6pm at the pistol bay shooting house. The learning topic is drawing from a holster (owb hip/belt holsters only) The series will advance to new skills each 3rd Wed of the months June 17, July 15, Aug 19, and Sept 16. Each session will begin with a learning element and conclude with live fire practice focusing on the new skill and incorporating previously learned ones. Each session will build on the last and consistent attendance is encouraged to ensure the proficiency needed to advance to the next skill. Learning proficiency with these skills will enable match directors to design much more challenging and dynamic shooting events and up the smile factor considerably. These are advanced gun handling skills and safety will be priority #1.

A special "Skill Drill" Finale shoot will be held Sept 12th @9am. Proof of attendance or demonstrated proficiency will be required for participating in this Final.

Interested persons should contact Chris Schmidt (616) 970-0575 or Joe Luce (231) 233-4515. The cost is \$5 per class (\$10 for non-members) and shooters will need to provide their own firearms, ammunition, equipment, and supplies.

Rifle and Pistol Range Use

Please be aware when placing targets on the back stops on all rifle and pistol ranges. **NO TARGETS** are to be placed on any of the wood cross boards, post or target frames. Make sure your target is placed in the center of the back stop and your bullets are staying on the back stop and target.

DO NOT Move Backstops, Falling Plate Racks or Steel Target hangers on the pistol ranges. They are placed where they are for various reasons and competitions. Check with the range manager if you would like to see them placed differently. **DO NOT** take it upon yourself to move them.

Please use the 25/50 yard range when trying to get your firearms on the target. **DO NOT** do this on the 100-yard range. It causes too much damage to the cross boards and post.

RANGE CLOSURE: If there is a **CLOSED SIGN POSTED DO NOT USE THE RANGE**. We try to minimize our range closures. At times it becomes necessary to close them for maintenance, safety issues or when setting up competitions. We do try and post dates and times when we know they will be closed. Sometimes circumstances don't allow this. Please respect the Closed Signs.

We try to maintain and keep our ranges in good shape. Volunteers are the ones taking care of these. Abuse of them causes added expenses and someone's time to repair them. Please take care, respect these ranges and use them properly.

The 50 Yard Backstop on the 100 yard rifle range is NOW CLOSED.

We have a SAFETY ISSUE that we are currently addressing and we need everyone to quit using it immediately. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. We will update you on its status as soon as we come up with a solution.

There were bullets found in a yard on Tuttle road that appear to have been shot. There is some speculation that bullets may be skipping off the hard pan dirt behind the 50 yard backstop on the 100 yard range. We are not 100% sure but in order to protect the club we are shutting down the 50 yard backstop for now . If someone wants to shoot 50 yards they can do it over on the middle 25 & 50 yard range. There is nothing that points to anything coming from either the 200/300 yard ranges or the 100 yard backstops/berms. Anyone having an issue can contact me or anyone on the range committee. Anyone who is caught using the 50 yard backstop will be banned from range use and possibly loss of membership depending on circumstances.

Thank you for your cooperation ,The Rifle Range Committee

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2026 DNR Hunting changes



- Elimination of the antlerless access drawing in the Upper Peninsula. Deer Management Units 351 and 352 have been rescinded. Hunters in the U.P. will only be able to use universal antlerless licenses in DMUs 022, 122, 155, 255, 121 and 055 during the 2026 season.
 - Reduction of the Statewide Muzzleloader Season from 10 days to three days. The shortened season will begin on the first Friday in December. In the Lower Peninsula, any legal firearm may be used during this season, which will now be called the December Firearm Deer Season.
 - Opening the Late Antlerless Season earlier, beginning on the Monday following the December Firearm Deer Season and continuing through Jan. 1. The season will be open across the Lower Peninsula except in Deer Management Units 245 (South Fox Island) and 145 (North Manitou Island). DMU 115 (Beaver and Garden islands) is now open for both early and late antlerless seasons.
 - Elimination of the Limited Firearms Deer Zone in the Lower Peninsula, allowing the use of all legal firearms, including bottleneck cartridges, throughout the Lower Peninsula. Firearms larger than .22 rimfire are now permitted statewide.
 - Authorization for residents with a valid senior deer license, senior deer combo license or senior antlerless deer license to use a crossbow during the Late Archery Deer Season in the U.P.
 - Elimination of the Extended Late Antlerless and January Archery Seasons, concluding all deer hunting seasons after Jan. 1.
 - Scheduling the Early Antlerless Firearm Deer Season to run concurrently with the Liberty Hunt during the second weekend in September. The Liberty and Early Antlerless seasons will be Sept. 12-13 this year.
 - Authorization for the department to establish universal antlerless deer license use limits in consultation with the commission. The limits will be reviewed and published annually. This change applies limits on the number of universal antlerless licenses that hunters may use within individual DMUs or counties.
- In addition, the commission approved several administrative changes for 2026, including:
- Allowing case-by-case exceptions to authorize wildlife rehabilitators to possess fawns for rehabilitation. Resolving a gap between DMUs 027 and 036. This gap existed in the Wildlife Conservation Order only.

DNR Changes for 2027 deer seasons in the Lower Peninsula

The commission also approved several changes for the 2027 deer seasons in the Lower Peninsula only. Upper Peninsula deer regulations will remain unchanged in 2027.

Under the new regulations in the Lower Peninsula, starting with the 2027 deer hunting seasons:

- Buck harvest is limited to one buck per hunter.
- A single deer license will be valid for one deer with at least three antler points on one side or for one antlerless deer.
- A combo license will allow hunters to take one antlered deer and one antlerless deer, or two antlerless deer.
- Existing DMU-specific antler point restrictions will remain in place.

The commission also approved a pilot “earn a second buck” program in the southern Lower Peninsula (Zone 3) starting in 2027. Under the pilot program, hunters must first harvest an antlerless deer before becoming eligible to harvest a second buck with a four-point antler point restriction. The DNR will determine participating counties at a later date and will bring forward an order in July outlining the program parameters.

In addition, the commission expanded exceptions authorizing deer management assistance permits for the take of antlered deer causing horticultural damage because of the new one-buck limit in the Lower Peninsula.

These exceptions will require approval from wildlife and law enforcement supervisors.