

# Gould City

The artwork of Newberry High School senior Jenny Kihm, of Curtis, is on display downstairs at the Curtis Park Center. Miss Kihm's work may be viewed during Wellness Center hours.

The Curtis Community Arts Council is accepting artwork for future display at the Curtis Park Center. If you would like your work considered, call (906) 586-6384.

The Upper Peninsula Single District 10 Lions Club is collecting used computer ink cartridges (except Epson brand) to help raise money for the 2007 Curtis Independence Day parade. Cartridges can be placed in designated boxes at the Fish and Hunt Shop, Curtis Elementary School, Manistique Lakes Clinic, State Savings Bank in Curtis, Naubinway, and Manistique, Jack's Supervalu in Manistique, Newberry High School, and First National Bank of St. Ignace in Newberry. For more information, call Rich Owen at (906) 586-6194.

"Musical Chairs" will be the theme of this year's art project to be displayed around the Curtis area, then auctioned at Art on the Lake. Paint, or decorate, your old chair and turn it in by Monday,

June 25. Check at Curtis Service for a chair if you don't have one, or old chairs can be dropped off there for others to decorate. Registration and complete rules are available at Curtis Service. For more information, call Lynda at (906) 586-3667.

The Portage Anglers Club will sponsor a walleye jamboree for adults and children Friday, May 25, Saturday, May 26, and Sunday, May 27, on Big and South Manistique Lakes. Registration sites include JR's Sport Shop, State Savings Bank, Fish and Hunt Shop, Lakeside Grocery and Liquor, and Watson's Marina. The grand prize for the adult division is a 14-foot Mirror Craft boat with a Tohatsu motor and trailer. The grand prize for the children's division is a 50 percent payback. For more information, visit online at [www.portageanglersclub.org](http://www.portageanglersclub.org), or call Brenda at (906) 586-3454.

The Curtis Community Arts Council will sponsor Music in the Park every other Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. in June, July, and August at Curtis Park.

The biggest little town parade and Fourth of July celebration will be Sunday, July 1, on Main Street. Members of the Curtis

Elementary Learning Fair and homecoming committee are in need of past photographs of the school, as well as any pieces of memorabilia that help tell the 50-year history of the school. The committee also will accept written memories submitted by Friday, May 4. All materials will be returned. Anyone with knowledge of past teaching staff or class pictures is asked to call Nancy Watson at (906) 586-9706 or (906) 586-9731.

As part of a movement to support troops, Manhattanville My Soldier will offer free red "My Soldier" awareness bracelets. All those who enroll in the My Soldier program agree to adopt a soldier. They receive a starter kit with guidelines for writing letters to deployed U.S. armed service people, and a red My Soldier bracelet to publicly show their support for American troops.

To receive a free My Soldier bracelet, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with two stamps (required for thickness) to: My Soldier Bracelet Office, Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase Street, Purchase, NY 10577. This program puts politics aside, and lets U.S. soldiers know

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that someone back home cares. The goal is to show support for troops serving in hardship areas such as Iraq, Afghanistan, and Africa by establishing pen-pal relationships with them.

The annual smelt festival in Naubinway turned into a trout fishing contest owing to the lack of cooperation from the smelt. This event started in 1993 as a way to celebrate the annual return of the tiny smelt and the smelt fishermen. It has become a spring ritual.

Condolences to the family of Faye Bigger of Gould City. Mrs. Bigger passed away Monday, April 9, at the Luce County Annex in Newberry, where she had been a resident for the past few years. While in the Annex, Faye still enjoyed playing bingo and dancing whenever she could. I remember her being chosen queen a few years ago at the Annex. When I think of Faye, I always see her with her beautiful smile. She will long be remembered and missed by her family and many friends.

Happy birthday to Joel Everhart May 4 and John Ketcher May 6.

Stay safe and stay well. See you next week.

## DEAL ME IN

### It's Best That You Avoid These Bets Altogether

**Dear Mark:** A few weeks back you mentioned the difference between field bet payoffs on the crap table. I can't believe that all these years I have been playing on the wrong game, the one that only pays double on the 12. Are there any other proposition bet disparities on the crap layout that I am not aware of and should be looking for? Dan G.

What I think you're referring to, Dan, is the difference in the casino's edge on a field bet, when the house pays triple versus double, on the roll of a 12. Paying out triple on the 12, the casino edge is 2.78%, as opposed to its standard double-pay with a 5.56% edge.

Normally, craps has the same standard payouts from casino to casino, but there are some variations that the craps player should be acquainted with to get better, albeit still atrocious, odds. Three wagers come to mind. The field bet mentioned above, the hop on 2 or 12, and the hop on the 11.

Hop bets are one-roll wagers that can be made on any specific two-dice combination on the next roll. Although there is no specific location on the layout for most Hop bets, the dealer will broker your wager just so long as you call a hop bet out before the dice are cast. For instance, you say to the stickman, "I want box cars on the hop," meaning, that you are betting that on the next roll, a pair of sixes will be belly-up.

As for the Hop 2 or 12, the casino is going to pay you either or 30-1 or 31-1. The 2 or 12 that pays 30 to 1 has a casino advantage of 13.89%, and although getting paid 31-1 is slightly better, the true odds remain 35-1, so getting paid a measly buck more still makes it one of the worst bets on the crap table.

