

## Brevort

We celebrated Columbus Day Monday, October 13. It's also a time to remember on Columbus Day 1977, when Alvin Gustafson and his son, Gary Gustafson, tragically lost their lives while commercial fishing in Lake Michigan, east of Brevort. We remember them both fondly.

Paul and Tammy Shepard of Sanger, California, are the parents of a son, Dillon Michael, born Wednesday, October 1. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20.25 inches in length at birth.

Thora and Jack Shepard, accompanied by Barb Merchant and Jim Smith of Indian River, spent the weekend at Trout Lake. The boat and dock came out of the water for the season, and the woodshed got a new supply of fireplace logs.

Thora is the consummate decorator, and has begun outfitting the house for Halloween. The Shepard garden is winding down, and the last of the corn is soon to be picked. Lots of pickles were made, and beans put up for the winter.

Tracy Moyalson has returned home after a long weekend trip to

Door County, Wisconsin.

Bob Corrigan, a former Brevorter many years ago, dropped by Saturday, October 11, for a brief visit to catch up on the goings on in Brevort. Bob tidied up the graves of family members resting there.

Joe Chalmers was looking up phone numbers and happened upon the name of his old boss of 40 years ago, when he worked at Vlastic Foods in West Bloomfield. A call was made and an invitation to dinner ensued for Saturday evening at Joe and Sharon Chalmers' home in Brevort. It was a very pleasant evening.

Jim and Ann Dyer attended the memorial service for Mike Walsh at the Epoufette Cemetery Sunday, October 12.

Mary Ann and Larry First are entertaining guests from Idaho this week. Ron Hunter is an old Air Force buddy of Larry's from 50 years ago. Larry and Mary Ann have enjoyed showing Ron and his wife, Mickie, around our beautiful fall scenery. Mickie, an avid photographer, said their part of Idaho has no color in the autumn.

Jaimie Rogers Straus of Council Bluff, Colorado, told her mother, Jackie Rogers, of watching an approaching snowstorm coming over the mountains, with ominous black clouds laden with the "white stuff."

Tracy and I walked Chippie Monday morning and our sweatshirts were way too warm for the summer-like weather. Tracy was talking to her friend in Montana, who was also walking with a heavy coat, boots, and a wool cap on. We laughed.

Sarah Campbell, granddaughter of Tom and Joyce Gustafson, played in hockey tournaments in Montreal and Toronto this past weekend. Her team was victorious. Sarah scored five times. I'd like to think we could look for Sarah playing on the USA Olympic team.

Joyce Gustafson planted a peony tree this week, and picked a handful of grapes off her three-year-old grapevines. Dave and I harvested the grapes in Louise Hagen's garden this week for Anne Andersen. There will be plenty for juice and jelly.

The Trinity Lutheran Church

By Lois Moyalson  
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## DEAL ME IN

### "Any Craps" Would Be A Great Hangman Word



Mark Pilarski

**Dear Mark: Is there any chance that you could spend a portion of your column explaining the "any craps" bet on a crap game. In all the years you've been writing your column, I don't believe you have ever covered it.**

**Buck D.**

Yes, Buck, I have not explained the "Any Craps," bet in any drawn-out answer to a reader's question, but I have in the past briefly mentioned that it is a wager that you should definitely avoid. Now is no time to waste hard-earned money. The bet is quite simple. Typically employed on the come out roll, an "any craps" bet is wagering that 2, 3, or 12 will be the result of the next roll of the dice.

By and large, most players make Pass Line bets and they win with a 7 or 11 on the come out roll, but lose if a 2, 3, or 12 appear. These three numbers are the "craps" numbers, and a bet on "any craps" is a combination bet on any one of those three numbers.

Pass line bettors in the dark like them because they want a "hedge" against their pass line bet -- which is where the "any craps" bet comes in. So instead of a flat loss of your pass line money if a 2, 3, or 12 rolls, it is "hedged" by winning an "any craps" bet.

Here's an example: Suppose you have a \$10 bet on the pass line and you toss the dealer a \$1 chip and yell out "Any craps!" He or she will place it in the "C" circle (for Craps) on the layout. Now you have two bets working, a pass line bet and an "any craps" wager. On the next toss of the dice, you will experience one of three things.

1) A point rolls, and your wager stays on the pass line but loses your \$1 any craps bet or...

2) either 7 or 11 is tossed, and you win your pass line bet of \$10, but you lose your \$1 any craps bet. Here your net win would be \$9 instead of \$10, or, finally ...

3) a craps number rolls - either 2, 3 or 12, and you lose your pass line bet of \$10 but win your \$1 any craps bet, and you are paid 7 to 1. So, Buck, instead of losing \$10 you would lose only \$3.

Whether you play the "any craps" hedge bet is up to you, but I'm going to give this wager two thumbs down because the odds against any craps happening are 36 to 4 or 9 to 1. The correct payoff should be 8 to 1, but the casino is only willing to part with 7 to 1, creating a house edge on this one-roll bet of 11.1%.

**Dear Mark: If a casino advertises 98% return on their slots, does that mean all of their machines, or is it specific denomination machines, return that amount back to the customer?**

**Carol G.**

If a casino advertises slots that return 98%, this does NOT mean that for each dollar you put in, you will automatically get back 98 cents. All that the 98% return means is that over the life cycle of that particular slot machine, it will average payoffs equal to 98% of all money inserted.

