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SURROUND YOURSELF WITH POSITIVE PEOPLE

Dear Friends,

Last, fall, a small group of employees from CG Financial Services volunteered at the 8th annual veterans hunt here at Crooked Foot. Crooked Foot's owner, Tony Mazzali, is also the cofounder and CEO of CG.

I've been blessed to have co-workers back me unequivocally to help at these types of events. They don't have to... they are not required to be there and they receive no extra benefit or compensation. They're just there to support the veterans and I.

Research has shown that when we are connected to other people, our health thrives. To me, having a core group of friends who care about me and whom I care about, respect, and feel inspired by is an emotional high.

Social groups are what helps us survive. They give us psychological benefits, like the sense that there are others we can depend on and turn to when we need it. Yet we busy ourselves rounding up followers and likes and stare zombielike onto our phones rather than focus on the depths of our connections.

I'm pretty lucky. I'm able to have my personal and professional life intertwine. The people in the photograph are proof of that.

Today, we can get wrapped up in self care and the motion that to unwind we have to prioritize ourselves over others. There are a lot of faces keeping us isolated and alone, especially those shiny little pocket computers we can't put down. It's up to us to take a break, look up and make time for other living, human beings, like the 80 veterans who attended our hunt in November. Because the best way to feel happy and whole, I believe, is being in the presence of others.

My best,

Kim

Kim Capone
Crooked Foot Hunt Club
Operations Coordinator



CROOKED FEET NEWEST ADDITION

Hannah Withey
Administrative Assistant



ABOUT ME

I joined the Crooked Foot team at the end of January as Kim's assistant. I recently graduated from Cleary University with a BBA in Marketing and a minor in communications. I will graduate this May with my Master's in Strategic Leadership.

I previously worked for the Ingham County Parks at Lake Lansing as a ranger for three summers, then as a Marketing Intern running the summer concert series during my fourth summer at the parks. I was highly involved at my university doing things such as giving tours to a majority of the prospective students, I was a Resident Assistant, and I was on the University's competitive Dance Team.



MY FIRST BUCK

In the fall of 2021, I started my hunting journey. Unfortunately, I was not able to get anything in my first year. This past fall, after going out to the tree stands a couple of times with my brother-in-law, I was able to get my first buck. Though he was a little smaller than what I was hoping for, I was still shaking with excitement when I saw him go down.

2022-2023 SEASON



Gulf Midwest



Laborers Local



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Shiawassee County Pheasants Forever
Women's Walk-Up



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Construction Association of
Michigan



Gary Koonter



St. Patrick's Day



Season Premiere



Veterans



Crandell Brothers



LiUNA



Summit Contractors



Detroit Cornice



Wimsatt GAF



Shaheen: Back the Blue



Nick Simon



Michigan Aggregates
Association



Paul Bunyon



First Trust



Shaheen

Seventh Annual Veterans Hunt



On Sunday, November 6, 2022, Crooked Foot Hunt Club held their seventh annual Veterans Hunt. Crooked Foot Hunt Club was the host to 81 veterans and active military members, 8 sponsors, 8 Crooked Foot staff and workers, 21 volunteers, 13 tower handlers, 6 walk-up handlers, 19 dogs, and 910 pheasants. The number of veterans and active military from each branch represented were 7 Air Force, 33 Army, 10 Coast Guard, 16 Marines, 8 National Guard, and 7 Navy men and women. There were 53 of the 81 participants who had attended past veterans hunts with us, but for 28 participants, this was their first Veterans hunt at Crooked Foot!



Clay Shooting Competition

Each year, six randomly selected veterans are chosen from each military branch to participate in the morning's clay shooting competition. This year, the competition was on fire and the first round ended in a three-way tie. After two sudden death rounds, John Kurlovich was declared the winner, and US Coast Guard were able to keep their champion title for the second year in a row.

Thank you again, everyone, for making this event possible and thank you veterans for your service.



SEVENTH ANNUAL VETERANS HUNT PHOTOS



SEVENTH ANNUAL VETERANS HUNT SPONSORS

SPONSORS



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Crooked Foot Hunt Club



JOIN US FOR OUR 8TH ANNUAL VETERANS HUNT!

