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# The Tattered Feather



**when all thro' the house,** not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; the stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; the children were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of sugar plums danc'd in their heads, and Mama in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow, gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a minature sleigh, and eight tiny rein-deer. With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, and he whistled, and shouted, and call'd them by name: "Now! Dasher, now! Dancer, now! Prancer, and Vixen, On! Comet, on! Cupid, on! Dunder and Blixem. "To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! "Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!" As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly, when they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, with the sleigh full of Toys - and St. Nicholas too. And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof the prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dress'd all in fur, from his head to his foot, and his clothes were all tarnish'd with ashes and soot. A bundle of toys was flung on his back, and he look'd like a peddler just opening his pack. His eyes - how they twinkled! his dimples how merry. His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry. His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, and the beard of his chin was as white as the snow. The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, and the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face, and a little round belly, that shook when he laugh'd, like a bowl full of jelly. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, and I laugh'd when I saw him in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, and fill'd all the stockings; then turn'd with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his nose and giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprung to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, and away they all flew, like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight-

**Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night.**

Nita Finch, Editor



**DECEMBER 2018**

Chris Shimmel, President

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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. The recipient that was honored with this award for 2017 was Dan Engelhardt.

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
<b>2018 ?????????</b>			

Do you have someone in mind that you think deserves the honor of being Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Member? If so, submit that name to the Editor, Nita Finch by e-mail at bearladytwo@live.com. 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.

## Friends of Fin & Feather Club 2018-2019

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

**Al & Carole Hardman**  
**Animal Hospital of Ludington**  
**In Memory Harmon Deal**  
**James Holzbach**  
**Executive Wealth Management, John Barbrick**  
**Legends Taxidermy**  
**Ludington Beverage**  
**Magee Insurance**  
**Dune Side Auto Glass**  
**Sanders Meat**  
**Smith & Eddy Agency**  
**Squires Family Chiropractic**  
**Veterinary Medical Center**  
**MCC Student Council**  
**Matthew T. Miller**

**Hardman Construction**  
**Indian Summer Co-op**  
**Bob's Roofing**  
**Turf Care Mole Man**  
**Charles & Sarah Griffith**  
**Country Veterinary Clinic**  
**Doug & Diane Chaffin**  
**Dr. Sidney & Carole McKnight**  
**Firestorm Construction LLC**  
**Dusty's Auto Body**  
**Edward Kirwan, Sr.**  
**Ernie & Maria Richardson**  
**Wayne Andersen**  
**West Shore Bank**  
**Ted W. Towl**

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	Outdoor Science Scholarship
Pere Marquette River Watershed	4-H Youth Rifle Marksmanship
Mason County Walleye Association	MUCC Summer Camp
Victory Township Park Improvements	"MUCC Tracks" Magazine
Mason-Lake Soil Conservation	Hunter Safety Classes
Trooper Paul Butterfield Scholarship	<b>Plus many others note listed</b>

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 mineral, it's forests, waters and wildlife.

### GUN A MONTH DRAWING

The winner of the Gun a Month raffle for November was Gary Shaw, ticket 271. He won a Remington 700 stainless steel 270 Winchester.

**Board of Director Meetings for 2018 -19**  
**December 5, 2018- January 7, 2019.**

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

### Club Meeting for December 12, 2018

The menu for the December 12th meeting will be "meal in a mug" & fixings. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM. and the cost is \$8.00 for all you can eat as long as the food holds out. Instead of a speaker, the club will be holding the elections for club officers and 5 Board of Directors.

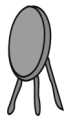


Merry Christmas!



## Cowboy Action Shoot

Cowboy Action Shoots are going to continue throughout the winter on the 4th Saturday of every month. The next shoot is scheduled for December 22. Registration begins at 8:30 am and shooting starts around 9 AM. Contact Roger Lehrbass at 231 343-2580 or by e-mail rlehrbass@gmail.com. if you have any questions or to make sure they will be shooting.



## Indoor Archery League

The first Indoor Archery League will start on January 10 and continue on every Thursday night for 11 weeks. The starting time is 7:00 PM. The cost for the entire league is \$72. If you can't make it on Thursday nights, or have any questions, contact Chris Shimmel at 231 239-2448 .



