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COMMUNITY TIES OCTOBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH
Honoring Outstanding Community Members

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Michael Curths, owner of Traverse City's InsideOut Gallery has been named the October Community Ties Member of the Month. Community Ties is excited to honor Mr. Curths for his wonderful small business and serving as an inspiration to the community. He was nominated by Community Organizer Ashleigh Curtis who said, "I love the business....It is a really fun place to be!" To find out more about what Michael Curths does, please visit <http://communityties.us/traverse>.

Each month, Community Ties will be announcing the Community Ties member of the month. These are individuals who are nominated by others in the community as exceptional community members. To nominate someone as Member of the Month, please visit <http://communityties.us/traverse>.

About Community Ties to Entrepreneurship

Community Ties is a multi-year program that aims to forge new social ties among youth and local entrepreneurs through online social networking and community development activities. This project is supported by the National Research Initiative of the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, USDA, Grant # 2008-55401-04592 and Kellogg Foundation grants. The project director is Dr. Robert LaRose of MSU's Department of Telecommunication, Information Studies, and Media. Dr. LaRose defines the project this way, "We hope to energize youth and local entrepreneurs to carve out new economic opportunities together in a changing economy and to show local youth that there is a future role for them in their home community." For more information please call Wanda Repke at (231) 995-7085, email repke@msu.edu or visit the Community Ties Website at <http://communityties.us/>

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