



Serving Emmet &
Charlevoix Counties

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!



Odawa Casino

Two weeks ago, Northern Community Mediation (NCM) received an exciting phone call from Suzanne Sipe, who is the Community Development Coordinator at the Odawa Casino. She wanted to inform us that during the month of September 2026, NCM would be the recipient of loose change.

What does this mean? When guests of the Odawa Casino are ready to end their fun morning, afternoon or evening at the Casino, they go to a special desk to cash in on their earnings. The guests then have the opportunity to donate a portion of their winnings. Often, this donation will be loose change. For example, if someone wins \$500.50, he/she will take the \$500 and donate the \$.50 to that month's designated non-profit organization.

What does this mean for NCM? NCM will receive all of that donated loose change. Therefore, when you go to the Odawa Casino during the month of September, be certain to donate a portion of your good fortune to NCM.

And, a huge thank you to all of you who will contribute to the cause and an equally huge thank you to the Odawa Casino for the support that they have for NCM.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD

The Michigan Agricultural Mediation Program (MAMP) provides farmers the option of mediating eligible differences with lenders or creditors, lessors or lessees, USDA agencies, organic certifiers, neighbors, family farm successions and more. There is no cost to producers for using MAMP. Michigan farmers living in Charlevoix and Emmet counties considering mediation or wishing to learn more should call Northern Community Mediation (NCM) at 231.487.1771 or visit the NCM website at www.northernmediation.org

THANK YOU ODAWA CASINO

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JUST A REMINDER

It is not too late to sign up for the Advanced Mediator Training scheduled for Friday, September 25 from 8:30am to 12:30pm. This workshop has been approved by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) to go towards the required eight-hours of update training every two years. This particular workshop will focus on agreement writing through using the questions who, what where, when, how and sometimes why.

To register, go to the NCM website at <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/>

To help defray expenses, there is a \$25.00 registration fee payable in advance or on the day of the training.

USELESS FACT

In 1765, John Montagu, the fourth Earl of Sandwich and gambler, didn't want to leave the gaming table to eat. Instead, Montagu told his servants to bring him meat between sliced bread so he could eat and play at the same time. Thus the "sandwich" was born... sort of.

In reality, the Earl wasn't much of a gambler, but he did enjoy his namesake meal. The legend came from a French travel guide about London and is the only source of the gambling tale. The story caught on, however, and soon people throughout Europe were craving sandwiches. Montagu didn't invent the meal – it's meat between bread, after all; people had likely been eating this combo for centuries, but he did give it a name and a cool story.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Gamble responsibly" is the long-standing, traditional tagline used globally by betting companies. Kenny Rogers put it another way in his 1978 hit song "The Gambler:" "If you're gonna play the game, boy, you gotta learn to play it right. You got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em,, know when to walk away and know when to run."

NCM encourages everyone to gamble responsibly, and when you win in the month of September, donate at least part of your good fortune to NCM.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa is an extremely generous supporter of our community. For example, through their Roads Program, they work hand-in-hand with Emmet County by financially supporting the maintenance and improvement of county roads. During the Ice Storm in March 2025, the Casino opened its doors and fed all of the workmen and gave them a place to rest at no cost to the workers.