



Northern Community Mediation

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A REAL HERO



Pictured above is mediator Ron Moore with a very young fawn. The fawn fell through the ice. Ron and his neighbor rescued the fawn. Based upon the advice of the DNR, they did what they could to keep the fawn warm, and then left him alone. He eventually recovered from the shock and headed to the woods. Hopefully, he found his mother. This just goes to prove what kind and considerate souls mediators are.

PART-TIME POSITION

We are in the process of interviewing for our part-time position. We hope to have the new hire on staff by September.

CONGRATULATIONS, HUGH

Mediator Hugh Conklin will be facing three opponents in the November 3 election for City Commission in Boyne City. Good luck, Hugh. We will keep everyone posted.

THINKING OF YOU

We are so sorry to hear about the death of Tom North's mother. It was not that long ago that he lost his father.

Also, our sympathy to Mike Forrester. He has a broken knee cap. Ouch!

VORP WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, August 18 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm, there will be a Victim-Offender, Reconciliation Program workshop. The VORP is a program that brings youthful offenders together with their victims. Through this process, the offender begins to realize that the victim is a real person and not merely an obscure entity. The victim has the opportunity to express his/her feelings about being violated. This process is one of the approaches to restorative justice rather than punitive justice. If you are interested in mediating these types of cases, do let us know that you will participate in the training on the 18th.

ANOTHER TRAINING

Set aside Tuesday, September 29 from 8:30am to 12:30pm. That is when the Advanced Mediator Training relating to Agreement Writing will take place. There are certain issues that we need to address so that agreements do not get thrown out by the courts. So, plan to attend if at all possible. Details will follow later this week.

FAVOR

When you use the white board in the mediation room, try to remember to erase it when the mediation is done. The same holds true for the flip chart. Please, remove the paper on which you have written. Thanks.

WORD OF CAUTION

For those of you who are non-attorneys and interested in doing private mediations, not only do you need to have taken the 40-hour training, you also need 40 hours of experience as a mediator.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out shy." ` Mark Twain

USELESS FACT

A bee in flight will typically have a body temperature of 130° F.