

Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club Hosts Dinner, Collects \$692 for Easter Seals

Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club raised \$692 in one night through a raffle at the club's annual meeting and holiday dinner Saturday, December 1.

During the meeting, Club President Lyle Sherlund updated the group on trail progress and efforts to reroute a trail over Nunn's Creek to the west, where a bridge is out, and a trail to the north in Pickford, where it previously wound through the downtown area.

Member John Griffin reminded everyone to report snowmobile trail grooming hours, because the Department of Natural Resources uses those hours to calculate how much the club will be reimbursed by the state. Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club grooms 108 miles of trails from DeTour to Pickford to just north of St. Ignace,

where the Straits Area Snowmobile Club picks up grooming duties.

Mr. Sherlund recognized the club's officers, including Vice President Stu Volkers, secretary Dee Dee Bickham, treasurer Jeri Griffin, grant writer Esther Engle, and directors Chuck Denoyer, Ollie House, and Tom Huff.

Snowmobile Club members collected several bags of non-perishable foods that will be split between the emergency food needs of people in Clark Township and DeTour.

Mr. Sherlund also reported a successful 40th anniversary celebration in October, with strong attendance and T-shirt sales.

Many of the women members of the club participate in the annual For Women Only Ride for Easter Seals in Grayling, and raise money



Members of the Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club who participate in the For Women Only Ride for Easter Seals include (from left) Jeri Griffin of Cedarville, Kay Houk of Rogers City, Mary Volkers of DeTour, Margo Vanderberg of Holland, Jean Sommers of Hessel, Carol Holland of Cedarville, Sharon Sherlund of Cedarville, Donna Stoetzer of DeTour, Claire Schultz of DeTour, and Dee Dee Bickham of Hessel.

throughout the year for the event.

February 8 through February 10, they will join nearly 200 women who collect pledges for the ride that benefits the Easter Seals

disability services charity. The group of mostly Michigan riders, including nearly a dozen women from the Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club, typically raises

about \$150,000 annually. Last year, in the 20th anniversary of the ride, the group of 177 riders raised \$202,000, said Jeri Griffin, one of the participants. The Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club consistently sends one of the largest groups of

women to the event each year.

Anyone who wants to participate in the event should contact a member of the Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club, or Renee Wyatt at (989) 753-4773, or send e-mail to rwyatt@essmichigan.org.

Students of the Month Named at Turner Howson Elementary



At left, Turner Howson Elementary School in Rudyard students of the month for September are (back, from left) James Mills, Sydnie Zeeryp, Ethan Miller, Rowan Warren, Marra Norris, Nick D'Autremont; (front) Elizabeth King, Genevieve McKerchie, Jerzie Belleville, Hayley Malaska, Larry LaPonsie, and Dakota Reisener. (Photograph courtesy of Turner Howson Elementary School)



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Scholarships Are Available From Legion Post 323

Two sets of \$500 American Legion Scholarships are available to any Michigan high school senior who is the direct descendent of a veteran. The Pickford American Legion Post 323 encourages any Pickford area student interested in the scholarship to check the list of area veterans at the Pickford Area Historical Museum to confirm a veteran in the family. Students can also get information and applications from their high school counselor.

January 20, 2008, is the deadline to apply for the William D. and Jewel Brewer and Guy M. Wilson scholarships. Fifteen Michigan students received scholarships through the programs last year.

The American Legion also offers opportunities to learn how Michigan government works. Post 323 of Pickford will sponsor one girl and one boy who qualify for a seven-day trip to Girls State or Boys State. Alicia Priehs of Pickford was selected to attend Girls State last summer, and Eric Kozma of Cedarville was selected to attend Boys State in 2007. George Hart of Pickford was selected in 2006. The cost of transportation will be paid by the American Legion.

Girls State will be offered June 15 through June 21 in Lansing. Boys State will be offered June 15 through June 21 at Northwood University in Midland. Both programs are for a teen who has completed junior year of high school.

Each program teaches the participant about the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of being an American citizen, as well as local, state, and national government. The state program will focus on Michigan government. Two girls and two boys will be chosen from each state program to participate in the national version of the program. Girls Nation and Boys Nation offers participants a week-long training on national government in Washington, D.C. Participants will meet the President and other legislators, and will practice running for political office and campaigning to pass laws.

Applications are available from school counselors.

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