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CHARLEVOIX BUSINESS EXPO



Pictured from left to right: Assistant Administrator Kristy Whitman and Case Manager Kirstyn Horan

The staff of Northern Community Mediation has been busy in the evenings participating in three of the Chamber Expos. On Monday, March 16, NCM had a booth at the Charlevoix Chamber Expo, which was held at Castle Farm. On Wednesday, April 21, materials were set up for the Petoskey Chamber Expo at the Odawa Casino, and then on Wednesday, April 27, in the Christ Child Community Room, the Harbor Springs Chamber held its Expo. Even though participating in the Expos means long days for the staff, it is always enjoyed because the Expos are almost like being at a town party.

NEW MARKETING MATERIALS

Thanks to a grant from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, the next time NCM needs a display for an Expo or other type of outreach event, there will be three new displays. One will be a banner to go behind the table, one will be a tablecloth with NCM logo, and the third will be a tabletop banner.

MEDIATING CHILD SUPPORT

Remember that child support is determined by a state formula. Therefore, child support can be mediated only if the parties agree to more than is required by law.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Dad: *Son, what do you want for your 16th birthday?*
Son: *Just a radio, dad...With a sports car around it.*

ADVANCED MEDIATOR TRAINING

There are two upcoming events that you will not want to miss. The first is an advanced, mediator training scheduled for the mornings of Friday, May 13 and Friday, May 20. Both will be facilitated by attorney/mediator Steve Tresidder. The session on the 13th will cover

- Court System
- Steps in a Civil Law Suit
- Substantive Law of Contracts
- MCR 2.411, 2.416, 3.216 and 2.403

Focus on the 20th will be

- Substantive Law of Torts
- Substantive Law of Property
- Substantive Law of Business Organization
- Substantive Law of Employment Relations
- Substantive Law of Conduct for Mediators

Many of you are in need of update training. So, take advantage of this opportunity. Further information and registration is available at <http://www.northernmediation.org/local-83/> on the NCM website.

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Once a year, we have the opportunity to gather together for the presentation of the annual awards. At this event, we are able to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service to NCM and mediation in general through the Veteran Mediator of the Year, Rookie Mediator of the Year and Advocate of the Year Awards. Additionally, our speaker this year is Scott Brinkmeyer, who has a statewide reputation as a leading attorney and mediator. He will share with us his observations in mediation practices in the Southern part of the state as compared to the North. To make a reservation, just call the NCM office and let us know you plan to attend. Further information is available at <http://www.northernmediation.org/appreciation-luncheon-96/>

GO TO THE MOVIES

Within the next few months, when you go to the movies in Petoskey or Charlevoix, you will see advertising for NCM. This is being made possible through grants from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Details will appear in future newsletters.

USELESS FACT

Mark Hamil was injured in a car accident in 1977, and his face had to be reconstructed—so for a while, Lucas planned on including a sequence where Luke's face is damaged, and we see it getting patched up by a droid.