

Community Foundation Moves to Cedarville School

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lowered by budget cuts in Lansing.

"More than likely," Mrs. Hill said, "it's not going to be an increase for us. We're on a downward trend from the previous three-years. It'll still be less funding than last year."

Student enrollment at Cedarville has declined about 25% over the past five years and state funding has declined with it. The district projects \$2,951,075 in total revenue this year, down almost \$300,000 from last year.

The rise in students over the projections this year is a combination of home-schooled students returning to public school for non-core classes, school-of-choice students, and new families who have moved to the area. Promotion by the district to attract students can be attributed to some of the increase in enrollment, Mrs. Hill said.

"I don't know that we really know where they're coming from. . . I would say some of them are school-of-choice students. We do have a couple that were home-schooled for a few years and came back," she said. "I think it's a little bit of everything. It doesn't take too many families of four kids to increase [total enrollment] 20 students."

Community Foundation To Use Elementary Office

Les Cheneaux Community Foundation will be moving into an office at Cedarville Elementary to accommodate its gradual expansion. The school board agreed to allow the organization to use the unused office for \$50 a month, which is the estimated electric bill for the office use.

The Foundation will hire a part-time staff person to work 10-hours

per week in the office, and will provide its own equipment and supplies.

"This is for right now," Superintendent Amy Scott said. "I wouldn't be surprised if in the summer it increased and they would request increased time, because that seems to be when there's a lot more interaction with their donors. I actually think this is a good thing for the district and a good thing for the Community Foundation."

The nonprofit philanthropic organization will use the district's telephone system for making local calls and a foundation cellular telephone for long-distance calls. The Community Foundation is currently using a smaller office in the Les Cheneaux Welcome Center on M-134.

Problems with Telephones

A letter went home with students

Tuesday, September 22, advising parents that the district is having problems with its telephone system, including phone outages and all the extensions in the building ringing for an incoming call.

Administrator cellular telephone numbers were provided in the letter for parents to get in contact with district officials if unable to reach anyone at the school on the normal telephone line. The district has been having telephone trouble all summer.

"Our phone system is not functioning properly," Mrs. Scott said. "At times there will be phone outages for an hour-and-a-half. It is giving us a lot of interruptions. When parents can't get ahold of their school, we have a problem. We're trying to work out the problem."

City's Fall Fest Approved; Hockey Team Contract Renewed

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Council member Don Gustafson expressed concern that paying for this extra employee may push the marina, which has been attempting to keep costs low to eliminate a budget deficit, in the wrong direction.

Mr. Elmer said the marina plans to charge all special events a \$300 charge, which should cover the expense of this gate employee, and cleaning the lot with a street sweeper and providing the events with a dumpster.

Council Member Tom Della Moretta said that if the problem is truly resolved, all seasonal boaters should be notified when and where parking will be available next year.

Mr. Elmer said a letter will go out to all this year's seasonal boaters with their 2010 contract renewal explaining the parking system for the upcoming year.

Communication has been the main problem, Council member Paul Fullerton said, and must be improved if the city expects to keep both marina customers and the special events that draw visitors into the city.

Mr. Dodson said the city will hold meetings with other special events organizers, including Antiques on the Bay, and will look for compromises at all of them to provide parking for marina guests during special events held at the marina parking lot.

Firehawks Contract Renewed

Council will rent one of Little Bear East's two locker rooms for \$500 this hockey season.

There were some concerns from council members about the possibility of behavioral problems, which resulted in damage to city property and complaints in the past, but Mr. Dodson said this was not a major concern.

"I think what you find is that when you have a director that is there all the time, there is less time for that to happen," he said.

The lease stretches from October 1 to March 31, 2010, and requires the hockey team to maintain the locker room and follow rules, including no drugs or alcohol, no tobacco, no graffiti, all arena rules must be followed, and all home games and practices must be at Little Bear East.

Council Approves Bayside Fall Fest

Crowds will gather in front of City Hall Saturday, October 3, to celebrate Bayside Fall Fest and take part in the annual pumpkin roll.

