

Swine Flu Vaccinations Begin

You have probably heard a good deal about swine flu and swine flu vaccine. You may know, for example, that swine flu caused an outbreak of several hundred cases at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, early in 1976—and that before then swine flu had not caused outbreaks among people since the 1920's.

With the vast majority of

Americans being susceptible to swine flu, it is possible that there could be an epidemic this winter. No one can say for sure. However, if an epidemic were to break out, millions of people could get sick. Therefore, a special swine flu vaccine has been prepared and tested which should protect most people who receive it.

Swine flu vaccinations began in Yancey County this week with the delivery of 1200 doses of the vaccine, distributed among the doctors and Health Department from a shipment that arrived last Thursday. People began lining up for their injections on a first-come, first-served basis on Tuesday morning at the Health Department on Mitch-

ell Branch. The next shipments of the swine flu vaccine should come in November and December, but there is no way of knowing, at present, if amounts received will keep up with the demand.

Right now, only persons 18 years old and above are given the vaccine. Among these people, the ones who are healthy will receive the

"Monovalent" type; those who have chronic medical problems such as heart disease, bronchopulmonary disease such as asthma, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis, those with chronic renal failure and those with diabetes mellitus and other chronic metabolic disorders will receive the "Bivalent" type of vaccine.

Bivalent vaccine is also recommended for older persons, particularly those over 65 years.

One shot will protect most people from swine flu during the next flu season; however, either a second shot or a different dosage may be required for persons under age 25. Children aged 17 or

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RN Polly Taylor Gives Flu Shot

Applications For Seedlings Available

Bacchus Hensley, Yancey County Forest Ranger, advises that forest tree seedling applications are now available. Several different species can be ordered with White Pine being best suited for Yancey County.

Tree seedling applications will be available at the Yancey County Extension Office, the ASCS Office, and Soil Con-

servation Service Office in the Courthouse in Burnsville.

Landowners who are interested in ordering trees and need additional information should contact Yancey County Forest Ranger Bacchus Hensley. Ranger Hensley can be contacted by phone at 682-2133 during the day or 682-6346 at night.

Democrat Dinner, Rally Scheduled

There will be a county-wide Democratic fund-raising dinner and rally at Mountain Heritage High School on Saturday, October 23.

A fine musical program is planned for 4 to 5 o'clock p.m. followed by a good meal from 5 to 7 o'clock p.m. A short speaking program will follow; Rufus Edmiston is expected to come by.

This is the final dinner of a series in the various precincts and the last fund-raising event before the November election. All Democrats should come to share the food and good time.

Tickets are \$5 each, and all precinct chairmen and vice-chairmen have them. They will also be available at Democratic Headquarters and

at the door.

A limited number of tickets, already paid for, are available from the Chairman, Mack Ray, for those long on enthusiasm but short on funds.

If you need transportation, call your precinct chairman.

Spaghetti Supper Set

There will be a spaghetti supper at East Yancey Middle School on Saturday night to benefit the Panthers' football program. Tickets may be purchased for \$2.50 from any East Yancey player or at East Yancey, Micaville, and South Toe Schools, or at the door on Saturday night. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

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Local Woman's Club Is Co-Host

The North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, District II, held its annual Fall Meeting at the Chalet Lodge in Little Switzerland on October 2. Hostess clubs were the Burnsville Woman's Club and Spruce Pine Woman's and Junior Woman's Clubs. Approximately 100 women attended the meeting. Pictured are state and district officers at the front

table during the luncheon.

The Burnsville Woman's Club will hold the October 14 meeting at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Yancey County Library. All members are urged to attend as this will be an important business meeting. Photo by Brian Westveer



Educators Meet At Open House

Looking toward a bright future for education in Yancey County, educators are pictured during the open house at the new Mountain Heritage High School last Sunday. Left to right are Mountain Heritage Principal, Cara Cox; Yancey County

School Superintendent, Ed Hunter; State School Superintendent, Dr. A. Craig Phillips; and member of the State Board of Education, John Reynolds. Photo by Brian Westveer

Mayland Technical Institute Receives Funds For Special Training Classes

Mayland Technical Institute located in Spruce Pine has been awarded \$97,568.00 in Federal Funds through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) to provide specialized occupational training to eligible residents of Mitchell, Avery and Yancey Counties. Approximately \$66,000 of the funds will be used to provide a Class Size Training Programs in the areas of Ornamental Horticulture in Avery County, Small Engine Repair in Yancey County, and Nurses Assistant Training in Mitchell County. Approximately \$31,000 will be used for Individual Referral whereby eligible individuals will be

offered the opportunity of pursuing a one-year Diploma program at the Institute in auto or diesel mechanics, cosmetology, practical nurse training, or electrical/electronics installation. The awards were made by the Region D Council of Governments on behalf of the North Carolina Office of Employment and Training.

Class Size Training Programs in Small Engine Repair for Yancey County residents, and in Nurses Assistant Training for Mitchell County residents will begin in November. Ornamental Horticulture Training for Avery County residents will begin in January at a date to be

announced.

Enrollment for Class Size Training will be limited to 15 per class, selected according to Federal and local CETA guidelines. Applications for enrollment in Small Engine Repair and Nurses Assistant Training will be taken on the

second floor of the Institute's Classroom building (Old Presbyterian Church in Spruce Pine) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 18, 19, and 20th.

Trainee eligibles and selection will be determined by October 22.

Mallonee Visit Slated

Tom L. Mallonee, 11th Congressional District Assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor, is now making scheduled visits to the county seats and other sections of the counties.

On Thursday, October 14, he will be at the Yancey

County Courthouse in Burnsville from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and at the Town Hall, Spruce Pine, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Any person who has plans or official business pertaining to congressional matters is invited to meet with Mr. Mallonee at the above-specified times.

Bills Approved By Congress

U.S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor on Friday, the final legislative day of the 94th Congress and his last day on the House Floor, secured final approval of three legislative measures dealing with recreation in Western North Carolina.

Taylor said the first bill provided for a study of a proposed Mt. Mitchell National Park in North Carolina which would take in the Black Mountain Range of North

Carolina, including Mt. Mitchell State Park and the nearby federally-owned lands adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway, including the Craggy Mountains; the second would list recreation on lakes as one of the objectives of the TVA; and the third provided for a study of a proposed Daniel Boone Scenic Trail leading from Lexington, North Carolina along the general route taken by Boone

into Kentucky.

"It is hoped that the TVA bill will increase the emphasis on TVA lake and recreation and will cause more consideration to be given to recreational needs and demands as decisions are made concerning lake draw downs during summer months", Taylor stated.

The 11th District Congressman said, "I was extremely busy on the House Floor Friday and Friday night

as action was being taken to iron out differences between House and Senate versions of many bills dealing with national parks and recreation. Some of them were omnibus bills containing several similar projects. On nine occasions I presented requests on the House Floor to either agree to a Senate amendment or to disagree or to accept the Senate amendment with an additional House amendment."



Photo by Brian Westveer

Candidate Lineup At GOP Dinner

Republican candidates for office, both local and on the state level, pose after the GOP Dinner last Saturday night, October 9. Pictured left to right are Walter Edwards, Ted Smith, Ed

Krause, James McKinney, Kenneth H. Roberson, Dave Flaberty's son, and Robert Rhinehart.