



## Newsletter

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### ***Charlevoix Courier Treasures***

"Unto us a child is born, eight feet long and two feet wide." In Charlevoix? That's exactly how the *Courier* reported it on January 6, 1909, at least in another context. This and many other eye-catching items and articles gleaned from our local paper have been discovered by both the Historical Society and the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library during research investigations in the library's microfilm collection and preserved copies of the paper itself. Join us as Friend member and Society Board member Kay Heise hosts an illustrated program on a half century of priceless *Courier* nuggets, read by a group of Kay's friends. Find out why the fire chief's wife shot him, how the automobile was corrupting our young women (but not our young men), where the pickle factory was located, who formed the Bridge Watchers Society during the construction of our current channel bridge, and where our residents turned out to look for enemy aircraft during World War II. (Over Charlevoix?)

**When: Tuesday, June 4  
@ 7:00 pm**

**Where: The Depot**

Light refreshments will be served. No admission charge, but donations in support of the Society appreciated.

## MUSEUM HOURS

The Harsha House Museum will be open through Saturday, June 29 Tuesday — Saturday, 1-4 pm. As always, the side office door facing the bank is open those days from 11 am to 1 pm for anyone who needs to conduct Society business, wishes to see an exhibit, do research, or make a store purchase during off hours.

## WELCOME TO SALLY WEAVER

The Society would like to welcome Sally Weaver as the museum's new co-director, replacing Steve Goslee. Always a lover of history, after retiring from a full career of teaching Special Ed for 25 years, Sally returned to college and earned a Masters Degree in Historic Preservation from EMU with the goal of working in a museum. She recently inventoried the entire artifact collection of the Elk Rapids Historical Society, founded a new history group in Acme and served as its first president, and has extensive experience with Michigan lighthouse preservation. Sally has developed educational curriculums, given programs, and led bus tours on lighthouse and area history. She also has a landscape degree from MSU.

With this background, we feel Sally will be able to make a sizable contribution to the Society. Come down and meet her!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

I really enjoy this time of year and seeing the many members and friends who have been away for the winter returning to Charlevoix. This means the season is upon us now! We have several entertaining programs and events in store for you, including the Sunset Cruise on the Keweenaw Star on August 29. You can keep up with our schedule of events on our website.

We also have a project about to get underway at the museum, which is funded by a recently awarded grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, along with the Garden Club. Where the red oak came down by the back double doors, we will now be able to construct a wide, barrier-free ADA-compliant entrance ramp. In conjunction with this, the Garden Club will be renovating the gardens on the south side of the Harsha House. We are very grateful to both of these organizations for their support.

Speaking of the oak tree, I want to thank Jim Morgridge of TurfWorks who was gracious enough to cut several of the large pieces into usable firewood. This wood is now "curing" and is available for sale. If you are interested, please stop by the Harsha House and inquire. We are still hopeful that some of the even larger pieces will be converted into tabletops or other useful keepsakes. More on this as it progresses . . . . .

Denise Fate

The Society welcomes new members: *Mark Hosmer, Gary Moore, Megan Richards*

The Society welcomes new Patron: *Kitchens North Inc.*

Donation (unrestricted) received in April from: *Ronald Zimmerman*