

Society has said no to risks of raw milk

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milk. This is of great concern because in hot summer weather people should clearly understand milk from Michael Schmidt's farm is not pasteurized, inspected or refrigerated.

LOGIC AND SCIENCE

Schmidt tried to legitimize his actions with what he calls a cow rental plan, but there is nothing about his business that exempts him from public health laws that require pasteurization. Fortunately, in recent months, editorials and columns in many prominent Canadian media have stripped away the veneer from Schmidt's dairy fairy tale using logic, science and common sense.

One example of informed media commentary comes from Connie Woodcock, whose Toronto Sun article "An unhealthy debate on milk" looks past Schmidt's carefully cultivated rural marketing image.

"Michael Schmidt is no hayseed and he's not a benign freedom fighter. He's a slick and devious businessman trying to destroy a law that protects us from ourselves and he wants to wreck Canada's supply management system for his own selfish purposes," Woodcock wrote. "I hope the judge throws the book at him."

"You'd think last summer's huge meat recall — and the deaths and illnesses that accompanied it — would have taught



Sun Times file photo

Michael Schmidt

us food safety is hard to guarantee and you don't miss it until it's gone. Louis Pasteur must be rolling in his grave."

Drinking raw milk is not a matter of personal choice, as Schmidt proclaims, because pathogens that can be present in any raw milk can cause trans-

missible diseases. A two-year-old child who is allowed to drink raw milk can spread those diseases, including tuberculosis, to everyone in their daycare and beyond. Society has said no to that risk.

Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Medical Officer of Health for the Peter-

borough County-City Health Unit, told Sun Media public health units continue to report human illness linked to the consumption of unpasteurized milk. And according to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in the United States, 1,000 people were sickened and two

died between 1998 and 2005 as a result of drinking raw milk. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration calls raw milk "inherently dangerous" warning, "It should not be consumed by anyone." The Michael Schmidt court case decision is expected this summer.

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Local News

Everything old is new again at This n' That Antiques

By JAKE DAGENÁIS

This n' That Antiques and Collectibles had their grand opening Friday at their location on Goderich Street in Port Elgin.

Owner Fred Schildroth says he "turned his hobby into a business." Schildroth has been collecting antiques for 10 years now and he saw an opportunity to turn his love of antiques into a business that everyone can enjoy.

Opening an antique shop has been a dream of Schildroth's

for awhile now and that dream became a reality when he purchased the building that was formerly Strauser's.

The shop will provide great antiques and collectibles for those looking to add to their home or cottage. "Antiques are an investment and we have all kinds of antiques to appeal to different tastes" says Schildroth.

Schildroth chose this particular location because he believes that this type of business was needed on the main street. The location he chose is also very visible from the road and quite accessible.

"I have many interesting and hard to find items," said Schildroth. "Some I can remember from my grandparents house. If you don't see it in my store, I can probably find it for you"

Not all of Schildroth's collection is in store yet, only about 50 per cent of it. He said he will slowly



ALL SMILES FOR THE FLU SHOT

Photo by Patrick Bala

The first H1N1 immunization clinic offered by Grey Bruce Public Health open to all residents was held Wednesday in Port Elgin. Pat Brown of Port Elgin was one of the first to get the shot at the clinic at the United Church. Registered Nurse Joanne Rodgers administers the shot, which as the look on Brown's face tells you, did not hurt one bit.

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Mayor Mike Smith, cuts the ribbon at This n' That Antiques Friday afternoon as Anne Marie and Fred Schildroth look out from the front doors of their new business.

start to bring in more of his items as he goes along.

"Come in and see what we have and tell your friends and neighbours all about it" is Schildroth's message to his potential customers.

This n' That Antiques and collectibles is located on in downtown Port Elgin beside Jangles.