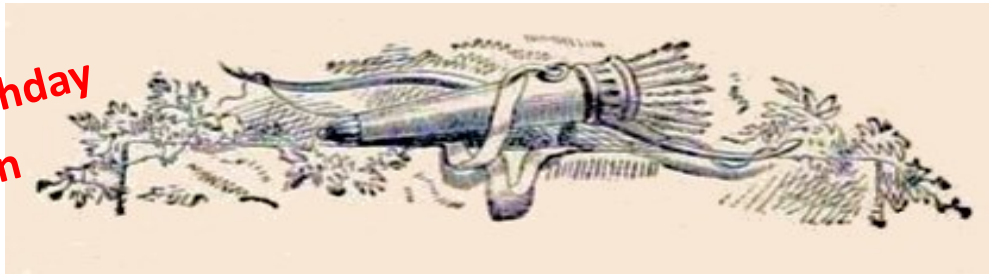


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Edition



The Quiver

Michigan United Conservation Clubs Region 7 Monthly Newsletter
November 2024 Vol. 40

What is to follow is the first 2 pages of the minutes of the first meeting of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs on November 9th 1937. Because of the font size it took 3 pages.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs

Owosso, Michigan

November 9, 1937

Harry Gaines of Grand Rapids, Presiding

Mr. Gaines opened the first meeting of the Michigan United Conservation clubs with a request that each club represented announce its name and location. He thanked the clubs for attending, stating that he could see no reason for clubs not affiliating as a state organization in the same manner that individuals affiliate in a small club. He said that purpose of organization was for cooperation with state department of conservation and for the good of the conservation in general. He urged the clubs not to permit small petty grievances to interfere with the proper function of the organization, that they keep an open mind, with candid open discussion at all times and not to allow argument to break up the organization. Majority should count at all times as just and right. Small local problems should not interfere with progress of the state organization, but should be thrashed out in local club.

Mr. Gaines read reports for clubs unable to attend.

Mr. R.S Gurley—

Mt. Pleasant

spoke of experiences in New Hampshire where conservation department was a political football. He stressed the importance of the tourist business to Michigan and that this organization would be an opportunity to weld together all Michigan clubs for the good of conservation. He suggested that a committee be named to get in touch with all clubs for periodical meeting of this kind, to be held preferably in the evening and shifted to various sections of the state for good representation. He then urged the clubs to subscribe to "Michigan Conservation" using the magazine as a medium of current conservation news, and that clubs contribute articles to the magazine



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Mr. Gaines read a telegram from the Macomb County Sportsman's Association in which they indicated their desire to cooperate with and endorse any action taken by this organization.

Mr. Gaines said that the first job for each club attending the meeting was to contact every club in their county, telling them about it and the purpose of the organization. This would bring in clubs which might be inclined to doubt sincere purpose. A report of what occurs here would give them confidence and will bring them into the organization.

He then spoke of a meeting called in Grand Rapids, May 10. Some 15 clubs were sent telegrams and practically everyone of them responded. This group was named the Conservation Protective Committee of Michigan and was called for the purpose of defeating a certain bill introduced in the legislature directly affecting administration of the Conservation Department. At this meeting, there occurred the idea that if such good response could come from a few clubs. This meeting today is a result of that thought and plans were made at that time to promote a state organization.

Several asked Mr. Gaines if any plans had been set up for the new organization.

Mr. Gaines said that a preliminary meeting was held September 28th, 1937 at Grand Rapids. At this meeting the following "suggestive" plan was adopted: Each club would be entitled to one vote and represented at annual meetings by one delegate, thus giving the small and large club equal representation. Dues were set at a sensible moderate rate, enough to cover expenses of work that would be necessary. As the organization grows and additional revenue needed, dues could be changed. The dues were set at rate of five cents per capita membership with a maximum of \$10 for any one club. This means that a club with 1,000 members would not be paying much more than small club and each would have one vote.

It was suggested that Mr. Willis Perkins, Jr. of Grand Rapids read the Constitution and read each Article to be passed upon by the group, with suggestions and criticisms

ARTICLE I The Name of this organization shall be "Michigan United Conservation Clubs"

L. F. Eagan
Detroit questioned the use of the word "conservation." In his opinion he had found in many cases that the word meant prohibition. Thought word conservation should be changed to "sportsmen" or something along that line.