## The Well Armed Woman Shooting Chapters

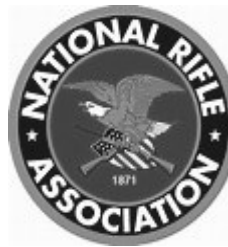
is an organization of more than 300 local chapters across the nation focused on introducing women to the world of firearms. Our mission is to Educate, Equip, and Empower women. as they strive to make important personal choices in their lives. We are women helping women discover passion, develop skills, and build new relationships within our communities. New or experienced, young or mature, interested in protection or just for fun...come join us! How to Join Us You can attend your first meeting for free prior to joining. Your local chapter meets at the Fin and Feather Club at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Annual dues are only \$50! Join online at: Website: [www.twawshootingchapters.org](http://www.twawshootingchapters.org) Phone: 520-404-2285 Contact Your Local Leader TWAW Shooting Chapter Mason County, MI Name: Susan McCray-King & Karen Zimmerman Email Address: [twawmasoncountymi@gmail.com](mailto:twawmasoncountymi@gmail.com) . Women interested in learning more can contact Susan McCray-King, 231 690-5813 or Karen Zimmerman at 586-291-4806.

## Trap & Skeet Report

Trap and skeet ranges are open Saturdays from 9-12 or until all shooters present are through. On Tuesday evenings Skeet opens at 4 and goes until all shooters present are through or 7. Trap opens at 5 and goes until 8 or until all shooters present are through. On the Trap range we also have an event called SKRAP. It consists of 25 targets from the 22 yd stations 1, 3, and 5, plus 2 more stations extended on that same radius. **IT IS CHALLENGING**, and the guys love it. We have been doing it for over 10 years with a total of only 4 perfect 25 scores, (two of them this summer.) Those hours are year round.

Our weather policy is that we close if Mason County Central schools are closed or if the weather forecast is for a high temp for the day of less than 10 above zero. Special closures are announced on local radio stations. There is a mailbox at every range for each shooter to sign in, waiving club liability and with rules listed.

**REMEMBER: Always be safe when using the ranges and remember to sign in and out!!!!**



## **NRA**

Although NRA dues have increased, as the club recruiter, you can still get your membership updated at reduced costs. I do not know how long these will be available. You don't have to wait for your membership to expire to renew. If you currently are an annual membership, consider a five year membership for \$100; that's \$20 per year. **You wait you loose!**

To become a member of NRA or to renew your NRA membership, contact David Woodruff at 231 898-4570 or by e-mail [dcwoodruffsr@yahoo.com](mailto:dcwoodruffsr@yahoo.com)

To All Fin & Feather Club Chairmen:::: Contact Nita at [bearladytwo@live.com](mailto:bearladytwo@live.com) to get your events posted on the club's calendar for 2019.

A reminder- when you send pictures for the newsletter, please include your name and a brief description of the photo. Still need those deer photos that you harvested this year. Thanks.....

## Plaid Shirt Night 2018

We enjoyed hosting yet another fun filled event. Our array of Firearms was eclectic and well received, as was our table prize selection. The Plaid Shirt Night Premiere firearm of a Browning X-bolt Hunter topped with a fine Leupold scope donated by our long time friends at **Indian Summer Co-op** was in a word - EPIC. Our door prize numbers were increased, while preserving our commitment to quality. Dinner this year by all accounts was outstanding. Gloria Ann's Catering of Fountain did a terrific job, and we highly recommend them for any of your catering needs. ( Except November 2 - 2019 - They are booked! )

Many thanks to Sanders meats of Custer for providing us with the " MAN CANDY " for the evening. Ludington Beverage as always supplied us with the Cold Ones, and our new friends of - " @ The Y Country Store" made certain that we had a fine selection of liquors on hand. We had some new donors on board as well, for a complete list as well as the addition of "Shop and Save" of Ludington please refer to our Souvenir Place-Mat provided by Mission Graphics. Remember to "Support those that support us". Hosting Plaid Shirt Night, and our Big Game Awards night events are by no means an easy task.

