

OBITUARIES

Clementine Gosciniak

Local restaurant owner Clementine Gosciniak, 88, of Evergreen Shores, died Thursday, July 31, 2008 at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care.

Mrs. Gosciniak and her husband, Richard, owned the Shores Restaurant and Lounge in Evergreen Shores since 1954 and the Embers Restaurant in Mackinaw City for 14 years.

She was born February 16, 1920, in Detroit to John and Helen (Zurawski) Gudzikowski. She married Mr. Gosciniak in Detroit August 12, 1951, and he died March 29, 1997.

She was a member of the Moose Lodge in St. Ignace and St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church.

Mrs. Gosciniak is survived by two children, Phillip Rzczycki of St. Ignace and Cindy Bartley of Cedarville; a sister, Pat Bezemek of Ubley; four grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

Mass of Christian burial was Saturday, August 2, at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church with Father Allen Mott officiating.

Burial was at Lakeside Cemetery beside her husband.

Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Robert Flora

A memorial service is planned for Robert Louis Flora of Wildwood Shores, near Brevort, Saturday, August 16, 2008, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brevort. A picnic lunch and celebration of his life are planned.

Mr. Flora, 92, died Tuesday,

December 4, 2007, in a car accident near St. Ignace.

The family is preserving friends' stories about Mr. Flora. An update on the story-gathering project will be offered at the memorial service. Stories can be e-mailed to the family at aflora@umich.edu.

Mackinac Bridge Scales Upgraded

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The MBA can hold the truck up to two hours, until a State Police Motor Carrier officer arrives at the bridge. The bridge authority can pull the carrier's bridge permit, if it chooses, and if the carrier has one.

Michigan State Police covers traffic enforcement on the bridge, and since 2005, police began meeting regularly with highway department officials to collaborate on strategies to improve commercial vehicle enforcement throughout Michigan. Their purpose was to protect highway infrastructure, promote highway security and safety, and enforce laws.

"One of our number one goals," said Lieutenant Rodney Bloss of Gaylord, "is to keep that bridge functioning and viable. I can't even imagine the economic toll it would take on both sides of the bridge if it were to be damaged. I call it my bridge. I'm protecting my bridge."

Lt. Bloss is the district commanding officer for the traffic safety division of the Michigan State Police. He is responsible for 19 counties in the Lower Peninsula and the entire Upper Peninsula, including both the Mackinac and International bridges. A team of 23 state police officers, sergeants, and inspectors reports to him. Locally, officers Dan Litzner and Craig Therrian are stationed at the bridge.

At the bridge, Lt. Bloss said, an overweight southbound truck would be stopped by an officer before it crossed the span. A fine would be issued and the trucking

company would be required to off-load the amount of weight the truck is overweight, before it would be allowed to leave.

Fines are graduated and range from 3¢ a pound to up to 20¢ a pound. For example, a fine for a truck at 10,000 pounds over the weight limit, fitting a 20¢-per-pound penalty, would be issued a \$2,000 fine.

The fines are issued by the state police and, by state law, are given to libraries within the county where the fine is issued.

An overweight northbound truck has already crossed the bridge when it reaches the weigh-in-motion scales. The truck also is fined and must off-load its cargo to meet legal weight limits.

Weigh-in-motion scales, said Lt. Bloss, also are stationed south of the bridge on US-127, US-131, and on I-75, and along US-2 in the Upper Peninsula. These scales relay information to laptop computers in patrol vehicles. An officer can be up to one mile away from a scale and still receive the information on the computer in the patrol car.

"If you're legal and you run down the road, who cares? It's that guy that's not running legal," said Lt. Bloss, "the guy damaging the roadways — we won't sacrifice public safety nor the roads for their convenience. So the best thing they can do is run legal weights."

Within five years, weigh-in-motion scales also will be constructed at the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie. A fixed scale now is used at that structure.

Family Fun Night Will Be August 21

Great Start will host a family fun night Thursday, August 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at American Legion Park in St.

Ignace. A free book will be given to every family.

For more information, contact Heather Bird at 643-0096.



Heading for the Barn...