The yearly harvest-themed festival, which was formerly known as Autumn Apple Days, was approved as a special event by Council during its meeting. Council members also approved the use of public sidewalks and the closing of Gondreau Street between Ellsworth and North State Streets from 3-7 p.m.

Date Set for Budget Workshop

With a preliminary budget being presented to Council at its next regular meeting on October 5, Mr. Dodson asked members to pick a date between then and the end of the year to meet and examine the bud-

get line by line.

The process, which is done every year, is set for 6 p.m. Monday, November 30. City Council must pass its budget for the next year at its final meeting in December, as required by the city charter.

Merchberger Wins Salmon Derby



Mark Merchberger holds the 14.4-pound salmon he caught to win the Slammin' Salmon Derby in Hessel Saturday, August 29. Mr. Merchberger also caught the largest steelhead trout at 15.6 pounds. (Photograph courtesy of Pat Carr)

Mark Merchberger of Cedarville took the top prize Saturday, August 29, at the Slammin' Salmon Derby in Hessel with a 14.4-pound salmon that won him \$1,000. Mr. Merchberger also caught the largest steelhead trout, weighing in at 15.6 pounds, winning him an additional \$250. His boat, Reel Wild, also caught the five largest fish, based on total weight, winning his crew an additional \$500.

Ruby Ann skipper Gary Koben of Hessel netted the second largest salmon at 14.02 pounds, winning

him \$500, and Wet Spot skipper Terry Miller of Lansing took third with a 12.7-pound salmon, winning \$300.

Tom Frontjes of Grand Haven caught the only lake trout of the day, weighing 3.9 pounds, winning him \$500. Bob Schmid of Tempest caught the mystery weight salmon, winning \$150.

More than \$3,000 in prize money was awarded during the tournament. Derby organizer Pat Carr said 26 boats entered into the competition during windy and rainy weather.

The Arts Dockside Committee would like to thank the following for a great job in helping such a wonderful event take place:

The City of St. Ignace, Tim Matelski and the traffic control ladies, Janet and Eileen of the Chamber of Commerce, Kerry West and all the entertainers, Lary and Kathy Berryman, my gate keepers Donna Pope and Ben Goudreau, thank you for all your help, Carol Mitchell for the in-a-pinch help and Lloyd Marsh. Arts Dockside thanks everyone for all the time spent making sure everything ran smoothly, couldn't have done it without you all. A special thank you to Jeanette O'Rourke, as easy as it might have been this year, no retiring for you! As some of you might know, there are some BIG changes coming to Arts Dockside and hopefully we can find a compromising option to host this wonderful event again next year.

Jennifer Joseph

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Open House

The public is invited to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House

at the St. Ignace Transportation Facility,
located at 700 West US-2 in St. Ignace

Monday, September 28

Ribbon cutting at 2 p.m.

Open House will immediately follow until 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to see the city's newest transportation building, which will serve as a permanent intercity bus facility to handle the transfer of passengers from the Upper Peninsula.



Homemade Bread & Cinnamon Roll Sale

Saturday, September 26
9 a.m. until sold out!
At Glen's Market

Bread & Cinnamon Rolls will be Hot and Fresh and by Donation

Proceeds will go to the family of Artie Boucha for travel expenses to Ann Arbor for extensive ear surgeries and doctor visits.

Beaudoin Wins Hospital Raffle

Lucy Beaudoin won the Mackinac Straits Health System Foundation 50/50 raffle, taking home \$1,271. Her ticket was drawn during the Mackinac Bridge Walk Monday, September 7, from among 3,000 sold since mid-July. The raffle netted \$2,542, half of which went to Ms. Beaudoin, the other half supporting construction of the new hospital. Ms. Beaudoin is a housekeeper at the hospital. (Mackinac Straits Hospital photograph)



Local Flu Vaccines on the Way

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Swine flu and seasonal flu must be treated with separate vaccinations, said Brian Schoenborn, the health officer of the Luce-Mackinac-Alger-Schoolcraft (LMAS) District Health Department. Getting a swine flu vaccination will not protect against seasonal flu, and vice versa.

Coughing, sneezing, body aches, and fevers are the most common symptoms in both flu strains, although people may react to the sickness in different ways, he cautions.

