

LaSalle High School Class of 1956 Reunited at St. Ignace



Those who attended the LaSalle High School Class of 1956 reunion included Gary Adams, Pat (Slattery) Archambeau, Gail Becker, Gerald Bell, Patty (Goudreau) Boynton, Patti (Dory) Branham, Judy (King) Britton, Delores (Cody) Calcaterra, Gregory Davis, Roberta (Paulson) Droskie, Marie (Miller) Fernandez, Leonard France, Joe Frazier, David Gonyeau, Paul Gudmundsen, Anne (Brown) Hudson, Marian (Adams) King, Burt Krause, Larry Lasley, Alan Lindley, Carl Luepnitz, Karen (Shaftoe) Lyke, Richard McKenzie, Donald McLeod, Rodney Novenske, Judy (Lee) O'Brien, Don Olmstead, Doris Powers, Dorothy Powers, Ruth (Goudreau) Possanza, Frank Rogers, Warren Smith, Terry Smith, Duane Sorenson, Paul Sorenson, Pete Spieles, Jerry St. Andrew, Karen (Johnston) Tremblay, Midge (Wamsley) Trepanie, Ron Walker, Frances (Paquin) Wartella, and Gil Ziegler.

Members of the LaSalle High School Class of 1956 gathered for a reunion Friday, August 4, and Saturday, August 5. Forty-three of the 71 classmates attended reunion events at Little Bear East Conference Center and St. Ignace Golf Course.

The group gathered at Little Bear East for an indoor picnic Friday.

On Saturday, the group gathered at the St. Ignace Golf Course for a buffet dinner. Each female classmate was given an orchid corsage

from class president Gil Ziegler, who now lives in Charlevoix. All the members received memory books, compiled by Mario Calcaterra, which included a page for each graduate headed by a copy of their individual graduation photograph and a current photograph, with a brief biography of themselves over a 50-year period.

Gail Becker of Brevort Lake led the group in a moment of remembrance for eight deceased classmates. A candle for each of them was lit in their honor. Judy King Britton of Gwinn gave

the invocation.

Deacon Don Olmstead of St. Ignace welcomed his former classmates and Gary Adams, now of Madera, California, presented a toast to the class.

Judy Lee O'Brien, Ron Walker, and Larry Lasley were the winners of historic pictures of LaSalle High School.

The group ended the reunion with "When The Saints Come Marching In" and "America The Beautiful."

Les Cheneaux Artist of the Week Features Dulcimer Music Aug. 9

The Wednesday, August 9, Artist of the Week is Pete Goehring with dulcimer music, followed the next week by his

Dr. Armour To Sign Books Wednesday

David Armour will sign books he has written about the Mackinac area from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Colonial Michilimackinac Visitors Center in Mackinaw City Wednesday, August 9.

Dr. Armour, retired Mackinac State Historic Parks deputy director, is from Grove City, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of Calvin College in Holland and Northwestern University, where he earned his master's and doctoral degrees. He taught Colonial American history at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for four years before joining Mackinac State Historic Parks in 1967.

He wrote the centennial publication, "100 Years at Mackinac;" the souvenir booklets describing Colonial Michilimackinac and

Historic Mill Creek; "Attack at Michilimackinac," and "Treason? At Michilimackinac;" "Fort Michilimackinac Sketchbook," and a vignette on the Mackinac Island Scout Barracks.

With Dr. Keith Widder, he co-wrote a comprehensive history of the fur trade in the Straits, entitled "At the Crossroads; Michilimackinac During the American Revolution."

Dr. Armour retired in 2003 after shaping its living history programs and exhibits, leading the development of Historic Mill Creek, heading the restoration of nearly all Fort Mackinac's original structures, and contributing to the reconstruction of many of the buildings at Colonial Michilimackinac.

mother, Annegret Goehring, Wednesday, August 16, as she demonstrates a traditional European method of egg decorating. Both artists will demonstrate at the Les Cheneaux Historical Museum in Cedarville, from noon to 3 p.m.

Mr. Goehring plays trumpet, valve trombone, and hammer dulcimer, and has performed a variety of musical styles, including jazz, classical, pop, and bluegrass. He performs solo, and with the Sault Swing Band, and will be performing later this week with the Swing Band at the Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show and Festival of Arts in Hessel. He was a trumpet major at Oberlin College in Ohio, and he has performed in bands, ensembles, and choruses at Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio, one of the oldest music conservatories in the United States.

Annegret Goehring of Hessel is the Les Cheneaux Historical Museum curator, and an acclaimed local artist. She is best

known for her intricate scissor cuttings, but more recently has been demonstrating the art of Pysanky, which is an ancient form of folk art from the Ukraine. She learned the craft from Mary Torsky of Cedarville, an award-winning Pysanky artist whose Michigan egg was displayed at the state capital and in the White House in Washington, D.C. Eggs are decorated by using beeswax and dyes, particularly around Easter, when the eggs are given as gifts.

The artist starts by drawing on the egg with a tool that applies wax to protect portions of the egg from color, leaving them white. The egg is then dyed, and wax is applied to protect another design from the next color. The artist continually applies dyes and wax until the end, when a candle is used to melt all of the wax off, leaving a multi-colored egg with symbolism and patterns.