Lawrence "Yogi" Gugin, of Jack's Livery and Cindy's Riding Stables on Mackinac Island, escorts a new horse recently purchased by the Gough family for the businesses. Mr. Gugin takes the horse to the company's barn in Harrisonville, home to about 100 horses, Tuesday, July 22.

Don Lawrence Wins Harley in Veterans Rally at Sault

By Paul Gingras

"It's just a wonderful thing," said Donald Lawrence about the fifth annual Veterans Motorcycle Rally in Sault Ste. Marie, which drew more than 1,000 participants Thursday, July 17, through Saturday, July 19.

Mr. Lawrence had reason to be excited. He won a Harley Davidson Sportster Custom, the grand prize in a raffle that raised funds for Michigan veterans in need of assistance with expenses ranging from medical bills to home heating.

"I didn't believe it at first," said Mr. Lawrence, who recently moved from St. Ignace to Sault Ste. Marie. He thought the telephone call announcing the win was a prank.

The rally, sponsored by American Legion Post 3, included a "Run for the Border" motorcycle ride, a parade through Sault Ste. Marie, and entertainment by EXPN X Games competitor Scott Murray at Brady Park. Mr. Murray drew large crowds to watch daring motorcycle jumps at two afternoon sessions, said Dan Inglis, Post 3 commander.

Attendance at the rally this year, he told *The St. Ignace News*, was up about 10%.

Mr. Inglis, formerly a Michigan State Police trooper stationed at St. Ignace, retired from the state police post in Sault Ste. Marie as a sergeant.

The rally hosted the Veterans Moving Wall, a monument symbolizing the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. It lists the names and ranks of all known U.S. and Canadian soldiers who lost their lives in the war.

The Legion is still counting funds raised, which will benefit a variety of causes. Money will be directed to Hometown Heroes, a statewide Legion project, and support the Eastern Upper Peninsula American Legion Post 3 baseball team and other projects.

Organizers were satisfied with the rally.

"It was good, and it all goes to a good cause," Mr. Inglis said.

Included in the parade Saturday was the motorcycle of Army Sergeant First Class Matthew D. Blaskowski of Levering, who died in Afghanistan September 23, 2007. The motorcycle was being built for him while he served overseas, and Mr. Blaskowski's family allowed it to be included in the parade, Mr. Inglis said.

REQUEST FOR BIDS Mackinac County Courthouse Painting Proposal

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners is requesting bid proposals to prep and paint the offices in the Courthouse, entryways, hallways, and stairwells.

Information can be obtained by contacting Mary Kay Tamlyn, Mackinac County Clerk, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781.

Mary Kay Tamlyn
Mackinac County Clerk
906-643-7300

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Mackinac County 911 Service Plan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners ("Board") will hold a public hearing on a Final Amendment to the Mackinac County 911 Service Plan ("Amended Plan") on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. at the Mackinac County Annex Building in St. Ignace, Michigan. The Amended Plan identifies Chippewa County 911 Central Dispatch as the primary public safety answering point for dispatch services within the boundaries of Mackinac County.

Mary Kay Tamlyn
Mackinac County Clerk
906-643-7300

NOTICE

CLARK TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE Clark Township Zoning Board of Appeals on August 26, 2008, at the Clark Township Hall, 207 E. Blindline Rd., at 7:00 p.m., Clark Township, Mackinac County, Cedarville, MI 49719.

Case #256: Bruce & Gwendolyn Luoma are requesting a variance to keep the garage previously stipulated to be demolished.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
VAWTER'S SUBDIVISION
E 10 ft of Lot 24 & all of Lots 25 & 26
Address: 1258 Park Ave.

Case #257: Timothy L. Dewick is requesting a variance for an accessory building that exceeds the combined square footage allowed.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
SECTION 31 T42N R1W
N 1/2 of the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4
Address: 1872 Pt. Brulee Rd.

Tentative text, property description and zoning map may be examined at the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each weekday.

CLARK TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

DEAL ME IN

No Filet Mignon This Time

Dear Mark: What is the best way to play \$25 on the crap game. I say place it on the Pass line, while my friend believes you should place it on either the 6 or 8? Your decision gets one of us a steak dinner.

