

**DEAL ME IN**

**Progressives Are In No Way A "Cluck-For-The-Buck" Deal**



Mark Pilarski

Dear Mark: I enjoy playing those super jackpot progressive slot machines because it gives me the greatest return for a small investment. Is this sound and sensible gambling?

Oliver P.

It is a mistaken belief, Oliver, shared by scores of slot players, that you are only making a small investment in an attempt to win big jackpots when you play progressive slots. This false impression, for those who play progressives, is that for a few bucks you get a shot at a champagne wishes and caviar dreams lifestyle. The problem, Oliver, is that you're probably going to end up losing most of your money, most of the time, chasing your imaginary castle in the sky.

cut the casino is going to swallow is \$11,232, so once again I ask you, where does that idea of small investment come from?

Did I mention that some of these progressive jackpots have a one in 16,777,216 chance of being hit?

Dear Mark: Do those \$25 video poker 9/6 machines you see in the high roller room return the same as a dollar 9/6 game? I was told because you are playing so much per hand, even if the paytables are exactly the same, the return would be better the higher the denomination.

Bill S.

You were told wrong, Bill. All paytables, being equal, will give you the exact same return, but as for net profitability, that isn't necessarily so.

A 9-6 Jacks or Better machine will return 99.5 percent over the long haul with expert play regardless of whether the game takes quarters, dollars, or \$125 per hand (\$25 X 5).

The problem with the higher denomination machines is that you have certain hands that will trigger IRS-level jackpots, for instance, a hand pay for a four-of-a-kind or a straight flush on a \$25 machine.

With hands of this type, you run into the rule that the casino is required to have you sign an IRS form W-2G before they can pay you any jackpot of \$1,200 or more.

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.

**St. Ignace**



About 35 area youth added ice skates to their Halloween costumes, taking in the Halloween skate party at Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace Thursday, October 30. Dressed as a girl cheerleader, Lukas Riordan, 10, of St. Ignace took top prize for the boys best Halloween costume.



Punk rocker Jade Edelman, 9, of St. Ignace won the girls best Halloween costume at the Little Bear East skate party.

By Miriam Blair  
643-7994



What great weather we're having, as temperatures rise into the 50s Friday, October 31.

The United Methodist Church's 93rd annual turkey dinner is this Thursday, November 6, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at LaSalle High School.

Angela Litzner, coordinator for "Take Five," is pleased to have a new assistant, Rita LaVake. This group meets five days a week at Community Action Agency, providing respite care for families of people with Alzheimers Disease.

Sheri Gould, head cook at Community Action, is back at work after enjoying a week off. While she was away, Marsha Huskey filled her position, but is now happy to be back behind her desk.

School bus drivers Randy Gustin, who is also the bus mechanic, Sandy Thorin, David Crisp, John Beaudoin, Frank Beaudoin, and Kelly Stevens as

substitute driver, have a big responsibility as they rise early to get buses running for children.

Ed and Irene Zager of Lincoln Park are in St. Ignace this week visiting his brother and family, Joe and Shirley Zager.

Bud and Betty Closs of South Haven were visitors in St. Ignace this past week, where they stayed at the home of her late mother, Minerva Ogle.

All Girl Scout Troops will host a food drive at Glen's Market Friday, November 21, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Each troop will volunteer one hour each and groceries collected will be donated to our local food pantry.

Jerry and Lynne Piippo are celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary. They were married at her parents' home in 1981.

Until next week, enjoy each day.

**DeTour**



Dressed in costumes for their Halloween party at DeTour Elementary School are (front, from left) Kimberly Papin, Nathan Kiczenski, Emily Bennett, Grace Krzycki, Skylar Pardee, Riley Schultz; (back) Scott Bosley, Trevor Warner, Kaalin Goetz, and Tyler Soule.

Halloween was a busy day for the youth in DeTour Village. The school party was held Friday afternoon, when students dressed in costume enjoyed treats and games. In the evening, they took to the streets to visit area homes and the first Trunk or Treat.