Also, Carol, if you look closely at the casino advertisement, it will probably say, "on select machines." Typically that means dollar machines, but the return usually it is not posted on the machine itself, and generally will be limited to a single carousel of machines, or possibly just one or two slots.

On top of that, it becomes your responsibility to find them. The easiest way is to ask a slot employee, and if he or she doesn't know, have one of them ask their direct supervisor. The secret here is to ask, ask, and ask.

**Gambling Wisdom of the Week:** "Poker is a delicate dance of knowing when to stick your neck out and when to turn turtle."

~John Vorhaus

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## Engadine-Gould City

The Engadine volleyball team will be taking on the Cedarville volleyball team, while raising money for breast cancer research. The fundraiser will be Thursday, October 23, at 6 p.m. at Engadine High School. There will be raffles, a bake sale, and an information table about breast cancer.

The Portage Players will have a meeting Thursday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Erickson Cultural Center. Those interested in acting or helping with plays and upcoming productions may call (906) 586-6384 for more information.

The Newberry Elks Lodge will have a steak fry Thursday, October 16.

The Gould City Eagles will have a fish fry Friday, October 17, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the club.

The General Federated Women's Club of Newberry will meet at Weber's Rustic Inn Tuesday, October 21, at 11 a.m. for their annual membership luncheon. Margaret Goldthorpe will speak about her international travels. Terry Sovey, president of the district club, Sandy Sogens, second vice-president, and Pam Ebens, membership chairman,

will be their guests at this meeting. Members are to inform Phyllis Overhiser if they are bringing a guest.

The cancer support group in Newberry is on hold until further notice, owing to family illness.

The Gould City Eagles reported a wonderful turnout Saturday, October 11, for the pig roast.

It's hard to believe it has been one year ago, October 15, that our mom passed away. Not a day goes by without thinking of her. Spending time with family means so much, especially as we get older. Re-

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member to take time with your family. Make wonderful memories now, and when you get older, you will be glad you did.

Happy birthday to Sarah Wyse, Anne Salzeider, Darrell Sadler, Mel Biang, Ashley Butkovich, and Parker Kleeman October 17, Linda Livermore, Lindsey Jo Weger, and Heather Wyse October 18, Kayla Miller, Ashley Schnuner, and Michael Sginorello October 19, Andrew Ocko, Kathy Livermore, Sharon French, and Tia Miller October 20, Ellen Wagner and Shalan Kovar October 21, Leroy Frazier and Bill Edwards October 22, and Logan Vallier and Sally Schultz October 23.

Happy anniversary to Greg and Roberta Moore and Gregg and Cheryl Belleville October 19 and Jeff and Terry Slack October 24.

Until next time, take care.

## Clark Township Minutes

Clark Township Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting  
October 9, 2008  
9:30 a.m.

Call to Order: 9:32 a.m.  
Trustees Present: Nordquist, Hudson, Carpenter  
Absent: Leach, Lofdahl

Public Comments: None  
Review and Discussion of draft audit report.

Nordquist motioned to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Carpenter supported.

## DeTour

With the sun shining brightly on the changing colors of the leaves, the view driving on any local highway is spectacular. Pumpkins and scarecrows appearing on residential porches are a sure sign that preparations are underway for that special night, Halloween.

The women of Wilderness Tabernacle are planning their annual fall luncheon Saturday, October 18, at 12:30 p.m. There is no charge, but it is requested to bring a nonperishable item for the food pantry. For more information, call Linda Adams at (906) 297-2921.

There are still roles to be filled for the upcoming Christmas production of "A Christmas Carol." Adults and children are needed. For more information regarding participation in this program, call David Rhinard at (906) 297-5608.

The crowning of the school's king and queen of the Harvest Ball will be Thursday, October 23. This event will take place between the two volleyball games, which also is Parent's Night, at which time the athletes will honor their parents. The students vying for king and queen are seniors J.J. Aldrich, Taryn Miller, Zack Melvin, Dan Parris, Vicki Mills, Shelby Thomas, Jessica Bowman, and Megan Harsin; juniors Josh Bosley and Sarah Raabe; sophomores Brandon Kurkierewicz and Bailey Miller, and

freshmen Kyle Kostoff and Stephanie Leazier.

Friends and relatives extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Ernie Van Houten, husband of Elna, who passed away Friday, October 10. Visitation was Monday, October 13, with a service Tuesday, October 14, officiated by Deacon Charles Krahnke of Drummond Island Lutheran Church and

Redeemer Lutheran in DeTour.

An obituary for Mr. Van Houten is published in this issue.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ralph Shiplett, who had knee surgery this week in Marquette.

A thought: Good friends are like good quilts; they never lose their warmth.



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## NOTICE Public Hearing

The Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., at the Schoolcraft office of Hiawatha Behavioral Health, located at 125 N. Lake Street, Manistique, MI 49854, to receive public comments on the Hiawatha Behavioral Health 2008/2009 needs assessment, annual plan, and request for new funds.

A copy of the State required 2008/2009 CMHSP Annual Budget Submission document as well as the annual budget will be available for inspection at each HBH location:

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