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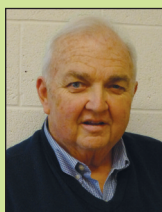
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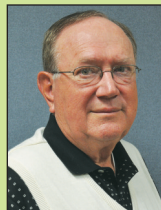
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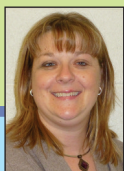
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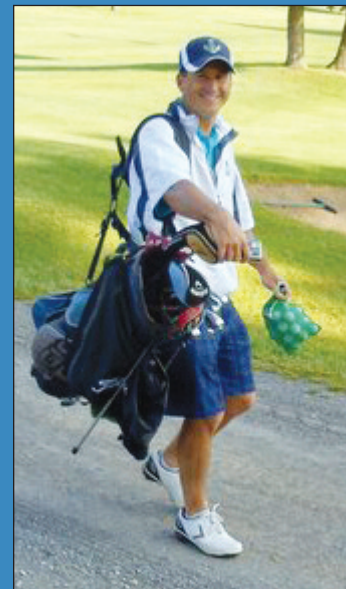
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Talmer Bank's team placed first in the AVCI sponsored tournament, from left: Terry Souva, Mike Neumann, Jack Gordon, Andy Preston



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YAC

Youth Advisory Committee



"ONE NIGHT CAN
CHANGE THE WORLD..."
-KIM STANLEY ROBINSON

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is part of the Huron County Community Foundation and is dedicated to the youth of the county. It is comprised of students from schools in Huron County who work with adult advisors to put kids first. YAC meets for a half day once a month.

YAC reviews grant applications and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for projects that have a positive impact on the youth of the county.

YAC also teaches youth the value of philanthropy, fosters leadership qualities, heightens awareness of community needs, and takes a positive approach to improving the quality of life.

In January, YAC members participated in **National Mentoring Month** by reading the book, *Martin's Big Words*, at North Huron Elementary School and Owen-Gage Elementary School.

In March, YAC'ers held a BBQ Beef Sandwich fundraiser at McDonald's Food & Family Center. Proceeds from the event "BBQ for Books" went to support the **Huron County Traveling Book Tote Project**. A total of \$250 was raised for this project which is estimated to serve over 300 preschoolers throughout the county.

YAC members participated in "**Embrace Our Earth**" Earth-Day event by conducting their annual food-drive competition. A total of 367 lbs. of non-perishable food was raised with another \$250 donated to the Caseville Food Pantry. North Huron High School won this year's competition by raising the most donated food, receiving the winner's banner and an ice-cream party for the school.

The annual "**Cardboard City**" project is designed to raise community awareness of the problem of homelessness in our county especially as it impacts

young people. YAC members gathered on the County Building lawn in November and spent the cold evening in cardboard boxes which they had built into shelters. The event raised funds which were

donated to the Huron County Homeless Coalition fund.

YAC also awarded grants which focus on benefits to youth. Recipients included Great Start Collaborative of HISD (\$500) for the project, "**Family Fitness Fun!**"; Huron County Rural Schools (\$379) for the project, "**Pennies for the Rural Schools**"; Huron Intermediate School District's Huron Learning Center (\$750) for the project, "**Traveling Book Tote Project**"; and the Pigeon District Library (\$300) for the project, "**E-Books for Youth**". It is estimated that these projects will collectively serve approximately 9,800 children, teenagers, and families across the county.



YAC Team 2012: First row, from left: Rodney Terwilliger, Advisor, Allison Sump, Alyssa Kociba, Kayla Montreuil, Laci Prich, Abby Fischer, Becky Rutkowski, Trudy Wiley, Lexi Duda, Kady Ostentoski, Marissa Hagen, Steven Weiss. Second row, from left: Adam Riftenbark, Mitchell Kennedy, Jason Rutkowski, Jacob Fulton, Hannah Messing, Katie Franz, Whitnee Schadd, Rachel Mroz, Mike Strozski, Nate Iden, Allison Sadro. Third row, from left: Rachel Breault, James Knarian, Ben Braden, Ethan Patterson, Aaron Christy, Tyler Labor, Nick Krotchen, Erica Mroz, Ben Good, Cody Deer, Eric Koglin, Adam Kuchanzyk, Liam Whipple, Kayla Deering, Jacob Engelhardt. Not shown: Ben Sobczak, Page Shively, Katie Alexander, Matthew Kosinski, Mike Mandich, Daniel Rutkowski, Faith Baslock.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Charlotte Talaski with the first-ever recipient of her family fund, Bradley Siemen.



