

Meeting in Pickford To Cover Milk Production Costs, Farmers' Market

A Tuesday, February 20, informational meeting in Pickford will help answer questions about milk production, and open discussion about farmers' markets.

The meeting will be at 11 a.m., at the Sundown Lounge on M-129 in Pickford, and will feature Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) speakers Warren Schauer and Jim Lucas.

Mr. Schauer is a farm management educator and will discuss the cost of production on the dairy farm. He will discuss how to develop a sound, working knowledge of a farm's cost of producing one hundred pounds of milk, and how to develop good marketing, risk management, and a profit program.

He will use actual financial data from Upper Peninsula dairy farms that has been collected over the years. He will also discuss

income and cost factors characteristic of the Upper Peninsula dairy industry.

He will demonstrate a cost of production worksheet that farmers can use to help determine their own production costs.

Mr. Lucas is an educator and the director of MSU Extension in Chippewa County. He has worked with many local farmers to coordinate the Sault Ste. Marie Farmers Market, which sells produce and other goods weekly in the summer and fall production months.

The meeting is free and open to anyone from the public with an interest. Participants will buy their own lunch.

Additional information about the meeting or speakers can be obtained by calling MSUE of Chippewa County at (906) 635-6368.

Chippewa Co. Flu Case Confirmed

Chippewa County confirmed its first case of influenza Friday, January 26, and officials are encouraging the public to get vaccinated. The Chippewa County Health Department has vaccine available, which is free for children six months to 18 years old. Adults pay \$10.

Influenza is a respiratory illness with symptoms including high fever, coughing, and intense muscle aches. It normally lasts three to four days but can last longer. Influenza can have deadly consequences for

the elderly, chronically ill, children, and others who have weakened immune systems. Health Department workers encourage the public to cover their mouths and noses when coughing, and to wash hands frequently.

The influenza case in Chippewa County was confirmed by a test at War Memorial Hospital. Health workers sent the specimen to a state laboratory for further sub-typing.

To make a vaccination appointment at the Chippewa County Health Center, call (906) 635-2572.

Ailing Man Rescued by Biscayne Bay

The St. Ignace based U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Biscayne Bay* transported a 67-year-old man with chest pains from the Beaver Island Rural Health Center Saturday morning, January 27. Emergency medical technicians from the clinic treated the man aboard the 140-foot cutter.

The ship transferred the man to awaiting East Jordan Emergency

Medical Services on shore in Charlevoix.

The Coast Guard helicopter from Air Station Traverse City was en route to conduct the medical evacuation Friday evening when it was forced to return to base owing to freezing rain. The *Biscayne Bay* was called in to assist from breaking ice at Rock Island Pass.

Snowmobiler Dies in Chippewa County

A snowmobile operator died in an accident Saturday, February 3, on Trail 47, approximately one mile west of Strongs Road in Chippewa Township.

Evidence at the scene suggests the snowmobile operator was traveling westbound and left the trail

and was thrown from the sled into a tree.

The identity of the operator has been withheld until the family has been notified. Investigators have not determined whether alcohol consumption played a role in the accident.

Applications Are Due April 1 for Les Cheneaux Festival of Arts

The Les Cheneaux Historical Association is now accepting applications for its annual Festival of Arts, held in conjunction with the 30th Annual Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show in August.

This year's show will be Saturday, August 11, and the 32nd Annual Festival of Arts will be offered from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., overlooking Hessel Marina.

Applications to participate in the art show must be made by Sunday, April 1; space at the show is limited. The show has about 70 spaces, which fill quickly, since the Boat Show and Festival of Arts typically draw 8,000 to 10,000 spectators. Artists selected to participate in the show will pay \$65 for a space.

Artists must generate original work, and will be required to provide three images of their work, as well as an image showing how the artist's booth will look once erect-

ed. All four images must be submitted on slides, because a jury considers the images together and views them on a screen before selecting artists for each year's show.

Set-up for the show will begin at 7 a.m., and 10-foot by 10-foot spaces will be assigned to each artist in the show.

Artists must bring their own

Shirts Donated to Firefighters



Delbert Bunker, owner of Tips Shirts in Star Line's Treasure Island complex in St. Ignace, donated 32 denim long-sleeve shirts to firefighters on Mackinac Island. Jerry Drown (right), a Tips Shirts employee, presents one of the shirts to Mackinac Island Fire Department representative Armand "Smi" Horn. Each shirt has the fire department's logo embroidered on the front, with a flag patch on one of the sleeves.

Taxpayers Can Help County Children's Programs by Checking Tax Return Form

Mackinac County programs for children and parents will benefit when taxpayers check the box to make a donation to Children's Trust Fund on their 2006 income tax returns, said Deb White, Wraparound coordinator for Mackinac County. The income tax donation program supports projects that fight child abuse in the state.

Donations to the state's Children's Trust Fund (CTF) will directly benefit the Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable, which sponsors such local programs as the Project YES summer day camp for children whose parents work, the Robert H. Nitz Mentoring Program, parent/child events, and parent education presentations.

The income tax donation program provides funding to 71 local child abuse and neglect councils, representing 81 counties.

Funds collected through voluntary donations on income tax returns each spring are sent to Lansing for equal distribution to

counties, Mrs. White said. While the money raised in Mackinac County is not returned dollar-for-dollar to the county, Mrs. White said, "this is actually an advantage for smaller counties like ours, as we are sharing equally in the money raised in much larger areas."

To donate a gift of \$5 or more of this year's tax refund to CTF, check the box on line 30 of the Michigan tax form, and fill in the desired donation amount. The gift can be deducted on next year's tax form.

The Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable is a county chapter of the statewide Children's Trust Fund, and has as its goal raising awareness and promoting prevention of child abuse. More information about Roundtable programs is available by calling 643-6122.

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