Mr. Schoenborn urges everyone to get a swine flu vaccination when they are available, but notes that this illness has not proven to be more dangerous than the standard seasonal flu. The heavy focus by health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are mainly precautionary measures.

"It's nothing to be taken lightly, but it's not showing to be very dangerous," he said.

An unusual aspect of H1N1 is that it is more likely to infect people under the age of 64, according to CDC, apparently because about one-third of people more than 60 years old may have antibodies against the H1N1 virus.

Creating a vaccine takes time, Mr. Schoenborn said, as it is not simply a matter of isolating the virus and destroying it. In-depth clinical trials must be conducted to ensure that the vaccine will destroy the virus, but not attack it in such a way that will cause it to mutate. If vaccines are blindly made, he said, some people may feel better but pass on a stronger, mutated version to another person. The trials are the main reason why vaccines do not reach hospitals and health care providers in large quantities, he explained.

The vaccines will be administered according to a priority system. Pregnant women will be the first to receive the vaccine, as they are at the highest risk of developing complications from illnesses. Caregivers of children younger than six months will be second on the list, as they can pass the sickness on to the child. Healthcare and emergency medical service staff are next. Everyone six months to 24 years old will be fourth in line, while people 25 years and older will be the last.

The priority list is a federal mandate, Mr. Schoenborn said, and any vaccine provider will face serious punishments if it is not followed.

Prevalence in Mackinac County

No cases of Swine Flu have been reported in Mackinac County. Kathleen Lancour, a registered nurse in infection control at Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace, says no cases of swine flu have been seen at the hospital.

Two instances of H1N1 were reported in Chippewa County in May. Both individuals received treatment and made a full recovery. No other cases have been detected in Chippewa County since, said David Martin, health officer of Chippewa County Health Department.

At Sault Tribe Health Services, staff have seen an increase of flu-like symptoms, said Joel Lumsden, emergency preparedness manager, but no cases of H1N1.

Seasonal Flu Vaccine Coming Soon

Most seasonal flu vaccines will be available early October.

Sault Tribe Health Services will offer flu shots at the Mackinac Island Medical Center Thursday, October 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and other federally recognized tribal members can receive the vaccine free, while spouses and employees will be charged \$10.

A flu shot drive-through clinic will beat the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Airport Tuesday, October 6, from noon to 6 p.m. People can receive a seasonal flu shot without leaving their cars. Flu clinics will be held at the same time at the Bay Mills Horizons Center in Brimley, and the Lake Superior State University (LSSU) Norris Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Interested people should bring their Medicare card, employer voucher, tribal card, or LSSU student or employee identification card. Immunizations will cost \$20 for most adults, \$10 for LSSU students and employees, \$15 at the Bay Mills site, and are free to tribal members.

Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace will offer seasonal flu shots Tuesday, October 6, Wednesday, October 7, and Wednesday, October 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment. Laura Anderson, rural health clinic director at the hospital, expects to treat 800 people during that time. More dates will be added as necessary, she said. Vaccines will cost \$25 per person.

Administering the seasonal flu vaccine in early October is a change from last year, Mr. Martin said. It was originally believed that a flu shot received in September would be effective until the next winter. The CDC has advised all vaccine providers to begin as soon as they receive them for this year, he said.

Swine flu vaccine, when it arrives, will be administered according to the priority system.

Flu Prevention

Several measures can be taken to prevent contracting the flu. Hands should be thoroughly washed with hot water or hand sanitizers regularly. Avoid touching eyes and mouth, and cough into the crook of the elbow as necessary. If flu-like symptoms develop, stay home and avoid contact with people to prevent infecting others. It is also necessary to stay home for 24 hours after the fever has passed. Drink plenty of water and rest if you become sick.

Disposable items used by sick people should be thrown away. Wipe surfaces with disinfectants that are effective against Type A flu, information that can be found on the label. Utensils used by a sick person can be washed with other items, but should not be used until they have been cleaned.

Mackinac Straits Health System

Flu Shot Clinic

Tuesday, October 6

Wednesday, October 7

Wednesday, October 21

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Primary Care

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