

The Smoke Pole

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Grand Valley Cap'n Ballers™
Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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August 2025

**We will be having a volley at our
September 7th, Club Shoot for
Lisa Anderson**

A PATRIOT SPEAKS

The government's first duty is to
protect its citizens,
it's not to try to run their lives.

GVC&B Club Officers 2024-25

President: Jeff Terrell

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Board Members (Year Elected)

Dennis Priddy 2024

Bonnie Fernwalt 2024

Tom Verberg 2024

Leanne Pierce 2024

Neal Armstrong 2023

John Turner 2023

Ed Henson 2023

50/50 WINNER

Pat Banks

ATTENDANCE WINNER

Lee Patterson and Jeannie Tranthom

CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff's Journal

Today is Thursday August 7th and after I finish my journal article, I can hopefully relax a little after three very busy weeks for me. It all began the week after the State shoot in July. There are always so many last-minute details to get done before Frontier Shoot to numerus to mention here



and of course this year was no exception. The good news is with the great team effort from everyone involved we were more than ready to host that event. All we needed was some rain early in the week to hold down the dust and then give us a few days break from the intense heat and humidity. Thankfully.

That is exactly what happened, we had near perfect weather conditions for the entire event. In fact, a couple of mornings it was even a little chilly, good sleeping weather, many said. All the above allowed us to have an increase in attendance again from last year. This year again, with Shotgun and Rifle included we were able to cross over the century mark by late Saturday morning. The success of any event depends on everyone working together as a team to make it happen, congratulations and thank you to everyone who volunteered their time. You did a great job; your reward is you can enjoy your club for another 11 months.

Actually. We are not done yet. We have the State Shotgun Championships coming -up next weekend and after that it's Fun "Tyme at the Range" for the women only. Ladies, if you have not attended this event before you really should consider doing so. It is a good time to spend with your friends and maybe meet a new one too, for a small fee you will get to shoot, eat and laugh (a lot) that's why it's FUN! Continue...

Then we start the month of September with the Club Shoot weekend on the 6th and 7th. As you can see, we still have many chances to get together this month. I hope we can.

Jeff

We have been blessed with many people sponsoring our events this year. Please help support them.

Fun Tyme at the Range

We have two new shooters coming to this event. They have never shot before!! I am hoping to have a couple more. So, with that said, if you are free that weekend we'd love to have you come and help.

Please contact

Jeff at 616-336-3404

Or

Jackie at 616-284-7146

THANKS IN ADVANCE

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

Please make sure you look over our match sponsors! So, if you run into them you can say how much we appreciate them!

As for the Frontier Shoot, we had 24 register at shotgun and 6 came up from rifle.

It was a successful weekend!

Air Gun

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Archery-Men

1. Ed Henson
2. Neal Armstrong

Archery-Women

1. Jackie Armstrong

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 25yd Rifle Cat

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| 1. Todd Gomah | 45 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 41 |
| 3. Dennis Priddy | 10 |

Men's 25yd Rifle Pig

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| 1. Mark Smith | 40 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 34 |
| 3. Ed Henson | 34 |

Men's 50yd Rifle-

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| 1. Larry Horrigan | 23 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 22 |
| 3. Bill Barnum | 19 |

Men's 25yd Trade Gun—Buffalo

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| 1. Ed Henson | 41 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 38 |
| 3. Todd Gomah | 36 |

Men's 25yd Trade Gun

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|-------------------|----|
| 1. Ed Henson | 30 |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 25 |
| 3. Larry Horrigan | 36 |

Men's 50yd Trade Gun-

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| 1. Ed Henson | 23 |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |

Special shoot—

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Men's 25yd Pistol-

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| 1. Todd Gomah | 32 |
| 2. Mark Smith | 30 |
| 3. Ben Kerktra | 22 |

Men's 50yd Pistol

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| 1. Todd Gomah | 31 |
| 2. Mark Smith | 26 |
| 3. Jerry Johnson | 24 |

Women's 25yd Rifle Novelty—Pig

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| 1. Leanne Peirce | 28 |
| 2. Linda Verburg | 19 |
| 3. | |

Women's 25yd Rifle-Frog

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| 1. Leanne Pierce | 19 |
| 2. Linda Verrburg | 12 |
| 3. | |

Women's 50yd Rifle

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| 1. Linda Verburg | 11 |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |

Woods Walk-Flint

- 1.