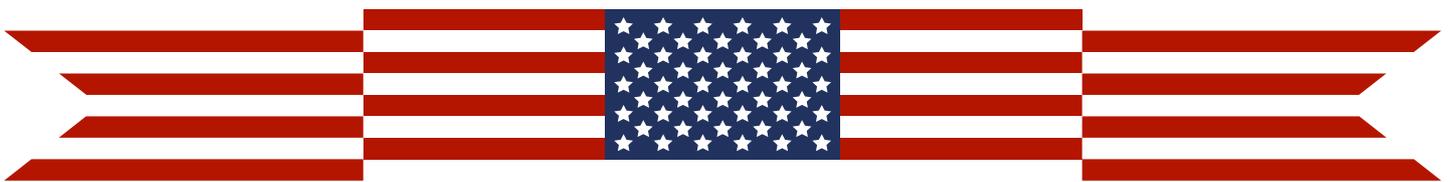
2023



The 8th annual Veterans Hunt presented by Crooked Foot Hunt Club is scheduled to take place on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of the celebration of our nation's veterans in the Mid-Michigan area! This pheasant hunt will be dedicated to saluting and honoring veterans, active and reserve military personnel.

This event will include different activities and initiatives that highlight and celebrate all Michigan Veterans as well as current members of the armed forces from all branches. The goal is to use this hunt as a celebration and thank veterans for the sacrifices that these men and women have made for our country.

Online registration will open the first week of October. Visit our web page for more information and registration. Don't forget to register early...only 100 spots are available!



CALLING ALL SPONSORS

We are always thrilled when we receive help from organizations and individuals who want to give back to our vets. Last year, we raised \$23,500! For 2023, our goal is to raise \$30,000 to help us put on an even bigger event to thank the veterans for their service. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a sponsor or would like to make a donation, please contact Kim at the number below or find the sponsorship/donation form under the veterans hunt tab on our website. Please view the next page to see our sponsorship tiers and what's included.

Call 989-723-9823!

Diamond Sponsor - \$7,500

- Diamond Sponsor recognition at Hunt
- Speaker opportunity at Veterans Hunt
- Recognition and Interview opportunity with Media coverage at event
- Coffee station at tower
- Corporate name and logo on Veterans Hunt marketing materials
- Corporate name and logo on Crooked Foot website with link to business
- Cart to Run Banner

Platinum Sponsor - \$5,000

- Platinum Sponsor recognition at Hunt
- Speaker opportunity at Veterans Hunt
- Coffee station at tower
- Corporate name and logo on Veterans Hunt marketing materials
- Corporate name and logo on Crooked Foot website with link to business
- Cart to run tower shoot with Banner

Gold Sponsor - \$2,500

- Gold Sponsor recognition at Hunt
- Coffee station at tower
- Corporate name and logo on Veterans Hunt marketing materials
- Corporate name and logo on Crooked Foot website with link to business

Silver Sponsor - \$1,000

- Silver Sponsor recognition at Hunt
- Corporate name and logo on Veterans Hunt marketing materials
- Corporate name and logo on Crooked Foot website with link to business

**8TH ANNUAL VETERANS HUNT
CONTACT KIM AT 517-908-4714**



Top 10 Dog breeds for pheasant hunting

"I am the 4-wheel-drive truck of the bird dog fleet"



WIRESHAİRED POINTING GRIFFON

"I am the happy medium of bird dogs"



GERMAN SHORSHAİRED POINTER

"Every bone, nerve and muscle goes into overdrive when I see a bird"



ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL

"I am relentless when it comes to my upland work"



GERMAN WİRESHAİRED POINTER

"The design and engineering of my body is built to upland work"



GOLDEN RETRIEVER

"I have long legs built for speed"



BRİTTANY

"I check all the boxes when it comes to a great, easily trainable, bird dog"



LABRADOR RETRIEVER

"I have high fire, flash, and dash for fun and functionality"



ENGLISH SPRİNGER SPANIEL

"I am known for my feathering and my wide range of abilities across my breed"



ENGLISH SETTER

"I am from aristocratic heritage and I am eager to please"



