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**Tattered Feather
Fin & Feather Club of Mason County
Celebrating our outdoor heritage**

Clean up day

May 16

****Bring gloves, eye & ear protection, rakes, yard tools, trimmers, blowers, chain saws, etc.**

****Breakfast will start at 8:00 AM. Bruce Rosema will have a list of projects that need to be completed.**

****ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED 9am - 4pm**



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FIN & FEATHER LEADERSHIP 2026

President: Chris Shimmel

1st V.P.: Lance Christensen

2nd V.P.: Doug Rollenhagen

Recording Sec.: Dick Herrmann

Treasurer: Cindy Gleason

Membership Sec.: Nita Finch

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2025--2026

Terms End January 1st, 2027

Russ Bosley Jim Glover
Frank Koehle Larry Scherer Diane Zack

Terms End January 1st, 2028

Dan Engelhardt Rick Gleason
Mike Hill Bruce Rosema David Sanders

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

May 21, 2026 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>

Jane Finnerty, Executive Director of MUCC (Michigan United Conservation Clubs) will be the guest speaker for the May meeting on the 13th. She will be talking about the current status and future vision of MUCC.



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 May 13, 2026. On the menu is Tatter Chicken with fixings. You do not need to be a member to attend the meetings. The meetings are open to anyone that is interested.

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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
Dr. Lewis Squires DC
Dusty's Auto Body
Ernie & Maria Richardson
Gary & Karen Hearing
Hardman Construction
James Holzbach
Legends Taxidermy Studios
Ludington Beverage
Mason County Press
Memory of Harmon Deal
Smith & Eddy Insurance
Turf Care Mole Man
Wayne Andersen

Country Veterinary Clinic
Douglas & Diane Chaffin
Dune Side Auto Glass
EP Wealth Advisors, John Barbrick
Firestorm Construction LLC
G. Freeland Roofing Systems Inc.
Indian Summer Co-op
Larry & Barb Scherer
Lighthouse Reality, John Hanson
Magee Insurance
Memory of Dr. Sidney A. McKnight
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.

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 bearladtwo@live.com.

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CPL Classes for 2026:

CPL: May 1&2 is the date for the CPL class for May. You must register with Jim in order to take the class. The dates for the other classes is as follows: June 5-6 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 231 907-8330.



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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED (ASAP) TO TAKE OVER KEEPNG THE FIN & FEATHER WEBSITE UPTO DATE WITH CURRENT ACTIVITES.

With over 900 club members, I'm sure there is someone out there that can input information and keep the club's website up to date. If you have any knowledge of the internet and could donate an hour or two once a month, PLEASE contact Chris at 231 239-2448 or Nita at 231 690-0874.

FIN & FEATHER CLUB OF MASON COUNTY TREASURER'S POSITION

The Fin & Feather Club of Mason County is looking for a club member with relevant experience/background in accounting who would like to volunteer for the position of Treasurer. If interested, please contact Cindy Gleason at cgleasonff@gmail.com or 231-690-3445, or Chris Shimmel at shimmell894@yahoo.com or 231-239-2448, for additional information regarding the Treasurer's position.

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:

Do Not use theses ranges if you have not signed an agreement, this is for safety reasons.

New for both the 100 and 200/300 yard ranges; are RED safety lights. These are for everyone's safety when going down range. Switch's are located on the support post next to the driveways. Turn the lights on whenever going down range. All shooters need to cease fire and not touch their firearms until the range is clear and the lights are turned off. Turn these on even if you are the only one using the range. Members arriving need to know there's someone down range before setting up to shoot. Please remember to turn the lights off when leaving the ranges.

3 D ARCHERY UPDATE

We are working on opening the 3D archery course. April 18 and 25 we will be setting out the targets. Everyone is welcome to help. Start time is 9:30 am both days. Bring boots, hammers and something to trim small branches.

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. The combination on the gate will be changed May 1st. Please make sure you pay your dues to get the new combination .

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Mason County Armed Women of America Celebrates 8 Years of Empowering Women

Mason County, MI — The Mason County chapter of *Armed Women of America* is proudly celebrating eight years of service, growth, and impact within the local community.

Formerly known as The Well Armed Woman, Armed Women of America has grown into a nationwide nonprofit organization with more than 300 chapters dedicated to educating, equipping, and empowering women gun owners. The Mason County chapter has been a strong part of that mission, providing a welcoming and supportive environment where women of all experience levels can build confidence and skills in firearm safety and self-defense.

At the heart of the organization is a commitment to responsible gun ownership. Through structured education and hands-on training, members learn safe firearm handling, situational awareness, and practical self-defense techniques. The chapter fosters not only skill development but also a sense of camaraderie and encouragement among its members.

