

BIRDIES TAVERN



Pictured from left to right: Brad Hasse, Jane Millar, Kristin Hasse, Jennifer Mancini, Laura Buckingham.

At the end of May this year, board member Kristin Hasse and her husband Brad hosted the grand opening of their new restaurant Birdies Tavern at the Chestnut Valley Golf Club in Harbor Springs. What a great place to have lunch or dinner for a variety of reasons. To begin with, the food is yummy, especially since they have a brand new, sparkling smoker. Add to the delicious food, the ambiance. Sitting on the porch overlooking the pristine golf course is a treat in and of itself. When there is inclement weather, the club house has a warm and inviting atmosphere. A great place for a staff lunch. So, let's support board member Kristin.

PARENTING TIME WORKSHOP

On June 27, 2025 Friend of the Court Amanda Guarisco facilitated a four-hour workshop on parenting time. Her knowledge, compassion, passion and enthusiasm was so contagious that everyone who participated in the workshop wanted to have a follow-up training. Consequently, a second Parenting Time Workshop has been scheduled from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Friday, October 17. This workshop will be an expansion of the first one and focus on agreement writing. Details and registration will be available the end of August. In the meantime, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Dr. Jane Millar, Executive Director at 2231.487.1771.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the spring, who reaps a harvest in the autumn. Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful and most noble employment of man. When tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of human civilization." ~ Anonymous

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Northern Community Mediation (NCM) is now entering into Phase Two of its Capital Campaign. Help us spread the word. In March 2023, NCM moved into its new forever home. Every day since then reinforces the fact that the purchase of our office condominium was a wise decision. We have handicap accessibility, convenient parking, technological capacity and a professional look.

The purchase price was \$220,000. Combining the down payment, monthly payments and a successful Phase One of the Capital Campaign, our financial obligation is down to approximately \$85,000. Our target for Phase Two of our Capital Campaign is to raise \$40,000. In order to achieve this goal, we will be sending out a letter encouraging contributions the middle of August. Additionally, we will be posting messages on Facebook, Instagram and other social media.

This is where each and every one of you could help us attain our goal. One of the most effective means of raising the funds is the use of testimonials from those of you who believe in mediation. Therefore, take the time to mention to your friends, family, and co-workers the value of mediation, mention our capital campaign, and encourage them to make a donation no matter how small or large it is. As a reminder, we will update our Capital Campaign Donation Plaque at the end of the year.

FARMWORKER APPRECIATION

It just seems appropriate that there is a day of recognition for the farmworkers around the world. Think about this on Aug. 6. If there were no farmworkers, what would we have to eat? And, remember that mediations involving farmers and individuals with disputes relating to their mental health plans are entitled to free mediation services through the Michigan Agricultural Mediation Program and the Behavioral Health Mediation Services Program.

USEFUL USELESS FACTS

Here are some seemingly useless, yet interesting, facts about farming:

- A cow's udder can hold 25-50 pounds of milk, and it takes 10 pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese
- Furthermore, a single soybean plant can produce 60-80 pods, with each pod containing three beans.
- Also, a significant percentage of Americans, about 7%, apparently believe chocolate milk comes from brown cows.
- While these facts might not directly impact global food production, they offer a glimpse into the quirky world of agriculture.