Artist of the Week demonstrations are free.

Rep. Stupak Visits St. Ignace Seniors



Congressman Bart Stupak enjoyed a quick lesson in the card game "golf" when he stopped by the Community Action Agency's Fenlon Center in St. Ignace just before the senior citizen luncheon Friday, August 4. Participants in the card game at the Fenlon Center included (from left) Lenhart St. Andrew, Linda Massaway, Mr. Stupak, Carol Spidell, and Mary Edwards.

Coach Steve Balyo To Speak Monday

Mackinaw City Public Schools' retiring athletic director, Steve Balyo, will be the featured speaker at the Mackinaw Area Historical Society's monthly meeting Monday, August 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Mackinaw City Library.

Mr. Balyo was a 20-year winning coach and teacher, who was the school's athletic director. He coached baseball and basketball, and taught the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. He taught the subjects of social studies, geography, and he was a guidance counselor. He has been honored by the Northern Lakes Athletic Conference.

The public is welcome to all meetings of the Historical Society.

News From Engadine

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held at the Garfield Township Hall in Engadine.

The Engadine preschool is accepting applications for the 2006-07 school year. Children must be four years old on or before December 1. Call Diane Miller at (906) 477-6505 for an enrollment packet.

Plan now to attend the Manistique Merchants annual car show and antique and vintage snowmobile show, Saturday, September 2, on South Cedar Street in downtown Manistique. There will be food, and games and

fun for all ages.

Happy birthday to Terrie Slack August 10, Larry Wyse August 14, Traci Leveille August 15, Jeff Feneley and Jesse Fosdick August 16, and Andrea Everhart August 17.

Happy anniversary to Edalor and Karen Hins August 11, Victor and Sandy Freed August 13, Matt and Jennifer Bell August 14, Dan and Jodi Miller August 15, and Rick and Laura Frisch, Pat and LaShawn Edwards, and my sister and her husband, Jane and LeRoy Stefanich, August 18.

Until next time, take care.

DEAL ME IN

Meet Some Wallet Gobblers

Dear Mark,

I'm hoping you can clear up a question that's been bothering me for long time. I've noticed so many times on 50 and 100-play video poker machines that when dealt two pair, I get few full houses. They seem rigged! It seems like the 50 and 100-play have different programming. One VP expert has said they are programmed similar to a slot machine. Is that true?

Sandy P.

Dear Mark,

Why is it that every time I play 50 and 100 play video poker machines, I make less money than when I play your standard video poker machine?

Pete D.

Hi, Sally, meet Pete. Pete -- Sally. It seems Pete's noticed the same thing you have.

The expert was correct, Sandy. Like today's cybernetic slots, all video poker machines use a random number generator (RNG) software algorithm to determine the game's outcome. The number of coins played cannot influence the end result. It doesn't make any difference if one coin is being wagered or 50 or 100.

Also, they should have the same expected return - that is, if the pay tables are identical. Herein lies the secret -- why both of you are coming out cash-poor when playing the multi-play boxes. It's not because there is some sort of monkey business happening, but that multi-play video poker games usually have stingier pay tables than do their single-play kissing cousins. Typically, the more the hands offered, the worse the pay table.

For those who do prefer multi-play games, I suggest that you look for pay tables equal to that of a single-play game. Although a bit tough to ferret out, they do exist. Once found, perfect basic strategy (see below) always remains the same, be it for 1-play, 3-play, or 100-play.

Quick tip: Assuming that both Sandy and Pete were to find identical pay tables, they will then need to ask themselves what they normally would play on a single play machine, and will then need to divide that number by 50 or 100. For instance, if they play \$1 single-line machines, they should then



Mark Pilarski

play a one-cent 100-line game, or two-cent 50-liners.

Dear Mark,

Please explain what you mean by playing perfect basic strategy?

Dan H.

What I mean by perfect basic strategy, Dan, is making perfect use of the information available to maximize the expected outcome of the bet. In blackjack, perfect basic strategy is nothing more than how you play each blackjack hand against the dealers "up-card." In video poker it's which discards you choose, since eliminating the wrong cards reduces your overall payback.

I'm sending you two strategy cards that put these priceless details at your fingertips.

Dear Mark,

The casino near my home now offers Crapless Craps. Is it a good bet?

Kallan D.

Never Ever or Crapless Craps is ground I've plowed before, Kallan, so I'll synopsise. You do not lose on the 2, 3, or 12 on the come out roll. Instead, if the shooter tosses the 2, 3, 11 or 12, that becomes the point, just as the 4, 5, 6, and 8, 9, 10 would in normal craps. The 7 on the come out is your only instant winner.

Two thumbs down is my recommendation for Crapless Craps. The house edge on the pass line with these modified rules is a whopping 5.4%, about four times the typical crap game's 1.4% pass line edge.

Gambling Wisdom of the Week: "Blackjack--what a game! How simple it looks, yet how complex it truly is."

~Victor H. Royer

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