Jamie Roggenbuck receives the Esther E. Lincoln award from Karl Kraus.

A MESSAGE FROM THE

Executive Director...

This has been another good year. The foundation's scholarships and grants have made a positive impact, and year end fund values are approaching the \$3 million mark. I would like to thank this community for its generous support and the foundation's Board of Trustees, committee members, and staff. Together you have helped the foundation continue ...for good for ever.

— KARL KRAUS

The Huron County Community Foundation awarded educational scholarships totaling \$29,550 during its past scholarship round.

The Huron County Community Foundation scholarships are dedicated to helping Huron County high school graduates achieve an advanced education. The generosity of scholarship donors shows their commitment to the young people of Huron County.

The **Kenneth W. Laughlin Accounting Scholarship** was awarded to Eric Bischer and Travis Volmering in the amount of \$500.00 each.

The **Scheurer and B.G. Kamlapurker Medical School Scholarship** in the amount of \$1000 went to Dorothea Guilfoyle.

The **Judge Neil R. MacCallum Memorial Scholarships** in the amount of \$750 each were awarded to Holly Bucholz of the Harbor Beach School District and Emily Sisco of the Bad Axe School District.

Chris Tighe of the Caseville School District received an \$800 award from the **Steven Kuzak Memorial Golf Scholarship**.

The **Jason Kiehl Memorial Scholarship Fund** for Huron Area Technical Center students were granted to Scott Maschke of the Bad Axe School District, Haley Moore of the North Huron School District, and Cody Pfaff of the Harbor Beach School District. Each received \$1000.

Joshua Kubacki of the Ubly School District and Sarah Reimann of the Harbor Beach School District each received an award of \$500 from the **Maurer/Yageman Bowling Scholarship Fund**.

The **Charles and Roseline Gliniecki Scholarship** in the amount of \$1000 was awarded to Linda Stirrett of Bad Axe.

Other scholarship recipients by school district are:

BAD AXE: Heather Smith, the **Linda Rowland Drama Scholarship**, \$1000; Rachel Bechler, the **Ervin Ignash Scholarship**, \$500; Brett Metzger and Spencer Kelly, the **Claude Marsh Scholarship**, \$1000 each; Ashley Glaza, the **Dr. Edward Steinhardt Family Science Scholarship**, \$4,500; and Emily Sisco, the **Signature Bank Scholarship**, \$800.

CASEVILLE: Haley Buckey received the **Mary K. and Robert Quinn Memorial Scholarship**, \$500; and Jessica Strozski, the **Caseville Kiwanis Scholarship**, \$300.

HARBOR BEACH: Alicia Maurer was awarded the **Harbor Beach Rotary Clement M. Kubik Scholarship**, \$450; Rebeca Barclay, the **William Eick School Family Scholarship**, \$500; Devin Duda, the **Sgt. Aaron C. Elandt Memorial Scholarship**, \$500; Jamie Roggenbuck, the **Esther E. Lincoln Scholarship**, \$750; Rachael Burkhard, the **Marla Muter Scholarship Fund**, \$750; Jordan Booms, the **Clarence and Loraine Braun Scholarship**, \$300; Bradley Siemen, the new **Charlotte Talaski Family Scholarship**, \$400; and Cody Pfaff and Evan Blanchard, the **Gib Rooney Scholarship**, \$500 each.

NORTH HURON: Thomas J. Fischer III was awarded the **Robert and Verneta Thuemmel Memorial Scholarship**, \$1000.

PORT HOPE: the **Warren S. Eilber Family Scholarship** was awarded to Kristen Kowaleski, \$1000.

UBLY: Joshua White received the **Francis and Opal Hund Scholarship** for \$1,000. Darcy Lipsky and Mike Pichla were recipients of the **Betty Zulauf Academic Scholarship**. Each received \$1,000.

OWEN-GAGE: Lacie Prich was awarded the **Cooley Family Scholarship** in the amount of \$1000.