L.E. Brown
Kalamazoo Said that he felt this organization was to take in all organization interested— not just sportsmen. This was the reason for putting it "conservation club." He was asked to put this idea in for of a motion.

Supported by Mark Noble of Grand Rapids.

Mr. Gaines remarked that real thought behind organization of clubs was to work largely with conservation legislation; that it would be necessary many times to call on clubs outside of sportsmen' organizations . There is a general thought throughout the state that "sportsmen" means a hunter or fishermen.

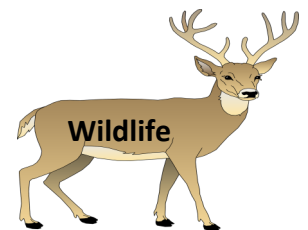
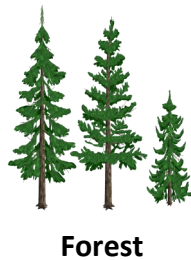
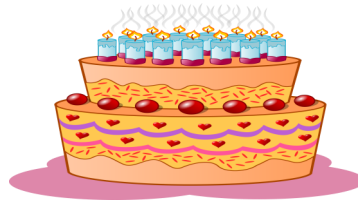
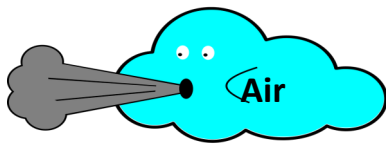
W. J. Schwoebell— moved that the word "conservation" be used.
Kalamazoo Supported by Mr. Willson of Pontiac. Motion Carried



Mr. Blair of Jackson urged that meeting continue..... *And it did for many hours then breaking for dinner. After dinner they approved the rest of the articles and assigned committees; Constitution and By Laws, Nominating Committee, Northern Michigan Sportsmen Committee. Next election of board members. There were 7 districts and as few as 1 board member and as many as 3 board per district based upon membership.*

Mr. Henry Gains was elected unanimously as President, Bela Forsman from Detroit and Dr. Paul Oliver from Clair were elected as Vice Presidents. Willis B. Perkins from Grand Rapids was elected for Secretary and Jacob Livense Treasurer from Holand. There was no time of adjournment but I am sure it was late into the evening.

ON NOVEMBER 9TH 2024 HAPPY 87TH BIRTHDAY MICHIGAN UNITED CONSERVATION CLUBS.



Conservation Pledge: I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country – its air, soil, and minerals, its forests, waters, and wildlife.

2024 Executive Board Strategic Planning Meeting

The 2024 Strategic Planning meeting of the Executive Board was held at headquarters on Oct. 7 & 8 with most all the executive committee participating and all the staff. Our facilitator was John Beck. He has been a facilitator for us before and did a great job. The two sessions gave us the opportunity to talk openly about what our future could look like as an organization and what we would look like with a status quo mindset. There are many challenges for non profit organizations today and our Executive director, Amy Trotter, has kept us well informed of those.

Discussions on key topics were ; communication, membership, financial. Many of us are still digesting it but we realize that it is now up to us. Rest assured that we plan on being around and relevant for at least another 87 years. It was a great 2 days spent in the presence of each other, instead of a computer screen, working on something so important.



October 2024 NRC Recap

By [Justin Tomei](#)

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) approved a suite of fisheries orders at the October meeting in Marquette.

The commission unanimously approved seven orders in total.

[Fisheries Order 202.25 – Special Hook Size Fishing Regulations](#)

[Fisheries Order 205.25 – Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters](#)

[Fisheries Order 206.25 – Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters](#)

[Fisheries Order 219.25 – Bow, Spear, and Crossbow Fishing Regulations](#)

[Fisheries Order 240.24A – Sturgeon Regulations](#)

[Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 9 of 2024 – Resident Canada Goose Program Changes](#)

[Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 10 of 2024 – Windsor Township State Game Area – Restrict Firearm Use](#)

There were no new orders up for information for NRC or director consideration.

The director signed an order restricting firearm use at the Windsor Township State Game Area, a host of land transactions, and an oil and gas lease auction.

The commission's agenda was dominated with UP focused presentations. There was an update on the [State Forest Management Plan](#), and an update on the [wolf abundance survey](#).