Woods Walk— Trade Gun

1. Ed Henson
- 2.
- 3.

Woods Walk Percussion

1. Mark Smith

GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS LADIES FUN TYME AT THE RANGE AUGUST 23RD & 24TH, 2025



MATCHES:

- MORNING WILL HAVE 4 MATCHES- EACH WITH 3 PLACES AND ONE AGGREGATE SPECIAL AWARD
- AFTERNOON SHOOT WILL HAVE 4 FUN MATCHES AND A MEMORIAL MATCH FOR JANET TESSMAN
- ALSO A ROLLING PIN TOSS
- KNIFE AND HAWK THROWING
- BEAN BAG TOSS (ELIMINATION GAME)



REGISTRATION

- \$20.00 PER SHOOTER
- REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7:30AM ON SATURDAY
- SHOOTING BEGINS AT 9:45 (APPROXIMATELY)
- SUNDAY 9:00-11:00 LONG HUNTER RANGE



CAMPING

- \$10.00 FOR PRIMITIVE & MODERN CAMPING
- \$10.00 ADDITIONAL FOR ELECTRICITY
- FIREWOOD AND WATER AVAILABLE
- PETS ARE WELCOME- OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP AFTER THEM
- THEY MUST ALWAYS BE ON A LEASH



3506 26th St, Hopkins, MI 49328



616-366-3404-Jeff Terrell-Rifle

616-836-5760-Ron Fernwalt-Shotgun

616-284-7146-Jackie Armstrong

PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 15TH



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**NMLRA RULES WILL BE USED UNLESS
OTHERWISE NOTED**



**CHRISTMAS
IN
JULY!!**

2025



2025 Frontier Shoot



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2025 SPRING SHOOT SPONSORS

RIFLE

HATCG 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----	CHRIS LONGCORE
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----	DREW HARRINGTON
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----	
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH OS-----	J & J TRADING-----269-299-0581
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH OS-----	
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----	
MATCH 7	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	J & J TRADING-----269-299-0581
MATCH 8	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 9	100 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----	PAT BANKS
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----	PAT BANKS
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----	MARC FOX
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----	DICK MILLER
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	MARY POTEE
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	MARY POTEE
MATCH 23	25 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----	JEFF & PAM ADAMS
MATCH 24	50 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----	PAT BANKS
MATCH 25	25 YARD JUNIOR-----	BILLY & DAWN THURKETTLE
MATCH 26	50 YARD JUNIOR-----	PAT BANKS
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC
MATCH 28	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC
MATCH 31	25 YARD YOUTH-----	DREW HARRINGTON
MATCH 32	50 YARD YOUTH-----	
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE IORS	PERCUSSION --- TRADE GUN-----	WOMEN----- JUN-

SHOTGUN

MATCH 1	15 BIRD TRAP OR SKEET-----	JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 2	10 YARDS-----	MONTERAY PINES GENERAL STORE, 2730 - 136TH AVE, HOPKINS
MATCH 3	16 YARDS-----	DAN LEPO
MATCH 4	20 YARDS-----	CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE-centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 5	LADY'S 10 YARD-----	BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 6	LADY'S 16 YARD-----	J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400-----kskcarlson@charter.net
MATCH 7	JUNIORS 10 YARDS-----	CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE-centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 8	FLINT 10 YARD-----	MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 9	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----	BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 11	TRANHAM PROTECTION-----	JOHN & JUDY TURNER AND DAN LEPO
MATCH 12	SKEET SINGLES---	J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400-----kskcarlson@charter.net
MATCH 13	SKEET DOUBLES-----	VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371 -vacationandsales.com

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2025 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS

RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269-793-7000
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----		PAT MALLOY .
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS--	BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB/GUNS N GEAR--	616-875-7000 blendonpinesgunclub.com
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH AMS-----	FLINTLOCKS LLC ---	317-933-3441
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH AMS-----		
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269793-7000
MATCH 7 *	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----		GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 9*	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----		GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN-----		DICK MILLER
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN-----		
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY-----		PAT MALLOY
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY-----		
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----		CAL MEABON
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----		CAL MEABON
MATCH 19	25 YARD OH NOVICE-----		
MATCH 20	50 YARD OH NOVICE-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269-793-7000
MATCH 23	25 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----		
MATCH 24	50 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----	M & J WATER WELLS--	616-675-4875
MATCH 25	25 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS-----		JEFF & PAM ADAMS
MATCH 26	50 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS-----		
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 28	25 YARD REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 29	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 30	50 YARD REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 31	25 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 32	50 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 33	25 YARD CO-ED-----		
MATCH 35	50 YARD X STIX AMS-----	J & J TRADING-----	269-299-0581
MATCH 36	100 YARD X STIX AMS-----	J & J TRADING-----	269-299-0581
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	J & J TRADING-----	269-299-0581
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	J & J TRADING-----	269-299-0581
MATCH 41	50 YARD BENCH AMS-----		
MATCH 42	100 YARD BENCH AMS--	BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB/GUNS N GEAR--	616-875-7000 lendonpinesgunclub.com
MATCH 43	50 YARD BENCH OS-----		
MATCH 44	100 YARD BENCH OS		
MATCH 47	OLD TIMERS 25 YARD AMS-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269-793-7000
FRIDAY PRIMITIVE*	PERCUSSION	FLINT	
	TRADE GUN-----	WOMEN'S----	JUNIORS--
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE:	MATCH 1	MATCH 2	
MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	
MATCH 6	MATCH 7	MATCH 8	
MATCH 9	MATCH 10 --		

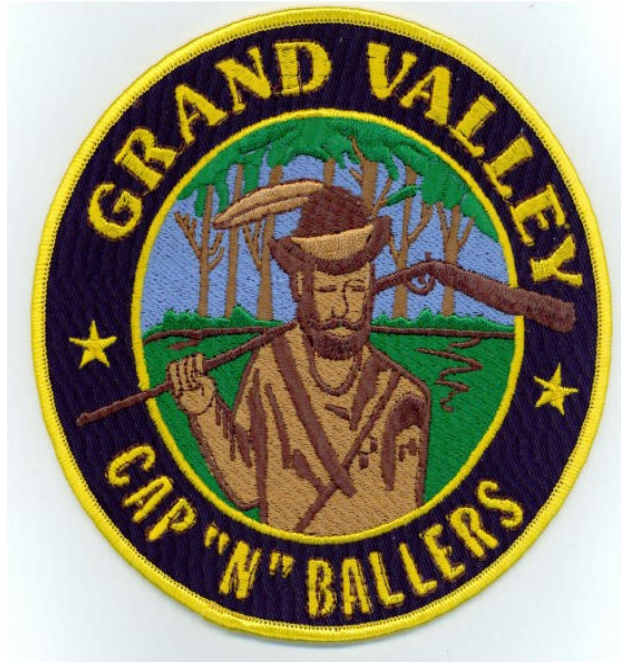
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2025 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS

SHOTGUN

MATCH 62	GVCNB MENS CHAMPIONSHIP-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 63	GVCNB LADY'S CHAMPIONSHIP -----J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400 kskcarlson@charter.net
MATCH 64	GVCNB JR CHAMPIONSHIP---CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 70	TRADITIONAL STYLE-----IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 71	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING-616-896-1560
MATCH 75	CO-ED PROTECTION----- DAN LEPPPO & RON & BONNIE FERNWALT
MATCH 76	10 YARD TRAP-----VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371
MATCH 77	16 YARD TRAP-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 78	20 YARD TRAP-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING-616-896-1560
	AGGREGAT MATCH'S 76, 77, 78-----DORR STANDARD SERVICE-----PHONE 616-896-1560
MATCH 79	LADIES 10 YARD TRAP-----CORNER STONE CONTRACTING, 2606 142ND AVE., DORR
MATCH 80	LADIES 16 YARD TRAP-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 81	LADIES 20 YARD TRAP---VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371 -vacationandsales.com
	AGGREGATE MATCHES 79, 80, 81-----IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 82	JUNIORS 10 YARD TRAP-----DAN LEPPPO
MATCH 83	OLD TIMERS 16 YARD TRAP-----J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400 kskcarlson@charter.net
MATCH 88	TRANHAM PROTECTION-----VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371 JOHN & JUDY
TURNER	
HILL	-IN MEMORY OF BOB
7000	PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-
MATCH 89	FLINT 10 YARDS-----IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 90	FLINT 16 YARDS-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 91	SKEET SINGLES-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com

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Our mission is to create, promote and encourage an interest in historical firearms; to preserve their histories, along with the crafts and traditions of our American heritage; to promote good fellowship and teach firearm safety; to purchase, hold and use the Club property, both real and personal for accomplishing these purposes, and to preserve our constitutional rights as to any and all acts permitted by the laws of the State of Michigan.

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