Our volunteers are Peerless. Thanks to: Meghan, and Mackenzie. Team - Cummins, with adopted members Bud and Orly, MAGNUMS D.L. and Team Soper, May Day, The Closer, Teams Taylor, Gleason, Bear Lady, and our energetic ticket drawers Team Mountain Dew. Members Frank K, Don H, Lance C, Dan E, and Our Building and Grounds, and Project Planning Committees for the expanded parking area and impeccable grounds, Cleaner Places Cleaning Service for our Spic and span Club house. Our evenings Emcee and Next years Chairman, Rick, Katie G, and to You - Our Guests, who generously support our Fin and Feather Club and it's many Educational and Conservation goals.

YOU KNOW THE DRILL:

Please direct any praise or positive comments to any one of our terrific volunteers, any negative comments, or Constructive Criticisms to me. GORDONGR47@YAHOO.COM

Plans are already underway for 2019

**FRIENDS**

- Al & Carole Hardman
- Animal Hospital of Ludington
- In Memory Harman Deal
- James Holzbach
- Executive Wealth Management, John Barbrick
- Legends Taxidermy
- Ludington Beverage
- Magee Insurance
- Dune Side Auto Glass
- Sanders Meats
- Smith & Eddy Agency
- Squires Family Chiropractic
- Veterinary Medical Center
- MCC Student Council
- Matthew T. Miller
- Hardman Construction
- Indian Summer Co-Op
- Bob's Roofing
- Turf Care Male Man
- Charles & Sarah Griffiths
- Country Veterinary Clinic
- Doug & Diane Ghattin
- Dr. Sidney & Carole Mc Knight
- Firestorm Construction LLC
- Dusty's Auto Body
- Edward Kirwan, Sr.
- Ernie & Maria Richardson
- Wayne Andersen
- West Shore Bank

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**PLAID SHIRT NIGHT**

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- Ed Rasmussen
- Sanders Meats
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- Shelby State Bank
- Squires Family Care Chiropractic
- Tom Taylor

## Plaid Shirt Night memories 2018



Rick Singleton presenting the youth drawing BB gun to winner Jeffrey Garland.



Some of the quality firearms that were raffled off.



Some of the many raffle items.



Fred Hackert, from Indian Summer Co-Op, on the right, presenting Dave Bronson, left, winner of the Browning X-bolt Hunter firearm, the night's top raffle item. Rick Singleton is in the background.

## **GUN A MONTH RAFFLE 2018-2019**

The new Gun a Month raffle has begun!!!!

Thanks to all who either bought a ticket or helped to sell them, all 300 tickets were sold. **AWESOME!!!!!!** The ticket price remained the same, \$50 each. You need not be present to win, but you **MUST** be 18 years of age and be eligible to purchase a firearm. The first drawing was October 10, 2018. Thank you to chairmen, Diane & Tony Zack for all that you do for the raffle. Any questions on the raffle, you can contact them at (231) 757-2747, e-mail 2envy@charter.net.

Here is a list of the firearms for 2018-19:

**October 10, 2018**—Mossberg Silver Reserve o/u 20 ga shotgun **Winner: Carrie Latesky**

**November 3, 2018**—Remington 700 stainless steel 270 Winchester **Winner: Gary Shaw**

**December 12, 2018**—Tika T3 composite Lite 270 Winchester, short mag

**January 9, 2019**—Dickerson o/u 12 ga shotgun

**February 13, 2019**—Smith & Wesson M&P9, 9mm

**March 13, 2019**—Remington 870 w/walnut stock, 200 year commemorative

**April 10, 2019**—Remington 870 Turkey 12 ga, 3 inch

**May 8, 2019**—Weatherby Sport 7 mm 08 w/walnut stock

**June 12, 2019**—Browning BPS 12 ga shotgun w/walnut stock

**July 10, 2019**—Ruger American stainless steel 7 mag

**August 14, 2019**—Browning AB3 308 Winchester w/walnut stock

**September 11, 2019**—Remington 700 6.5 Creedmoor Composite stock

## **Big Game award Night, for 2019**

Mark your calendar for February 16, 2019 for Big Game Award Night. Plans are underway for the door prizes, raffle items and top quality firearms for the night. Trigger Time from Big Rapids will once again be offering the firearms and they are also planning on having a raffle table for \$10 and \$20 with the winner choosing which firearm they want. The menu still hasn't been decided on, but I'm sure Marsha Sadler will once again put on a tremendous meal.