The fisheries committee had a presentation on [Bay De Noc walleye research and management](#).

The commission returns to Lansing for the November meeting at the Lansing Community College downtown campus on Thursday, November 7.

To ensure our natural resources remain protected and managed thoughtfully and our outdoor heritage defended, join Michigan United Conservation Clubs today: <http://bit.ly/JoinMUCC>.

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February 23rd 2025

**Last Region 7 Meeting before the Annual Convention at Treetops in Gaylord
March 7-9 2025. The meeting will be held at Jackson County Outdoor Club**

Vote for Conservation

By [Justin Tomei](#) October 21at 2024

On November 5, millions of Americans will choose the direction of the country, and their states for the next handful of years.

As one looks around the country, and even here in Michigan, and sees attacks on conservation, science-based management, and our outdoor heritage, it is important that hunters, trappers, and anglers engage and elect conservation minded candidates.

MUCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and not legally allowed to engage in political campaigns or endorse candidates. The organization can, however, encourage members to ask challenging questions, be engaged in the election process, and provide information on how to vote.

Attend a townhall, email your candidates, educate yourself on the issues.

To find your voter registration status, where to vote, how to vote early, how to vote absentee, and what is on your ballot visit the [Michigan Voter Information Center](#).

Early voting has already begun in some parts of the state, with the rest of the state opening for early in-person voting on October 26th.

Find candidates that represent your conservation values and be active and involved.

Michigan's outdoor heritage depends on it.

On the Ground: Volunteers Plant Native Shrubs and Trees in the Manistee National Forest

By [Americorps](#) October

On Saturday, October 5, 2024, MUCC's [On the Ground program](#) hosted a native shrub and tree planting event in partnership with the [National Wild Turkey Federation](#) in the Manistee National Forest. This forest is home to four nationally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers and is known for offering a variety of activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, and motorized/non-motorized trails for recreation.

Volunteers Improve Habitat for Wildlife

During this project, volunteers planted over 60 native shrubs and trees along the White River in Oceana County. Several planting locations were selected by NWTF to ensure species diversity and survival. Volunteers planted tree species including northern red oak, pin oak, white spruce, and white pine. Several shrubs including viburnum and highbush cranberry were also planted in wetter areas. Volunteers also planted several of the same species in one area to facilitate pollination. In total, volunteers improved approximately 14 acres of wildlife habitat directly through this project.

Why is It Important?

Native shrubs and trees are important to Michigan's natural landscape because they provide many benefits to both the land and the wildlife that use it. These plants can help mitigate erosion if planted near a river or stream, or help sequester carbon dioxide from the surrounding air and convert it to oxygen. Planting long-lived species like white spruce and white pine will increase age-class and structural diversity within the mature forest community. These long-lived conifers are also a great source of cover for wildlife. Mast-producing trees and fruit-bearing species like highbush cranberry and northern red oak will provide important forage for a variety of wildlife like deer, turkeys, upland game birds, and small mammals and songbirds.



NWTF biologist Ryan Boyer and son Brayden work to plant one of the trees.

Photo compliments of Americorps

Check this out



Michigan Department of Natural Resources [Wildtalk Podcast](#)

Fall Fishing Opportunities in Michigan

[Americorps](#) October 16,2024

While deer season is in full swing here in Michigan, there are still plenty of other opportunities to get involved in the outdoors this fall. Multiple hunting seasons are open this time of year including waterfowl and small game. However, Michigan boasts some of the greatest freshwater fishing in the country which makes for excellent fall fishing opportunities. Whether you are a beginner or an advanced angler, Michigan's waters have something to offer for everyone.



Photo courtesy of Americorps

Annual Salmon Run

Michigan is home to four species of salmon: chinook (or king) salmon, coho salmon, pink salmon, and Atlantic salmon. These fish vary greatly in terms of their physical characteristics, but all are popular sportfish within the state. Pacific salmon like chinook and coho are not native to Michigan but are instead raised in hatcheries and stocked by the [Michigan Department of Natural Resources \(DNR\)](#). They were introduced in the late 1960s as a response to the overpopulation of alewife, a small invasive prey fish.