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2012 GRANT AWARDS

The Huron County Community Foundation has again this year supported the community in making its 2012 grant awards. Foundation grants are made to charitable organizations in the county to meet pressing community needs. Grant awards totaled \$12,286 and include the following:

- **\$5,000.00 was awarded to the Sacred Heart Church** from the Dr. Edward and Alice Steinhardt Sacred Heart Church Designated Fund.
- **\$3,375.00 was awarded to Huron Medical Center** for support of its program to provide automatic external defibrillators and training to local partnering churches.
- **\$2,000.00 was awarded to the Suicide Prevention Coalition** for suicide counseling training.
- **\$500.00 was awarded to the Huron Youth Center** for support of the Elkton Summer Youth Recreation program.
- **\$500.00 was awarded to the Zion Lutheran Church** towards the purchase of play area improvements for the Zion Lutheran Childcare playground.
- **\$911.00 was awarded to the Pigeon Historical Society** for support of various programs of the society.

Funding came from the Foundation's Trust Fund, the Charles and Judith Weeks Donor Advised Fund and several field of interest funds including Natural Resources, Health and Medical, Arts and Culture, Reading and Literacy, Recreational Resources, and the Huron Medical Center Medical Health Field of Interest Fund.



Huron Medical Center staff joins with four county churches to place AED units (Automated External Defibrillators) and train volunteers on their use.



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Great Cause? Here's How To Apply!

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YAC and the Huron County Community Foundation each offer grant rounds during the year. An announcement is posted to the website, www.huroncountycmmunityfoundation.org, whenever applications are being accepted. You may also register at the website to receive an email notification of pending grant rounds.

Youth Advisory Committee funding must benefit the youth of Huron County in some way. The YAC students typically make awards two times per school year.

The Huron County Community Foundation accepts applications for a wide field of interests, from education, arts & culture, and health to recreation resources, and natural area preservation.

Those with 501 (c) (3) status, or groups that fall under another organization with that classification, are considered for grant awards. Routine operating expenses, capital equipment, computer hardware or software, vehicles, endowment campaigns, expenses normally covered by municipal government, debt obligations are not grant fundable.


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You can have ongoing involvement in the use of your gift. You work with our program staff, identifying how to use dollars from the fund you establish to address the issues and needs you care about most. You make the recommendations; the board of trustees distributes the grant dollars.

- Charles and Judith Weeks Fund
- Lewie & Jannette Knoblock Fund
- Robert Thuemmel & Matthew Keillor Fund
- Northstar Fund

Designated Funds

Direct your gift specifically to YOUR church, YOUR school, YOUR charity.

- Administrative Endowment Fund of the Foundation
- Cornerstone Club Fund for Foundation operations
- Dr. Edward & Alice Steinhardt Sacred Heart Church Fund
- Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker Schools Fine Arts/Academic Fund
- **NEW** Harbor Beach Hospital Foundation Fund
- Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society Fund
- Harbor Beach Pirates Endowment Fund
- Health & Recreation Center of Huron County
- Huron County Homeless Coalition Endowment Fund
- Huron County Nature Center Fund
- Huron County Safe Place Fund
- Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse Fund
- **NEW** The Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy Fund
- Ubly Bearcats Endowment Fund

Field of Interest Funds

You can target your gift to address needs in a specific area of community life. You identify your personal interest area when making your gift; the Board of Trustees awards grants to the community organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area you select.

- Amy Reinke Deer Safe Driving Fund
- Arts & Culture
- Education & Literacy
- Health & Medical
- Huron County Economic Development Fund
- Huron Medical Center Fund
- Natural Area Preservation
- Recreation Resources
- Youth – AC

Scholarship Funds

There are several scholarships under the fiscal management of the HCCF. Endowments continue to grow these funds, provide for student scholarships and give the donors some tax benefit.