For those of you who are successful harvesting a deer either by archery or firearm, plan on bringing it to be displayed at the event. Awards will be given out to the top 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in men's and women's archery and firearms, and the youths will be recognized with their successful harvesting of their deer.

At each Big Game Award Night banquet, a long standing member of the Fin & Feather Club is selected, due to their dedication to the betterment of the club and to their community. This is a person that goes above and beyond what a normal Fin & Feather member is expected to be. At the February 16, 2019 Big Game Award Night, a new deserving club member will be selected and awarded this Lifetime Achievement Award.

We hope to have tickets available at the December 12th club meeting. Once again the cost will be \$35 per person and table packages will be available by contact Frank at 231 845-7259.



**The bridge to the clubhouse is open.  
Nice job Road Commission!!!!**

New parking lot. Room for 15 more cars and 9 handi-cap parking closer to ramp. Thank you Short & Long Term Project Committee, Rick Gleason, Frank Koehle, Darrell & Derek Rose. Long time needed project!

## 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 [beardladytwo@live.com](mailto:beardladytwo@live.com) or call 231 690-0874. )Please advise when items are sold

- \*\*
- \*\* Tikka t3x lite 30-06 stainless w/black synthetic stock. Athlon talos 6-24X50 BDC scope. 300+ pieces of brass. Asking \$750. Call Bruce 231 690-0874 (2)
- \*\* Antique Farm Implement - Two bottom Ferguson Disc Plow made for three point system.  
Boat Trailer - Refurbished Playbouy boat trailer. New: paint, new dolly wheel, fenders, rollers.  
Log Arch. - Future Forestry Products Fetching Arch, interchangeable tongues use as a tow behind arch with choker cable or use to forward logs up slopes using tow ring and tongs. Call: Kevin Kalmbach. (616) 540-6299 (2)
- \*\* CVA Hawken 50 caliber primitive muzzle loader with double trigger system. Shoots only patched round balls. \$150.00. Call Ellie Smith at 231-745-7190. (3)
- \*\* Mossberg 550 12 gauge shotgun w/26" polychoke barrel & 30" full choke barrel \$150  
Call Jim @ 231-425-4251 or 231-690-6236 (3)
- \*\* Taurus 85 ultralite - stainless- .38 spl. Call Jim @ 231-425-4251 or 231-690-6236. \$180 (1)
- \*\* Ruger SP-101 .357 Mag 2" Wiley Clap Stainless 5 shot revolver Nearly new condition with speed loader **PRICE REDUCED**— \$350 Call Steve @ 231 845-7918 (2)  
Bow for sale: Hoyt Ultra Mag compound #50-60 / 27"-29.5" Fully loaded bow with extras: \$60  
Bow for sale: Hoyt MT Sport compound #60-70 / 27"-30.5" \$25 Call Steve @ 845-7918 (1)
- \*\* 20 GA Browning Citori o/u shotgun, both barrels imp cyl (before choke tubes) \$750- OBO  
call Jerry 616-886-8035 (1)



- \*\* 5X10 cargo mate. Good condition \$2500 or make offer. Contact Lew 231 920-5266 (1)

- \*\* **WANTED:** Savage Stevens Model 24, 22/410, Please call Larry Page @ 231 845 7100 (4)

### Calendar of Events

#### December

- 5-Fin & Feather Board meeting, 6:00 PM, clubhouse
- 7-Pearl Harbor Day
- 12-Fin & Feather Mtg, dinner 6 PM(**ELECTIONS**)
- 21-First day of winter
- 22-Cowboy Action shoot, reg 8:30 am
- 25-**CHRISTMAS**
- 31-**New Year's Eve**

#### January 2019

- 1- New Years Day
- 7- Board of Directors Mtg- 6:00 PM clubhouse
- 9- Fin & Feather Mtg, dinner 6 PM
- 10- Indoor Archery League- 7 PM
- 17- Indorr Archery League -7PM
- 17- Well Armed Woman Chapter mtg- 7 PM
- 21- Martin Luther Day
- 24- Indoor Archery League- 7 PM
- 26- Cowboy Action shoot, reg 8:30 am
- 31- Indoor archery league- 7 PM



## **Upcoming Elections:**

At the December 12th club meeting, the assembled club members will have the chance to vote for the candidate of their choice for 2019 Fin & Feather Club officers and 5 Board of Directors. .