Local chapter meetings are held monthly and typically include both classroom instruction and live-fire practice at the Fin and Feather Club of Mason County. These sessions give participants the opportunity to apply what they've learned in a safe, guided setting while connecting with other women who share similar goals.

“Our mission is to educate, equip, and empower women,” the organization emphasizes. “We are committed to expanding the world of firearms to women in a way that promotes responsibility, confidence, and community.”

As the Mason County chapter marks this 8-year milestone, it continues to welcome new members and looks forward to many more years of supporting women in their journey toward personal safety and empowerment.

Next meeting will be held at the Fin and Feather Club on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

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 to 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.

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CPL Class, April 3 & 4. 18 students successfully completed the course and received their certificate. The next class is May 1 & 2. Register with Jim at 231 907-8330.



Basic Pistol Class, March 21st. 10 attended the class despite the cold weather.



4-H Shooters

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.



4-H Instructors, David VanPutten and Russ Velat working with the students

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BIG GAME NIGHT 2026



Colton Sanders, winner of the Red Rider BB Gun at Big Game Night



Attendees

On behalf of the Big Game Night Committee, we would like to extend a special **THANK YOU** all who **attended the event** and to the following who donated or was a sponsor for the event. There were lots of raffle items that were won by many and there were 20 firearms that many attendees won. Special thanks to Oak Grove Funeral Home, Ryan Kieszkowski, who donated the Mystery Gun, in memory of Bruce Finch and Ray Cummins. Everyone enjoyed the meal prepared and served by Gloria's Catering, and enjoyed the event. Thank you to the volunteers who helped sell tickets, attended the bar and helped to make the night successful. Mark your calendars for next year's event which will be on April 3, 2027.

Acres Co op
A&W Restaurant, Manistee
Captain Chuck's
Culvers, Ludington—Kayla & Brian Kaczor
Dunham's, Ludington
Adam Knudsen
Gleason's Farm & Pheasant Preserve
Legend's Taxidermy
Spicer Group, Larry Protasiewicz
Ludington Beverage/Budweiser
Little River Casino, Manistee
Doug & Dawn Rollenhagen
Oak Grove Funeral, Ryan Kieszkowski
Randy & Mary Jo Wolfe

Keith Anderson
Auto Zone
Borema-Hamm Insurance
Dusty's Auto Body & Detail
Fin & Feather Club
Wolf Kubota Equipment
Jim Glover
Mac's Rod Shop
Sanders Meats
Larson's Ace Hardware
Gilman Construction
Northside Market
Sure Loc Edging Tools
Speedy Car Wash

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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 can be sold.

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	
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	

Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Members

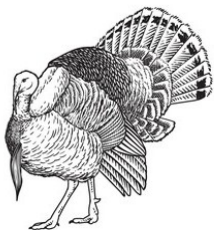
Every year, the Fin & Feather Club awards to a club member, the honor of being the Outstanding Club the year. This award is given to a member who shows outstanding devotion to the club and has devoted his/her time, talents and expertise to the club in an unselfish manner beyond the normal. Once that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

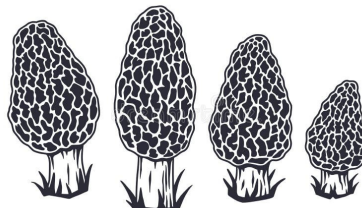
At the December 3, 2025, Board of Directors meeting, the Board will chose DAVID SANDERS as the 2025 Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Member. **Congratulations Dave!!!!**

Fin & Feather Renewals are due May 1st.

The gate combination will be changed May 1st. If you have not renewed your membership you may not be able to get inside the gate and have access to the club grounds. If you have not received a renewal form, 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 and to avoid paying the \$12 initiation fee again.



All Turkey hunters, when you harvest that Turkey, send me a photo of the bird.
Editor Nita



May is moral mushroom month. Good luck finding them.

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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

- ** .45 Thompson Center Hawken for sale \$350. Contact Steve Wietrzykowski 231 845-7918 or wietro@hotmail.com (2)
- ** Ruger Hawkeye 35 Whelen bolt action rifle with RCBS reloading dies, bullets, box of factory ammo, and brass. \$ 1,100. Steve 845.7918 or wietro@hotmail.com (2)
- ** 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 (2)
- ** 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 (2)
- ** Weatherby Vangaurd in 300 Weatherby Magnum. It has a Nikon 3-9 scope on spot. Low shot count under 1 box. Also comes with Lee dies set and a Lee collet dies set as well as a Lee factory crimp die. Lee case length trimmer rod and modified case for hirnady comparator and 25 pieces of Norma brass. Stock is synthetic \$950 Jason Williams 231 794-9855. (2)
- ** 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 (2)
- ** 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 (5)
- ** 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 (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 (2)
- ** **WANTED:** Used gun safe (fire resistant) Contact Erin Doan 231 690-0269 (4)



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.

