To:  Local Newspaper Editors

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RE:   Hearing and Vision Screenings for Home Schooled Children

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Hearing and Vision Screening for Home Schooled Children

The Central Michigan District Health Department regularly offers hearing and vision screenings to children in its jurisdiction during the school year. Typically preschoolers are screened in day care, Head Start, or during kindergarten round ups. Kindergartners, 2nd, and 4th graders receive a hearing screening and 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th graders are screened for vision problems during the school year, typically at the school they attend.

All children who are being home schooled are also eligible for these hearing and vision screening services at no cost to the parent. Any family with home schooled children can call the Central Michigan District Health Department branch office in their county and ask to speak with the hearing and vision technician to make an appointment. You can also make appointments in the summer months when the technicians are often more readily available. If a child who is screened does not pass the screening test, a referral for additional medical evaluation will be given to the parent. Please call your local branch office at the following number:

Arenac:  (989) 846-6541         Isabella:  (989) 773-5921
Clare:  (989) 539-6731          Osceola:  (231) 832-5532
Gladwin:  (989) 426-9431        Roscommon:  (989) 366-9166

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