The most popular species to fish in the fall months are coho and chinook salmon. These fish begin migrating to their spawning streams in late summer and early fall. Coho salmon enter the streams in the fall and spawn until November, with eggs hatching in the following spring. Coho can be caught in Lake Michigan throughout the year, though the best fishing occurs in early spring as well as late summer/early fall. The most popular areas to target coho are Platte Bay where they begin their spawning runs, as well as the Manistee and St. Joseph Rivers. The Anna River watershed in the Upper Peninsula is also a great spot for open-water anglers. Anglers will often be seen trolling near shore using crankbaits and floating/diving minnows or stationed on the pier using spawn bags.

Although some reproduction has been documented in chinook populations, the Michigan DNR continues to maintain a large stocking program. Popular spots to target chinook salmon in the fall include Lake Michigan itself and along its coast. For inland stream fishing, rivers like the Manistee, Pere Marquette, and St. Joseph also provide excellent opportunities. They are usually caught in deeper water within Lake Michigan because they prefer cooler temperatures. Anglers commonly use downriggers and lead-core or copper line to get



Photo courtesy of the DNR

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Fall Steelhead Fishing

Steelhead is a name given to rainbow trout that spawn in rivers but spend most of their lives in the Great Lakes or the ocean. These fish can be difficult to identify but they are generally larger and more silvery or brassy in color. Steelhead are known for putting up a good fight, making them a very popular sportfish. Great Lakes steelhead are highly migratory and spend much of their time out in open water. When they are ready to spawn, they migrate back to their streams in the fall starting in late October to early May. Although these fish first enter their streams during fall, their eggs don't hatch until spring.

Michigan has great steelhead fishing in the fall. Many rivers on the west side of the state receive a good push of steelhead including the Pere Marquette, Manistee, Muskegon, Platte, and the Au Sable. Steelhead are commonly fished either with conventional or fly-fishing methods. Many anglers use a float with some shot spread along the leader to suspend a yarn egg, bead, or nymph just off the bottom.



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Learn More

Want to learn more about fishing opportunities in Michigan? Visit the Michigan DNR's website for a full list of fishing regulations found in the [2024 Michigan Fishing Regulations Guide](#). To learn more about the DNR's fish stocking program, visit their [Fish Stocking webpage](#) or their [Hatcheries webpage](#). For any general fishing questions, please contact DNR-Fisheries@michigan.gov or call **517-284-5830**.

Rustic Camping

If you're looking for a more rustic camping experience, check out our 140-plus state forest campgrounds located throughout Michigan's Upper and northern Lower Peninsulas. Each campground is located on a river or lake, providing excellent access to fishing, boating and paddling. A handful are open all-year round for those who enjoy a winter camping adventure. [Campground search](#)

Please note, vehicle entry into all state parks, recreation areas and state forest campgrounds require a [Recreation Passport](#).



Next Region 7 Meeting is December 1st

Hamilton Rod and Gun Club 3252 50th St. Hamilton Mi

Lunch: 11:30 Meeting; 12:15

If you would like me to show up at one of your membership meeting to give you an update of what's happening in MUCC's world, email me or call rhbhunt3@gmail.com or call 269-209-1770

SAVE THE DATE : March 7-9 2025

2025 Annual Convention

[Treetops Resort in Gaylord Mi.](#)

Did You Know?

The Michigan State Waterways Commission is responsible for the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of recreational [harbors](#), [channels](#), docking and launching facilities, and administration of commercial docks in the [Straits of Mackinac](#). Commission members are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the [Michigan Senate](#), to serve three-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until re-appointed or a successor is appointed.

Road Kill Salvage Permits [HERE](#)

Great articles on MUCC website [Blog by Olive Triltsch October 24,2024](#)



MUCC Donation Helps Improve Crystal Waters

By [Tyler Mehigh](#) October 22, 2024

On September 19, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) presented the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Crystal Waters State Game Area (SGA) a check dedicated to recreational development and habitat work on the property.

The Crystal Waters SGA was first purchased in 2021 using a combination of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) dollars and a donation from MUCC. MUCC and partner organizations supported the acquisition, and MUCC along with a private donor contributed \$262,500 to the purchase.



The 680-acre parcel of public land in Southeast Michigan is open to hunting, fishing, trapping, and other recreational opportunities. Before this key acquisition, there was no other public hunting land within 30 miles. Approximately 23 percent of the state's population live in one of the counties bordering this public land.

