



# Northern Community Mediation

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Serving Emmet &  
Charlevoix Counties

## BRIDGES

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### SERVIN' UP THE BURGERS



It was all Ron Moore's idea. Thanks to him, NCM is \$160.00 richer. On Saturday, August 9, Bruce Herbert and Ron cooked hamburgers and Cheryl Bauman and Jane Millar served them to people shopping at Bosman's Mercantile in Charlevoix.

What a wonderful community service this is! On Saturdays during the summer, Bosman's Mercantile provides the meat, buns, condiments, drinks, plates, and cups, and each week a different non-profit organization cooks and serves the hamburgers to shoppers at the store. In turn, they can make a donation to that non-profit by dropping their money in a can.

### IMPRESSIVE

Diana Souza recently earned certification as a professional in human resources. Passing this four-hour, rigorous certification examination demonstrates one's mastery of the body of knowledge in the field of human resources.

### FRIENDLY REMINDER

If no staff is in the office when you complete a mediation, please, remember to turn off all lights and lock the front door.

### Y'ALL COME

Set aside Tuesday, September 23 at 4:30 pm. Come to Crooked Tree Arts Center for the premiere of the preventative-shoplifting program targeting fourth-grade students produced by NCM. You will have the opportunity to experience what will be presented in the fourth-grade classrooms, including seeing the jug of candy bars, the power point presentation, the DVD depicting what happens when someone gets caught shoplifting, and the workbook/coloring book that each student will receive to take home.

Following the presentation, there will be a non-alcoholic champagne and popcorn reception.

If you are unable to attend the September 23 presentation, the curriculum will again be demonstrated on Monday, September 29 at 4:30 pm at the Charlevoix Public Library.

*Shoplifting Doesn't Pay* is being offered to all fourth-grade teachers in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District service area. There is no charge for this service. To schedule a session, teachers should call NCM at 487.1771.

### NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Three new mediators have joined the NCM team. Jane Figueiredo was trained in Florida. Jim and Laura Smith were both trained at the Genesee Center in Flint. It is great to have them on board.

### IT'S A BOY!

On Thursday, July 31 Kirsten Cochran had a 6 lb., 11 oz. baby boy named Cameron. According to Mom, "He's the perfect little guy—so sweet and wonderful."

### DIVORCE TRAINING

The Divorce Training scheduled for October is presently full. If you did not send in your registration form along with your \$100, refundable check and would still like to take the training, call the Center, and we will put you on the waiting list.