



Crib Lighthouse Renovation

The Cheboygan County Community Foundation (CCCF), the City of Cheboygan and the Cheboygan Downtown Development Authority (DDA) are partnering to renovate the Crib Lighthouse.

The Crib Lighthouse is an inactive lighthouse which sits at the mouth of the Cheboygan River at Lake Huron. The lighthouse was an active lighthouse stationed in the Straits of Mackinac for over 100 years. When it was decommissioned and replaced, the United States Coast Guard gave the lighthouse to the City of Cheboygan. The lighthouse now sits at the mouth of the Cheboygan River at Lake Huron in Gordon Turner Park (City Beach). The lighthouse has become the placemaking symbol and logo of the City of Cheboygan.

Because the lighthouse sits at the gateway to the Inland Waterway and is in need of significant improvements, the City made it a priority to renovate the lighthouse and aesthetically improve the gateway to the Inland Waterway.

The CCCF was looking for a signature project to help fund and after meeting with city officials this project was ideal for the CCCF board. The Foundation has retained the services of the architect firm Sanders & Czapski Associates of Marquette, Michigan to do planning, design and cost estimates for the project. There will be multiple fund-raising programs and opportunities to support this project over the next year. If you have questions or input for this project, please contact CCCF board trustee Tom Eustice at 231-818-9438 or portofcheboygan@gmail.com.



Introducing New Members of the CCCF Board



Dawn Bodnar is a well-known asset to the County as an active member in various organizations.

Dawn serves as Vice Chair for the Tuscarora Twp DDA, Chair for the Friends of Inland Lakes Schools, Chair of the Christmas In Indian River committee, is a Director on the North Central Michigan College Foundation Board, and is a Director on the Blue Ox Chapter of Credit Unions Executive Committee. She is the past Vice President of the Topinabee Development Association and was Director for McLaren Northern Michigan Hospice and Homecare Foundation until it was dissolved last year. Dawn was also involved with the Great Up North Alliance, the CEDC and the Cheboygan County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Dawn once served as the Executive Director of the Indian River Chamber of Commerce. She joined the Awaken Credit Union team in 2014 and is currently serves as their Vice President of Marketing and Community Development.

Dawn loves living on Mullett Lake and has family ties to Cheboygan, dating back to the 1880s. She has two daughters and four grandchildren. She enjoys volunteering, boating, travel and spending time with family and friends. "I'm excited to be a part of the Cheboygan County Community Foundation," said Dawn. "My hope is to help Cheboygan County become a place where my grandkids can sustain and enjoy a full life with many opportunities for prosperity."



Michele Andrews is an active member of the community with a wealth of talent and experience.

Majoring in Journalism, with a concentration in Public Relations and Communication, Michele earned her undergraduate degree from Central Michigan University and a Master of Arts in Organizational Management from Spring Arbor University.

Working for North Central Michigan College since 1998, Michele serves as Dean of Business, Education and Adjunct Faculty at NCMC. She is also an adjunct faculty member as an instructor in the subjects of Communication, Public Speaking, Customer Service and Employability Skills.

Michele's contributions to Northern Michigan communities are impressive. Currently an active member of the Zonta Club of Petoskey, Michele has previously been involved in a number of organizations including Rotary, the Cheboygan Economic Development Group, Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Past Vice President, Straits Area Services Board, Gaylord Chamber Ambassador, and American University Women.

Michele and her husband Bob own several businesses in Cheboygan. The couple, married 24 years, enjoy traveling, boating and living in Cheboygan. "I'm honored and thrilled to be a part of the Community Foundation," Andrews stated. "Helping Cheboygan County grow in economic development is essential!"



Dwayne LaPointe is sure to be a positive contributor with his professional background and experience in other communities.

Dwayne received his Bachelor of Science from Michigan State University and worked for Stryker Corporation for seven years before becoming a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones. He recently opened his office in Cheboygan. "As a 14-year client of Edward Jones, I had the distinct pleasure to experience the power of the company's philosophy. I felt a calling to help others experience the success I had," said Dwayne.

Raised in Traverse City, Dwayne and his wife Tamara (Ginop) were eager to move back to Cheboygan to raise their three high school aged children Edward, Robert and Hayden. Dwayne said, "Tamara was born and raised here and we wanted our children to grow up in the lifestyle that Northern Michigan provides, as well as being closer to family."

Helping Cheboygan County grow and continue to improve the area is a goal of Dwayne's and he is looking forward to working on the Foundation Board.

2023 Grants Given To Date



Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce

- **Ronon's Place:** \$2,500 to help purchase office supplies. Ronon's Place Mission: Ronon's Place is a non-profit in Indian River, Michigan, that aims to provide compassionate care to those struggling with depression, anxiety, suicide, domestic abuse, PTSD, and other mental health conditions.
- **Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce:** \$2,500 to support 2 for 1 Mac Cash. Mackinaw City Chamber's Mission: To promote regional commerce and vitality and to serve as a voice for the collective business community.

Upcoming Grant Recipients

- **Cheboygan Little League:** \$2,500 to fund bathroom restoration that will support tournaments being held at Major City Park.
- **Cheboygan Sports Boosters:** \$5,000 for Bleacher Project to install new bleachers that are ADA accessible that will allow for sports tournaments and events to be held at Cheboygan Area High School.



"Seasons in Time" by Krista Allerding



Ronon's Place

Cheboygan County Community Foundation is proud to have provided the first matching fund grant of \$2,500 to the Cheboygan Area Arts Council to kick off the creation of *Seasons in Time*, a 100-foot mural in downtown Cheboygan. This ArtVision Cheboygan project is complete and now a new public art landmark to be enjoyed by residents and visitors to our area. The painting depicts the four seasons with individuals and families enjoying the great outdoors.

Art Vision Cheboygan is a dedicated group of local volunteers who are working to add vibrancy and interest by bringing public art to the surrounding area. All their efforts are to help promote economic growth by enhancing the downtown area.

The mural project was made possible through fundraising efforts of local businesses, the City of Cheboygan and Main Street/DDA, individuals and grant funding, including that made by this foundation.



We are the first ever locally based foundation with the single focus of improving the economic quality of life throughout Cheboygan County. Please join with us and your friends and acquaintances in making Cheboygan County a better place to live, work and play.

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Join The Admiralty Society to Become a Founding Member!

Donate \$500.00 or more and join a distinguished list of community leaders by becoming a founding member of the Cheboygan County Community Foundation Royalty.

Member benefits include an invitation to the CCCF Annual Meeting, recognition on website, donor events, in community announcements and other CCCF communications.

2023 Admiralty Society Honor Roll Members:

Bob & Michele Andrews	Phillip & Mary Welch
Tom & Mary O'Hare	David & Patricia Hubbard

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Wheeler Chevrolet-Buick	Patricia Gildner
William K. Van Allen, Jr.	James B. & Barbara Darnell