

CHS Robot

The STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program was successful in building a robot and competed statewide with their creation! Their first year effort saw them win regional competition and participate in the finals in Ypsilanti. They ranked 37th out of 277 teams in Michigan.



YAC Grants

This spring the Youth Advisory Committee of the Foundation provided grants to both the Library and the area historical association. With existing funds that were originally provided by the Kellogg Foundation YAC was able to help finance several Library activities for children. The grant to the historical association was for building and ground improvements. Art Hop, STEM, Cedarville Band, and the Farmers Market had also received funds from the YAC.



Les Cheneaux Culinary School & Foundation Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

Along with the soon to open Culinary school, the Foundation hosted a wine and cheese party at the former Hessel schoolhouse. The school has been a private home for the past 25 years, and the family of the late Azore Sheffield graciously allowed it to be used for the party. Foundation board chairman Ken Drenth reviewed some of the goals of the Foundation for the economic development of the Les Cheneaux area, and Anne Ottaway presented the Downtown Cedarville drawing. Door prizes of a night at the Bay View Bed and Breakfast on Mackinac Island, Dinner for four at the Les Cheneaux Culinary School in the summer of 2015, and a wooden boat tour through the islands were part of the event.



High School Band goes to DC

Cedarville High School band represented the State of Michigan at the National Festival of the States in Washington DC celebrating the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. The band performed at WWII memorial and a veterans home in the area. The Foundation helped finance the trip with a grant made possible by the generosity of donors.



Les Cheneaux Community Foundation
PO Box 249
Cedarville, MI, 49719
(906) 484-2484
lccommunityfoundation@gmail.com
www.lescheneauxcommunityfoundation.org



Greetings:

This spring I met a summer resident who quickly asked, “Ken, what are you working on this year?” I’m not sure if they were considering locking their wallets or if they were really eager to engage and assist in achieving the goals of the Community Foundation. The one thing we always want to assure donors is that the Community Foundation’s goals reflect Community goals. We are not “out there” doing our own thing but instead are addressing community priorities. The following are some of the projects being addressed:

Economic Development -One of the most important community goals is to encourage economic growth. This growth should reflect our natural environment and build upon the existing tourist economy of the area. Last year, the Little Traverse Conservancy announced that they had purchased over 1600 acres on Marquette Island and would preserve that property under the name of the Aldo Leopold Preserve. Another 50 acres was state owned and is soon to be transferred to Clark Township to only be used for recreational purposes. For the past several months groups have been working toward building an eco-friendly tourism base. In June 2015, there will be a grand opening of Clark Township Park and Aldo-Leopold Preserve on Marquette Island. This opening will feature many of the local preserves, and other eco-friendly opportunities.

Downtown Cedarville—Another venture we are actively supporting is the development of a plan for downtown Cedarville. With assistance from the newly formed Mackinac County Economic Development, we have identified funding sources that may help the community purchase and/or revamp existing structures and/or purchase property.

Watershed Council- The Community Foundation provided the funds to the Watershed Council to publish their booklet related to the issues around milfoil reduction, waterfront development, and water levels. These are very important issues to the long term growth and development of the area and we were very pleased to work cooperatively with them to fund this.

This gives you just a sample of how your donations to the Les Cheneaux Community Foundation are being spent. We feel each project has its own merit and as a whole will contribute to the quality of life here in the place we call home.

Ken Drenth, Chair

Ken Drenth, Chair
Dave Meninga, Vice Chair
Sue Bowlby, Treasurer
Holly Rohrer,
Secretary /YAC
Beth Autore
Christine Birkmeier
Lisa Carrington Bohn
Jim Cheever
Kathy Duman

Keith Groty
Judy Hamel
Keith Kester
LeRoy Pieri
Sarah Reilly
Phyllis Rusk
Mary Slater
Diane Teeter,
Coordinator



baby Blue Spotted Salamander



Snows Heritage Recreation Park

Last winter we had donors approach the Foundation expressing interest in building two side by side tennis courts. With help from the Clark Township Board, the Foundation, and other individual donors they will start construction soon.