- Annabelle Jenks Scranton Fund for Harbor Beach Schools
- Bad Axe Rotary Nora Dowde Fund
- Betty Zulauf Academic Fund
- B.G. Kamlapurker Fund & C.A. Scheurer Hospital Fund
- Caseville Kiwanis Fund
- Charlotte Talaski Family Fund
- Charles & Roseline Glienecki Memorial Fund
- Clarence & Loraine Braun Fund
- Claude Marsh Fund for Bad Axe Schools
- The Cooley Family Scholarship Fund
- Deer Acres Fund for Harbor Beach Schools
- Dr. Edward Steinhardt Family Science Fund for Bad Axe Schools
- Eilber Memorial Fund
- Ervin R. Ignash Fund for Bad Axe Schools
- Esther E. Lincoln Fund for Harbor Beach Schools
- Francis & Opal Hund Fund
- Gib Rooney Family Fund
- Harbor Beach Rotary Clement Kubik Fund
- Huron E.M.S. Tuition Fund
- Jason Kiehl Memorial Fund
- Judge Neil R. MacCallum Memorial Funds
- Kenneth W. Laughlin Fund
- Linda Rowland Drama Fund
- Marla Muter Fund
- Mary K & Robert Quinn Memorial Fund
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- **NEW** Madeline M. Bauer Huron Area Technical Center Fund
- Maurer/Yageman Bowling Fund
- Paul F. Streussnig Sr. – Murphy's Bakery Fund
- Robert & Verneta Thuemmel Fund
- Sara Elizabeth Wood Fund
- Sgt. Aaron C. Elandt Memorial Fund
- Signature Bank Scholarship Fund
- Steven Kuzak Memorial Golf Fund
- William R. Eick School Family Fund

Unrestricted Funds

Your gift can address ever-changing community needs – including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. By placing your gift in the Huron County Community Trust Fund, the Board of Trustees has the flexibility to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

Ways To Give

The Huron County Community Foundation has a variety of giving methods tailored to each unique situation. We look forward to working with donors and their philanthropic interests.

Outright Gift

You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate or other assets to the foundation. Your charitable gift qualifies for tax advantages under federal and Michigan law.

Bequest by Will

You can designate a gift or portion of your estate to your community foundation and, in some cases, receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes.

Charitable Lead Trust

You can place cash or property into a trust that pays a fixed amount to the foundation for the number of years you select. Once this period ends, the assets held by the trust are transferred to the beneficiaries you name. In some cases, you receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes.

NEW FUNDS

The Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy Fund

Last summer, the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy created a designated fund with the Foundation.

The Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy helps maintain the quality of life in the Saginaw Bay Watershed through the preservation of important wetlands, waterways and natural areas for the public benefit. The Conservancy is a non-profit charitable organization working in the Saginaw Basin. To date, the Conservancy has protected more than 5800 acres.

One of the properties preserved by the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy is the Sand Point Nature Preserve located in Caseville Township, which is an important ecological area on Wild Fowl Bay. Approximately half of the preserve is wetlands, attracting wildlife which includes bald eagles and rare marsh wrens. The Conservancy acquired the land in 2008 and recently expanded it from 139 acres to nearly 180. Trails throughout the property provide opportunities for non-motorized recreation.



Madeline M. Bauer Scholarship Funds

The estate of Madeline M. Bauer has established two scholarship funds with the foundation to honor her memory and commitment to this community.

Madeline was born in Sanilac County. She moved to the Ugly area early in her life. She worked for the REA which is now known as the Thumb Electric Cooperative and became a very active member in her community. She was a lifelong member and officer of the Ugly Library Board and was a very active member of her church, Our Savior Lutheran Church of Bad Axe. She lived close to the Ugly School and became committed to supporting the advanced education of its students. She was also aware of the many benefits the Huron Area Technical Center offers to students who attend that institution.

Madeline died at the age of 95 and established scholarships for students of the Ugly School District and the Huron Area Technical Center in her Last Will and Testament.

The Harbor Beach Community Hospital Foundation Fund

Last spring, the Harbor Beach Community Hospital Foundation created a designated fund with the Foundation.

The fund will provide a means for supporters of the Harbor Beach Hospital Foundation to help build an endowment, knowing that it is a permanent gift that supports all of the good work the hospital provides to the community. All money given to the fund will remain there permanently, with only the interest being returned to the hospital for its use.

Robert Swartz, chairman of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital Foundation, said, "This is another step in the development of our foundation in serving the health needs of Harbor Beach and the surrounding communities."



Celebrating the establishment of this fund, from left: Karl Kraus, Warren Ramsey, Ed Gamache, Lowell McDonald, and Bob Swartz.

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