The other common variation is the payout for a Hop bet on an 11. This is a bet that an 11 (also known as a "Yo") will be thrown on the next roll. Different casinos pay this bet at either 15-1 or 16-1, and the casino edge on this wager is 16.7% or 11.1%, respectively.



Mark Pilarski

Here's the deal, Dan. All Hop bets, and most proposition bets on the crap layout for that matter, have a high house advantage and should be canned, jettisoned, deep-sixed from your casino-betting repertoire. Proposition bets are just not the smart way to play craps. A bet on the pass line, taking odds, or placing the six or eight is what I call SMART PLAY.

**Dear Mark: I am 74 years old and a long time keno player. My favorite ticket is a fifteen spot. I play that many numbers because it represents the birthdays of all 15 of my grandchildren. Not that I think they are unlucky, but I have never won anything over \$100. My husband believes the chances are over one in a million that I ever will. Noting my age, and on a scale of one through 10, what do you think my chances are of ever hitting this ticket? Doris K.**

Huh, a scale of one to 10? Is there any possibility, Doris, that you will let me use a negative number — a wee, teeny, microscopic, dust mote of a number?

I would be conscience-stricken, Doris, if I didn't tell you that your chances are at the very bottom of the wishing well, in that to date, no one has ever hit a solid 15, a solid 14 spot, a solid 13 nor even, to the best of my knowledge, a 12 out of 12.

So what are the odds of your hitting a solid 15 spot? It's a doozy, Doris. Try 428 billion to one. So, if you get started now, playing at a buck a pop, six tickets an hour, 24/7, you'll need to add 8,143,074 years to your young 74-year initial flurry of life. There's always blackjack, of course.

**Gambling Wisdom of the Week:** "Give ma a deck of cards instead of a tax shelter and I'll take my chances." — Mario Puzo, "Inside Las Vegas"

## DeTour Area

Tuesday, May 8, is the school election. There are three candidates: Lynn VanAlstine, Karen Aldridge, and Ron Papin vying for two seats. Other issues on the ballot are the annual renewal of the school's 18-mill levy on all non-homestead properties.

Also included is a special education millage request from the EUPISD for 0.75 mill for three years.

You may cast your vote at the polls located in the DeTour Village Hall, not at the school.

A friend, while cleaning out his attic, came across a flyer, "Red

Owl Gold Rush Days." The former Red Owl store is now known as Cedarville Foods. The theme for the flyer was patterned after the television series, "The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters," starring Dan O'Herlincy and Kurt Russell. We chuckled at the food prices on this old flyer.

For example, a four-pound bag of Red Delicious apples for 49¢. A head of cauliflower was only 29¢. Round steak was listed for 79¢ a pound, and a chuck roast for 49¢ cents a pound. Sliced bacon was 49¢ cents a pound, and a 10-ounce package of Longhorn cheese 39¢

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cents.

Over the weekend, Bill and Nancy Mordecai entertained in their beautiful, newly renovated home. Nancy supervised the first annual street art festival in DeTour last summer. An art collector, she showed some of her collections. Her hangings and fine sculptures were most impressive. Nancy, with Bill assisting, will once again supervise the Street Art Festival in DeTour Saturday, June 30.

A thought: If you have something to say, to do, or to write, do it today, for in life there is not always a second chance.

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## Rexton-Garnet

The spring activities have stepped up a notch. Track at the school is in full swing, the Adopt a Highway clean-up has completed its first outing for 2007, four-wheelers are having a field day getting through the back roads, and a few campers are parked at the local streams awaiting the arrival of the smelt.

The monthly Hudson Township board meeting will be Thursday, May 3, at 7 p.m. at the town hall. All township residents are invited to attend.

Gathered around the dinner table Sunday, April 29, at the Livermore household were our

son, Scott, and our daughter, Sheila and family, as two birthdays were celebrated, Sheila's and Dave's.

The Mother and Daughter Tea will be Wednesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club activities building, sponsored by the Rexton and Naubinway Mennonite Churches.

The theme this year is "Memories from the Attic," and you're invited to bring along an item from your own attic of memories and take a few minutes to share them if you like. Make reservations with Kathy Miller by Wednesday, May 2.

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Happy birthday to my husband, Dave Livermore, along with Ron Hins, Butch Formolo, and Elmer Price, who celebrated April 30, Mary Fuller May 2, and Deb Bullock May 3.

Anniversary wishes to Vern and Ruth Johnson, who celebrated May 1, and Bud and Mary Hart, who will celebrate May 6.

The morels are probably starting to pop, so make plans for that mouth-watering dish that they accompany so well.

## DNR To Offer Women's Program

Women's outdoor activities and skill workshops will be offered at the 10th annual Becoming an Outdoors Woman Program set for Friday, June 1, through Sunday, June 3, in Big Bay.

The program will take place at Bay Cliff Health Camp 30 miles north of Marquette.

Sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources, the program will include instruction in kayaking, canoeing, several

types of fishing, hiking, mountain biking, fly tying, archery, boating, birding, geocaching, bee keeping, map and compass reading, global positioning systems, and several shooting sports.

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