VİSZLA

PHEASANT POT PIE



Prep Time

10 min

Cook Time

1 hr

Servings

8 people

Ingredients

- ▶ 4 pheasant breasts
- ▶ 1 cup broccoli florets
- ▶ 2 large carrots
- ▶ 3 celery stalks
- ▶ 3 sprigs fresh sage
- ▶ 1/4 tsp dried sage
- ▶ 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- ▶ 1/4 dried thyme
- ▶ 1/3 cup white onion
- ▶ 1 Egg
- ▶ 2 cups chicken stock or bone broth
- ▶ 1/3 cup flour
- ▶ 1/4 tsp pepper
- ▶ 1 sheet puff pastry dough
- ▶ 1/4 tsp salt
- ▶ 1 tbsp olive oil
- ▶ 4 tbsp unsalted butter
- ▶ 1 cup whole milk

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. In a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat, adding in the fresh thyme and sage. Add the pheasant breasts to the skillet and cook for 3-4 minutes on each side, or until cooked through. Remove from skillet, shred, and set aside—drain skillet of excess oil.
3. Place the skillet back over medium heat and add the unsalted butter and diced onions and brown for about 3 minutes. Stir in the flour and brown for another 1-2 minutes.
4. Whisk in the broth and milk, working to eliminate any large lumps. Bring to a rolling boil, then reduce heat to medium-low and let simmer. Add in the chopped carrots, celery, broccoli, dried sage, and dried thyme. Simmer for 10-15 minutes or until thickened, and the vegetables start to soften.
5. Add in the shredded pheasant breasts.
6. Grease a large pie plate, and transfer the pot pie filling to the pie plate.
7. Remove the sheet of puff pastry from the packaging, and roll it out into a large square, or large enough to cover the entire top of the pie plate.
8. Fold up any hanging edges and pinch together - no need to be perfect!
9. Place the pie plate onto a baking sheet to catch any spillover while baking, and bake on a low rack for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown.
10. Remove from oven, let cool for 5 minutes, then serve.

KIDS CORNER

Calling all youth hunters...

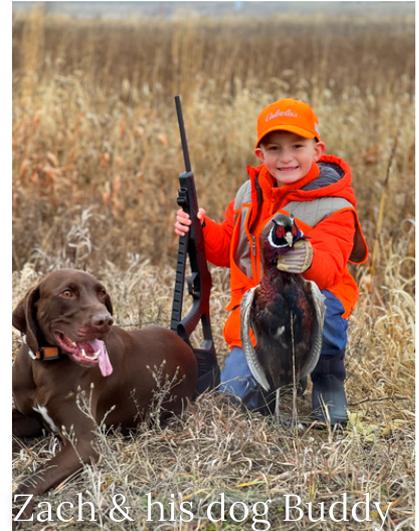
Send In and WIN!

Submit your name, favorite personal hunting story, along with a picture to hwithey@crookedfoothuntclub.com, or to Crooked Foot Attn. Hannah Withey at 148 East Grand River Road, Williamston, MI 48895.

Submissions must include a photo of the youth hunter (17 years old or younger) in the field, between Sept 2022- March 2023, involved in any kind of hunting- waterfowl, small game, big game, etc. Once all submissions are collected, Crooked Foot staff will vote and contact the winner regarding their prize.

SUBMIT your story BY June 10, 2023, for the chance to win Crooked Foot swag, have your story and photo posted on Crooked Foot's Instagram and Facebook page, and highlighted in the next Crooked Sportsman Newsletter.

By sending in your story, you agree to let Crooked Foot use the photo, name, and story in promotional materials without compensation.



Zach & his dog Buddy



Chase



Tanner



We are looking forward to seeing all the great photos of the next generation of hunters!

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023-2024 SEASON

As we start thinking of the next hunting season, we have a few special events that we are looking to do. These events and hunts are in the works. Look for more information in the next few months and check out our website to stay up-to-date on our upcoming 2023-2024 season events.

- **Women's Hunt**
- **Hunter Safety Courses**
- **Crooked Sportsman Bird Dog Competition**
- **Youth Clay Shooting Competition**
- **Season Opener**
- **8th Annual Veterans Hunt**
- **Black Friday Hunt**

We will send out more information regarding these potential events once the season gets closer.

**Contact Kim Capone
at Crooked Foot Hunt Club
for more information on
scheduled or future hunts at
989-723-9823.**



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