

'Switchback' stops in Benzonia for benefit concert

BENZONIA - The Mills Community House presents a special holiday benefit concert by the international-touring band Switchback on Wednesday, December 28 at 7:30 p.m. The concert supports the Mills House ongoing efforts to operate and maintain the historic building as a community venue.

Featuring Chicago musicians Martin McCormack, Brian FitzGerald, and Nick Hirka, Switchback plays over 200 engagements each year, many in support of historical performance venues. Their concert will include country and Celtic music, some 1930s and '40s jazz, a mix of holiday favorites, and a selection of songs from Switchback's catalog of over 300 original songs and 12 award-winning albums.

Advance tickets are available and can be purchased at Bayview Grill in Frankfort or the Benzie County Chamber of Commerce. Tickets at the door will also be available, with doors opening at 7 p.m.

For more information, call (231)882-0591 or email mills-house01@att.net.



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Michigan Center for Rural Health honors Paul Oliver

FRANKFORT - Efforts to promote patient safety and enhance care resulted in recognition for Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital from the Michigan Center for Rural Health.

The hospital was recognized for excellence in Emergency Department transfer performance and quality improvement in outpatient clinical performance.

The Michigan Center for Rural Health has issued awards for the past three years as a means to honor hospitals for embracing evidence-based medicine to advance systems and processes and improve the quality and safety of health care delivered to patients.

Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital Chief Operating Officer

Peter Marinoff said the recognition by the center offers area residents a measurement for the health care provided at the hospital.

"We take great satisfaction in offering quality health care to the residents of Benzie County," Marinoff said. "This recognition is an endorsement of the efforts our providers and clinical staff put forth for our patients each and every day."

Michigan Center for Rural Health Executive Director John Barnas said the award of excellence for the hospital's Emergency Department transfers represented a score of 98-100 percent.

"This award was based on seven transfer measures," he

said. "We looked at their performance during the fourth quarter of 2010 and the first quarter of 2011."

The clinical outpatient recognition was scored based on seven outpatient clinical measures related to improving outpatient care for acute myocardial infarction – a heart attack – and chest pain.

The Michigan Center for Rural Health is a non-profit organization formed in 1991 as part of a nationwide, federal and state initiative to recognize the importance of rural health care and to create a mechanism for resources to flow to rural areas.

Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital is located at 224 Park Avenue in Frankfort.



HONORED: Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital Chief Operating Officer Peter Marinoff, center, receives the hospital's award from officials.



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