Fifteen vehicles parked in the lot at the Union Presbyterian Church to distribute candy, prizes, hot chocolate, cider, and cookies to almost 100 children and hot coffee to parents.

Debbie Fountain helped with organization, Jennie Brussow helped with coffee, Sune's Grocery contributed cups and hot chocolate, and Bill Mordecai supplied cider.

The girls varsity and junior varsity basketball teams held a can drive Saturday, November 1. All of the team members spent Saturday morning and most of the afternoon collecting and returning soda pop cans to raise money for team activities and clothing. To date, the girls have raised \$738 and are still counting and collecting cans. If you have cans to donate, call Sarah Adams at (906)630-8807.

Thursday, November 6, is the date for student-led conferences for the sixth through 12th grades and regular parent teacher conferences for kindergarten to fifth grade. Conferences will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7:30pm. Middle school students will have an opportunity to display their academic skills when

By Judy Jones  
Writing for Barbara Buschbacher



Crowned King and Queen at the DeTour Harvest Ball are Shelby Thomas (left) and Teryn Miller.

they participate in the annual Quiz Bowl at Cedarville Wednesday, November 5, at 4 p.m.

The members of Union Presbyterian Church are working hard on items for their annual Bazaar and soup luncheon Saturday, December 6, during Village Christmas. New this year will be the sale of cookies and fudge by the pound. The annual Christmas wreath sale is also a favorite for bazaar patrons. The wreaths, which are handmade with fresh greens, will again sell for \$12.50. To place advance orders, call Verna Fountain at 297-8400.

David Rhinard has announced that casting is complete and rehearsals have begun for the E.U.P. Fine Arts Council production of "A Christmas Carol." In addition to directing, David will play Scrooge with Sean Fountain as Bob Cratchit, Chase Livingston as Fred and young Scrooge, Cameron Livingston as Tiny Tim, Paula Bosley as Mrs. Cratchit, Ralph Shiplett as Jacob

Marley's Ghost, Bob Vaught and Olive Warner as Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig, Albert Fountain as the Ghost of Christmas Present, Scott Bosley as Tom Jenkins, Keegan Fountain as Fred's wife, Megan Harsin as Isabel, and Heather VanDaele as the Ghost of Christmas Past. Also appearing as Cratchit family members and other Londoners are: Robert Bloom, Cindy Dudeck, Tyler Soule, Jake Dudeck, Leo Dudeck, Jordan Scott, Alexis Scott, Kaalin Goetz, and Darlene Jarmisch. Performances will be December 4, 5, and 6 in the evening with a Sunday matinee December 7.

The members of the Botanical Garden Group will meet this Thursday, November 6, at 1 p.m. at the Village Hall, the Friends of the Library will meet Tuesday, November 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the library, and the E.U.P. Fine Arts Council and DeTour Area Chamber of Commerce meet Wednesday, November 12, at the Village Hall at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively.

**Dr. Karl Hele To Speak at Chippewa Co. Historical Society**

The Chippewa County Historical Society will host a talk by Dr. Karl S. Hele on "Charlotte Johnston McMurray and Mis-

sions to Bawating, 1827-1838" Friday, November 7, at 7 p.m. at the front of the Historical Society's building at 115 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. It is open to the public.

Dr. Hele grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and is a member of the Garden River First Nation

community. He is an assistant professor of First Nations Studies and Anthropology, and the director of the First Nations Studies Program at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario.

A brief business meeting will take place prior to the talk.