September's \$84,805 donation from MUCC were the remaining funds from the original private donation and will be used to supplement a proposed grant application to improve the property with: an access drive, parking area, boat launch and dock on the main quarry lake, the addition of five rustic kayak/canoe launches on four of the smaller ponds, plus improve the accessible parking areas at the Oakville-Waltz road parking lot and the main quarry lake parking lot. The decision on potential grant funding for up to \$400,000 worth of improvements rests with the MNRTF Board, who met October 16 to learn more about the recreational opportunities on the property.

When the funding to acquire the property was approved MUCC Chief Executive Officer Amy Trotter spoke on the importance of quality public access in areas that lack it, the sentiment remains the same.

"Access to quality public lands for hunting, hiking, trapping, and outdoor recreation is a keystone policy issue for MUCC and its members," Trotter said. "By supporting the purchase of the Crystal Waters SGA, and now fundamental access and habitat improvements, Southeast Michigan residents will now have more opportunity to pursue their passions on land and water that will be managed with conservation in mind for generations to come."

MUCC has offered a letter of support for all of the 2024 MNRTF acquisitions and improvement projects, including for Crystal Waters SGA. A final decision on these grants will be made by the MNRTF Board in December.

For more information on Michigan United Conservation Clubs visit mucc.org

Michigan DNR releases draft Forest Management Plan

By [Justin Tomei](#) Oct. 2, 2024

Every ten years the Michigan Department of Natural Resources updates the state forest management plan to “to guide and outline forest management activities.”

The [2024 Draft Forest Management Plan](#) is now available to read and provide public comment on. [Public comment is due December 31, 2024.](#)

It is vital for Michigan’s hunters, trappers, and anglers to get actively involved in forest management. Active forest management is important to create long-term sustainable habitat for all of Michigan’s game species.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and its membership has passed numerous forest management policies, summed up with a 1983 resolution below.

Wildlife habitat requirements and forest management practices should be planned, coordinated and integrated with each other.

Whether it is protecting hemlock in deer wintering complexes in the U.P. or managing early successional forests in the Northern Lower, it’s vital that conservationists get involved, says MUCC Chief Executive Officer Amy Trotter.

“Forests are habitat for countless game species Michigan’s conservationists pursue,” said Trotter. “Hunters, trappers, and anglers need to play active roles in Michigan’s forest management to protect vital habitat and ensure our outdoor heritage is protected for generations to come.”

MUCC is partnering with national and regional partners including the National Wildlife Federation, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (WWF) and Minnesota Conservation Federation (MCF). The project called the [Great Northwoods Initiative](#) focuses on forest health and sustainability above the 45th parallel in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

The project has a few main focuses, all aimed at improving the quality of both the habitat and the management of these forests.

- The need to maintain biodiversity and health in native species
- Sustainable management of northern hardwood forests as an economic driver for the region
- Recognizing and actively managing forests for the impacts of climate change

As part of the project the Great Northwoods Initiative has released a series of videos, [Celebrating](#) the great Northwoods, acknowledging emerging [Threats](#) to the health of these vital pieces of habitat and identifying [Solutions](#) to the problems the forests face.



Got to love it !

Happenings Around the Region In November 2024 Open to the public

Grand Valley Cap & Ballers : Nov 3rd.Club Shoot & meeting. Dec. 1st Club shoot and meeting.

Fennville Rod and Gun Club: Nov. 29th Basic CPL Class 8AM-5PM contact Skip Coryell at 269-838-5586

Grass Lake Sportsman Club: go to Facebook and website for updates.

Hillsdale County Conservation Club: 3835 S. Bird Lake Rd. Osseo Mi. 517-523=3990

New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club: Wednesdays Trap Games shoot 6:30 pm Thur. Trap Practice 6PM Sunday Trap practice 10am to 1pm. NON-ME8MBERS are welcome to attend all upcoming events!

Dowagiac Conservation Club: Fish Fry Nov. 8th 4:30-7pm All You Can Eat, .