The officer positions are elected every year. The officer positions are as follows: President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary. There will be 5 Board of Directors chosen at that time for a term of 2 years. The only requirement is that you have to be a club member for a year and have a desire to represent the best interest of all the club members. An absentee ballot is available to any club member of good standing and who is 18 years or older . The ballot can be obtained by contacting Election Chairperson Nita Finch (231) 690-0874 or by e-mail "bearladytwo@live.com". The ballot must be filled in and signed by the requesting club member and sent to the election chairperson (9441 N. Darr Rd., FreeSoil, MI 49411) or by e-mail before the club meeting, December 12th.

**This is your club, you can decide who is going to represent your concerns.**

Here is a list of the candidates: (nominations will be accepted from the floor at the December 12th meeting)

President: Chris Shimmel (running for re-election)

1st Vice President: Lance Christensen (running for re-election)

2nd Vice President: Bruce Finch (running for re-election)

Treasurer; Cindy Gleason (running for re-election)

Recording secretary: Dick Herrmann (running for re-election)

Membership Secretary: Nita Finch (running for re-election)

### **Board of Directors:**

Russ Bosley (running for re-election)

Jim Glover (running for re-election)

Don Henry (running for re-election)

Diane Zack (running for re-election)

Frank Koehle (running for re-election)

Rick Singleton (1st time running for election)

**Rick Singleton:** I would like to run for the Fin and Feather Board position because I see myself as a leader and as a team member that wants to continue the great traditions that began back 1935 with our founders visions. I see a future with the club that will not only give its members a great place to enjoy shooting sports but also to continue the efforts of the club in leading conservation efforts in our county. I think it's important for new and younger members to step in and fill the positions that our forefathers have worked so hard to maintain. I'm not afraid of change and would work hard to improve on what I already consider to be a great club. The future is in our youth and we need to promote that as much as possible so this legacy can continue. I am a retired Coast Guardsmen and served our community for 5 years out of the Ludington Station. I am a father of two wonderful girls that I am bringing up with great respect for the outdoors. We all love shooting sports of every kind. I have served as the Co-Chairman of Plaid Shirt Night for the past two years and will be stepping up to the roll of Chairman this coming year. I have loved helping around the club and see me always trying to improve the club somehow. I was very proud this year to become an official Hunters Safety instructor and can't wait to continue in that roll.

## **Fin & Feather Short & Long Term Project Committee:**

Team Members: Cindy Gleason, Bruce Rosema, Bruce Finch, Nita Finch, Darrell Rose, Frank Koehle & Dan Engelhardt.

Goal: List all potential projects, assign a project focal point, establish a high level cost & have the Fin & Feather Board rank those projects 1 through XX. The plan is to have a 5 to 10 year plan and communicate to the club members on a regular basis.

Top 5 Projects:

1. Add additional handicap parking at East end of club house - Approved—**COMPLETED**
2. Improve pistol range side backstops - Approved
3. Fabricate sneeze guards for fund raisers - Approved
4. Long range rifle backstop, Skeet & Trap improvements – Being defined & evaluated
5. Kitchen cook stove repairs – Approved

Summary: You may have noticed the handicap parking at the East end of the Main club house is completed - #1 on our list (thanks to all volunteers). Approved projects will be assigned a project lead and completed over the next few months. The team meets monthly before each club meeting and welcomes club members.

If you have any questions or comments about the project list please contact one of the team members.



35th District State Senator, Curt VanderWall (left) with 101st State Representative, Jack O'Malley (right), at Plaid Shirt Night.



Nick Verberkmoes of Zeeland with his 8 point, 180 pound white tail, that scored 118 points, that he harvested on the Finch property.



NRA Certification Range Safety Class that was held Nov. 3, 2018 at the Fin & Feather Club.

Your deer photos can be showed here.  
Send them in!!!!!!!!!!