Jeff F.

You are in the know, Jeff, sort of, but only for Whopper at Burger King and not a steak dinner, and here's why.

Between the two wagers mentioned, your Pass Line bet has a 1.414% house edge whereas Placing the 6 or 8 has a casino advantage of 1.52%. But you guys forget the Don't Pass, which has an even lower house edge of 1.36%.

Better yet, the bet with the lowest house edge would be a Pass/Come or Don't Pass/Don't Come with odds placed behind them. It amazes me how few players think about making an odds bet along with their Pass Line bet. Like you, most players just want to chuck a \$25 chip down on the Pass Line, but what you really should do, Jeff, is get the most money you can in odds and the least amount of money on the line.

For instance, instead of taking that \$25 chip and plunking it down on the Pass Line, you are better off with \$5 on the Pass Line and \$20 in odds. By taking odds, you will lose just seven cents each time you make the bet this way over the long haul, versus a 35-cent loss if you make just a Pass Line with the full \$25 amount.

You can enhance the wager even more if you happen to be on a \$2 game that offers 10X odds. By splitting up the \$25 wager into a \$2 Pass Line bet with \$20 in odds, the cost of your wager is only three cents.

An Odds bet costs you nothing, Jeff, because the casino's edge on it is zilch, so use it. Now go enjoy that Whopper, heavy all, light mayo.

Dear Mark: Is the Field bet in craps ever worth playing? Seems in the past you were not a big fan of it.

Bill M.



Mark Pilarski

A Field bet is a wager that one of these numbers, the 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, or 12, will appear on the next roll of the dice. Typically this bet pays 2:1 if either the 2 or 12 rolls, and 1:1 (even money) if 3, 4, 9, 10 or 11 rolls.

You're right, Bill, my past comments were always to disregard all proposition bets that the dealer is barking out. Craps offers two kinds of one-roll proposition bets—hopeless and wretched. Although proposition bets have seemingly lofty payoffs, the house edge is way too high, as high as 16%, to waste your hard-earned money on them. The Field bet is one of those proposition bets, and it normally carries a casino advantage of 5.56%. The only difference between the Field and other proposition bets is that the Field bet is placed directly by the player and not handled by a dealer or a stickman. Because of this, I've seen some confusion as to its quality in the minds of many players, but it's still a wager you should avoid.

The exception to my "don't play" rule is when the 2 or 12 are returning three to one, instead of the usual two to one. Here the house edge drops to 2.78%. Yes, Bill, it is over my "never make a bet that has more than a 2% house edge," rule, but if you've got to play one proposition bet, this one is the best of the worst bets on the game.

Gambling Wisdom of the Week: "If it wasn't for luck, I would win every hand."

~Phil Hellmuth

Got a question about gambling? Write to: Deal Me In, P.O. Box 1234, Traverse City, Michigan 49685 -e-mail: pilarski@markpilarski.com • To order Mark Pilarski's "Hooked on Winning" audio cassettes-laminated win cards package (\$12.95 plus \$2 S&H) call 1-800-WINNERS.

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War Memorial Hospital is seeking bids for Directors and Officers insurance for fiscal year October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009.

Applications may be sent to:

War Memorial Hospital
Attn: Kelly Dane, QOS Director
500 Osborn Blvd.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Questions may be directed to Kelly Dane at 906-635-4469.
Applications will be accepted until August 13, 2008

NOTIFICATION OF TREE TRIMMING

Edison Sault Electric Company (ESE) has contracted with Trees Incorporated to do maintenance tree trimming in the following locations within our operating systems:

St. Ignace Division

Rexton Circuit - all ESE distribution lines will be trimmed in the town of Rexton and along the H-40 corridor in the immediate vicinity.

Trout Lake Circuit - all ESE distribution lines will be trimmed in the town of Trout Lake including Birch Shores and along with areas on H-40 and M-123.

Trees Incorporated will be working in the areas noted for several months and have equipment with their own company designation openly displayed.

If you have any questions please contact:

Jim Mackie, Manager of Safety and Right of Way
Edison Sault Electric Company
906-632-5152 or 906-632-2221, ext. 152