Bend of the River Conservation Club: Mon. & Wed. all month Basic Pistol Training Monday's from 8am-5pm Contact Larry Hupp 269-240-3123 and Wed. 9am-4pm Contact Suzanne Beaty 312-618-3588

Paw Paw Conservation Club Trap Shooting every Monday year round 4:30– 10:00pm \$4 for 25 birds. Free round for anyone who shoots a perfect round (25) For info call (269) 657-8949 after 4:30 on Monday's Phone # 269-657-8949 . Nov. Beginning and Intermediate Line Dancing class 5:30PM - 7PM entre \$3.00 goes toward our college /trade school scholarship fund.

Edwardsburg Conservation Club : Trap shooting event Games on Sunday NOV. 10 50 Bird Trap Shoot 1pm-4pm Nov. 17th Monthly Muzzleloader shoots 10am-4pm. CPL Class Nov. 24th 8-4PM Contact Kelly Adams 269-462-2584. Line Dancing Beginners/ Intermediate Nov. 7th,14th,21st 5:30-7PM entre \$3.00 goes toward our college /trade school scholarship fund.

Hamilton Rod and Gun Nov. 8th Calcutta Protection 5:30 Draw for Calcutta is 7:00 food available.

Jackson County Outdoor Club: 1st trap shoot in 2025 April 2nd 5PM. My Dear Friend and President will be stepping down after 6 yrs as President. I am sure the next President will have some big shoes to fill.

Whoever that will be, Congratulation. A special thanks for putting the Quiver newsletter on your website

Bellevue Conservation Club: Open Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand shooting every Sunday 2-6pm and Wednesday 6-10pm. We have 3 Trap/Skeet combo fields with lights. /Jan. 18 2025 Steak Fry, Grilled NY Strip. \$18 cash bar, 6PM-8PM 8484 Greenfield Highway, Bellevue, Michigan 49021.

St. Joseph Conservation Club. CPL Class Nov. 9th 9AM–6PM. Sundays Trap and Skeet Nov. 3,10,17,24 9-12pm and every Tue. For Nov.

All Species Conservation Club Nov. meeting to be announced New Location. Christmas Party Delton Moose Lodge. Call Greg Peck for details at 269-998-9407

Van Buren Sportsman's Club Open to the public every Wednesday from 5-8pm for Burger night/ Taco Salad dinner, and every Friday 5-8pm for Fish, Chicken and Shrimp dinners. Yummy !!

Big 9 Sportsman Club Breakfast 8am-10:30 Starting 1st Sunday in Nov. thru April. Cost Adults and Children over 12 \$13 Senior Citizens 65+ and children under 12 \$10. Beautiful view of the Lake. Breakfast cooked to order also A' la cart.

If you would like open to the public events in the Quiver just let me know a couple of days before the 1st of the month. rhbhunt3@gmail.com

Find your elected State Representatives

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Episode 4

Michigan Out of Doors Podcast

NEW

[HERE](#)

Keep your prayers and thoughts for Mike Avery. Just before this publication Mike had a stroke. He seems to be ok but his eye sight was effected. He said he well be ok but will miss maybe a couple of shows but he will be back. Go to Mike's Facebook page to leave him a message.

What's Cooking ?

Venison Meatloaf

"Dixie Dave's" Recipe on [Mike Avery Outdoor Show](#)

Listen to Mike's show
on Sunday's at 5am-
8am on WBCF FM 95.3
Battle Creek

3-4 Pounds ground venison or other big game meat

1 Large onion, diced fine

3-4 cloves of garlic diced fine

6-8 slices of Bacon strips

4-5 Tablespoons of Worcestershire Sause

2-3 cups dry bread crumbs

6 Eggs beaten well

1 Teaspoon of basil and oregano

1 Can of beer to moisten

Salt and Pepper to taste Ketchup

Method In a large mixing bowl, break up the ground meat, add onion, garlic, spice, and mix a little by adding by adding , eggs, Worcestershire sauce and some beer, mix well If too dry, add more beer. When mixture is right, microwave a small amount of a taste test. Now is the time to adjust the seasoning if you like. Form mixture into a loaf, take the bacon and make crisscrossed along the top. Run a line of ketchup, 1 inch wide, down the top. Add about a 1/2 cup of water, cover with plastic wrap and then foil. Bake 350 deg for 1 hr. Uncover bake 15-20 min. just to brown a little bit. Slice and top with a good brown sauce and or tomato sauce. Check to make sure your plastic wrap is oven proof. Some are.



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