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Paul Butterfield Law Enforcement Scholarship

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 the scholarship is awarded to John Seigert. *Congratulations John.*

From John:

Born in May of 2000, I grew up in the country side between two small towns, Ludington and Scottville. I was raised by two amazing parents, Todd and Brooke Siegert where I learned many of the pillars and virtues that I carry with me today as a law-enforcement officer (honor, loyalty, integrity, respect). At a young age, I was taught that police officers are symbols of trust and safety. When I was little, my parents asked me what I wanted to be and I told them (as do many kids tell their parents) I wanted to be a police officer. As time went by and I began high school, the thought of my career path and future become a daily occurrence. Before graduating and heading off to college, I came to the conclusion that I wanted to pursue becoming a law-enforcement officer. I came to realize, no career could out pay

the honor a law-enforcement career provides by serving and protecting my community.

While attending Alpena Community College, I began studying criminal justice. I remember getting to my first criminal justice class early, where I stood outside in the hall and had a serious moment to myself. Understanding the dangers that come with law-enforcement careers, I silently ask myself if I was prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice to protect and save others. In that moment I realized “yes”, I was prepared. Understanding the dangers that come with law-enforcement careers, I silently ask myself if I was prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice to protect and save others. In that moment I realized “yes”, I was prepared.

After the age of 21, I was fortunate to be given the opportunity to become a Marine Patrol Deputy for the Mason County Sheriff’s Office. I worked as a Marine Patrol Deputy for two summers. Soon after, I traveled to Lansing to attend 16 weeks of Michigan DNR’s Law Enforcement Academy. During my time in the academy, I acquired lots of knowledge. When I returned to Mason County, I chose to become a Correction Deputy with the Mason County Sheriff’s Office. While attending the Corrections Academy, and working in the Mason County Jail for three years, I developed many skills and gained an abundance of knowledge and experience. Though while working in corrections was fulfilling, I knew my path in my law-enforcement career was on road patrol. So when the opportunity presented itself, I applied for a position as a road patrol deputy with Mason County Sheriffs office. I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity as a Road Patrol Deputy and sent to Westshore Community Colleges, Police Academy, where I am currently training. With only three weeks left to the academy on the date this is written; I am extremely excited and honored to soon be a Mason County Sheriff’s Deputy patrolling and keeping our communities safe.



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.



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. We have extended the deadline till **June 1st, so get that application in.**

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PISTOL SKILL DRILL & SHOOT

Fin & Feather will be hosting a "Pistol Skill Drill" learning/shooting series focusing on advanced pistol handling. The series began March 18th @ 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 April 15 (tactical reloading), May 20, 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.

There are several shoots planned this year (May 17-steel challenge, June 27-Tactical shoot, more TBD) and 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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Hunter Safety Class

The first Hunter Safety Class was held April 18 & 19. 38 students successfully completed the course and received their Hunter Safety certificates. Thank you to the Instructors who gave up their time for the class. Thank you to Sanders Meats for donating the hot dogs to feed everyone.

The next Hunter Safety Class will be August 15 & 16. Registration will be available for sign up beginning in June. This will be a traditional class, which requires students to attend class both days to receive a certificate. You will be able to register for the class in June at:

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

There is discussion of having a Hunter Safety Field Day sometime this summer. That would be a one day class for anyone that has taken Hunter Safety on line and only needs the live fire portion of the class. Watch for any developments in the Tattered Feather. Any questions, please call Nita at 231 690-0874.



Conservation Officer Kyle Publiski speaking at Hunter Safety



A few of the 38 students

Calendar of Events: APRIL

- 1- Board meeting 6 PM, clubhouse
- 3 & 4-CPL Class
- 5- EASTER
- 8- Club Meeting, 6 dinner
- 11- BIG GAME NIGHT
- 15-Pistol Drill & Shoot 6 PM
- 16-Well Armed Women Mtg, 6PM
- 18 & 19-Hunter Safety
- 18-Opening 1st Turkey Season
- 26- Opening Trout, Salmon, Walleye, Pike

Calendar of Events- MAY

- 1 & 2- CPL Class

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- 2- Starting 2nd Turkey Season
- 10- Mother's Day
- 12- 4-H Meeting 6 PM
- 13-Club Meeting, Dinner 6 PM
- 15-Walleye & Pike opens in UP
- 16-Fin & Feather Clean UP , Breakfast 8:AM
- 20-Pistol Drill & Shoot, 6 PM
- 21-Well Armed Women Mtg 6PM
- 25-Memorial Day
- 26-4-H Meeting, 6PM
- 28-4-H meeting, 6 PM

Calendar of Events- JUNE

- 1-Bass season opens
- 5 & 6- CPL Class
- 9-4-H Meeting, 6 PM
- 10-Club Meeting, Dinner 6 PM