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## 2016 Summer Newsletter

Greetings Friends of the Les Cheneaux Area:

The assets of the Les Cheneaux Community Foundation have grown to over \$2 million. Many of those funds are restricted, meaning that they are designated by the donor(s) for a specific purpose. The Foundation's unrestricted assets come primarily from donations via our ANNUAL ASK, and it is from those funds that the Foundation Board uses to support the spring and fall grant cycles, in addition to other projects deemed important for the community. The ANNUAL ASK has proven to be a beneficial project for both the Community Foundation as well as the other community organizations included. This past year the contributions to the ANNUAL ASK, for all organizations, topped the \$90,000 mark. WOW!

Prioritizing the use of unrestricted funds is the Board's responsibility. Of late, they have chosen to focus on issues related directly to enhancing the local economy. That was the primary reason they supported the Aldo Leopold Festival as it met many of the community's priorities of:

- Expanding the business shoulder season (Spring and Fall)
- Turning the area's nature preserves into economic assets
- Capitalizing on the phenomenal natural beauty and other assets of the Les Cheneaux area
- Emphasizing minimal environmental impact

The 2016 Festival doubled the number of participants from our first year. We expect, given the quality of the programs provided this year, that it will continue to grow. There are additional outgrowths coming from the Aldo Leopold Festival that are in the planning stages, which we trust will economically benefit the area.

The Foundation Board's goals must mirror Community goals. Therefore, we work closely with the Clark Township Board of Trustees and other local organizations. We will be involved, in some form or another, in at least some of the 12 large local projects that are in various planning stages. One such project you will be hearing about soon is the Cedarville Harbor Project. Several community organizations are working together to bring this project into reality starting this year. Our SIP & SAIL Cruise, scheduled for July 29, will focus on providing information on the Cedarville Harbor project, as well as others. Please grab your friends and plan on joining us for a great evening.

To those of you who have supported the Foundation in the past we THANK YOU. For those of you who have not, and want or need a vehicle through which you can join forces with other community supporters, we will welcome your support.

Have a great summer in the Les Cheneaux Islands!

-Ken Drenth, Chair

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### Come on a Sip and Sail Cruise!

The Les Cheneaux Community Foundation will once again be holding its Arnold Line cruise through the islands. Please join us, July 29 at 6 pm. The cruise will be two hours in duration and will leave from the Hessel Harbor Marina.



### Inland Seas Educational Association

With a supporting grant from the foundation, the Les Cheneaux Watershed will bring the Great Lakes Family Discovery Sail (Inland Seas Educational Associ-

ation) program to our area. Family groups including children are encouraged. On board, you will get an opportunity to trawl for fish, collect bottom, plankton & water samples, raise the anchors and sails and take a turn at the helm. The cruises take place July 11 & 12, leaving from the Hessel Harbor Marina. For more information, please visit [www.schoolship.org](http://www.schoolship.org)



### Cedarville Senior Scholarship Recipients

Archie and Ruth Visnaw Scholarship	Colton Bucht	\$500.00
Earl Law/Perry White VFW Post 7958		
- Pickford recipient	Lance Batho	\$1500.00
- Cedarville recipient	Jennifer Sherlund	\$1500.00
Tassier/Nye Scholarship	Michael Haske	\$500.00
William "Billy" Ryan Memorial Scholarship	Patrick McMaken	\$500.00
Williams Family of Coryell Island Scholarship	Travis Schebel	\$1000.00

## Les Cheneaux Library

### Favorites Program

The library received funds to purchase and feature patrons all-time favorite books. The books were chosen by survey and library staff has noticed an increased patronage.

### Animals Around the World

On July 13 at 3:00 p.m. children and their families will have an opportunity to learn about animal behavior during an interactive adventure which features live mammals, reptiles and amphibians.



### Cedarville High School Robotics Team

The High School Robotics Team received a grant to purchase a new trailer which is used to travel to their competitions. This year the team had 11 members. They attended two competitions in Midland and Traverse City. They did well in both competitions and are already planning for next year.

### Little Traverse Conservancy for North Huron Birding Trail

A grant from the Foundation was used, along with funds from other organizations, to develop and launch the North Huron Birding Trail website, designing and printing NHBT maps and rack cards, design and print road signs placed along the trail and to cover material costs for the kiosk at the Avery Arts & Nature Learning Center located in Hessel. Please look for this icon all over the Eastern Upper Peninsula!



Run, bike, kayak!



Aldo Triathlon

Raptor Show



### Cedarville High School Band

Twenty seven students from the High School band traveled to Los Angeles for the Los Angeles International Music Festival. The Cedarville band was chosen through an audition process. The band performed in an adjudicated performance at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. The band had the opportunity to work with nationally recognized music educators in a clinic setting. The students also performed at Disneyland.



### Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

YAC granted funds to support the North Huron Birding Trail, Cedarville High School Band, Cedarville High School Robotics Program, Bay Cliff Health Camp, the LC Community Library, and the Les Cheneaux Watershed Council.

This spring, YAC surveyed the entire high school to conduct a formal needs assessment to be used to help YAC in future program planning.

## Movies in the Park

With a grant from the Foundation, the movie program started in 2015 by the Chamber of Commerce was able to expand from four, to six movies this summer. They will be shown at the Downtown Waterfront Park in Cedarville starting around 9:30. Bring a chair and your family!

LES CHENEAUX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

## MOVIES IN THE PARK

JUNE 24	JULY 8	JULY 29
AUGUST 5	AUGUST 12	AUGUST 26

DOWNTOWN CEDARVILLE WATERFRONT PARK  
9:30 PM (DUSK)  
BRING A BLANKET OR CAMP CHAIR & YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

Supported with a grant from the Les Cheneaux Community Foundation

### 2016 Aldo Leopold Festival –Celebrating the North Huron Birding Trail

The annual weekend long Leopold Festival was held to coincide with spring migration of songbirds and also to celebrate the opening of the North Huron Birding Trail.

Events were held around the Les Cheneaux area. A triathlon, raptor show, scavenger hunt and guided bird watching were just a few of the events that were offered.