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority is accepting proposals to provide the following services for the 2008-2009 Snowplowing Season:

- Snowplowing and removal will commence on the first snow fall of 2008.
- Snowplowing and removal will end the month of April based on snow conditions.
- Awarded contractor must provide all equipment, labor and any other supplies needed to complete the work.
- The contractor is required to meet the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Construction Manager or the Tool and Fleet Manager to participate in a walk through of all sites otherwise their proposal will be denied.
- Awarded contractor will be responsible for plowing and removing snow from elderly, handicap, and vacant unit homes. Office space, warehouses, and pump houses. A detailed list of addresses will be provided weekly based on the occupancy/vacancy of the homes.
- Awarded contractor will be responsible for shoveling vacant unit, elderly, and handicap sidewalks. Under no circumstances are any doorways, walkways or gates to be blocked with snow at any time.
- Awarded contractor will salt and sand all areas.
- Awarded contractor may be contacted by the Construction Manager or Tool and Fleet Manager to remove snow from site at various times, based on snow accumulation.
- Any property damage that occurs during snowplowing or removal must be reported to the Sault Tribe Housing Authority immediately. Contractor will be responsible for any and all costs associated with the damage. This includes damage to the lawn, concrete, etc.
- Should a change order need to be submitted this must be approved by the Sault Tribe Housing Authority.
- Awarded contractor must provide a Proof of Liability Insurance and Workman's Comp. prior to job commencement.
- References must be submitted upon request.
- The prevailing wage ordinance: Tribal Code: Chapter 97 is in effect.

This request is for the following housing sites: Hessel 7 units, 3 vacant, Community Center; St. Ignace 22 units, 2 vacant; Sault Ste. Marie 44 units, 10 vacant; Kincheloe 22 units, 11 vacant, 154 Parkside Office, 10/12 Woodlake Office; Odenaang 5 units, quad units, no vacant units, 4.5 miles of roads.

Bids must be received by November 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids must be sent to:  
Sault Tribe Housing Authority  
Attn: Joni Talentino, Acting Director  
154 Parkside  
Kincheloe, MI 49788

Any questions please contact Russ McKerchie at (906) 495-5555

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. This right shall be exercised at the sole discretion of the Purchasing Department. Native American preference is given.

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**SEALED BID AUCTION AND DIRECT SALE OF SURPLUS DNR LANDS**

Over 60 parcels in 5 counties  
Bids must be postmarked by December 1, 2008

**COMPLETE INFORMATION:**  
michigan.gov/landforsale

Real Estate Services, Land and Facilities, DNR, PO Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948; or call 517-373-1240.

**NOTICE:**  
**CLARK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
will hold a  
**~ PUBLIC HEARING ~**

To Hear Comments On the  
**Revisions to Chapter 6 of the Draft Master Plan – Existing & Future Land Use Statements & Selected Zoning Ordinance Revisions**

**Note: Zoning amendments will not change the Zoning districts of any parcel within the Twp.**

At 7:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, November 25, 2008**  
at  
**Clark Township Community Center  
Hwy. M-134, Cedarville**

Visit our website at [www.clarktwp.org](http://www.clarktwp.org)  
to view Draft Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances

Also available to view at Clark Township Hall & Les Cheneaux Community Library

Written comments may be mailed to Clark Township Clerk, PO Box 367, Cedarville, MI 49719, faxed to 906-484-3119 or sent by email to [clerk@cedarville.net](mailto:clerk@cedarville.net)

**BIDS WANTED**  
**Snow Removal**

Bids sought for snow removal at the St. Ignace Welcome Center, located at the north end of the Mackinac Bridge. Additional info and bid sheets can be obtained at the Welcome Center or the Newberry Transportation Service Center (1-866-740-6368). Sealed bids accepted at the Newberry TSC, 14113 M-28, Newberry, Michigan, 49868, until 3 p.m. on November 17, 2008.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD VACANCY**

The E.U.P. Employment & Training Consortium is accepting nominations for membership on the Workforce Development Board for Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Counties representing:

**Private Business—Owner or Manager**

In partnership with local elected officials, this board has decision-making authority over job training, welfare reform, and career preparation programs and is pivotal in enhancing the Michigan Works! System. The various funding sources are administered through the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

Interested persons should contact Michigan Works! at (906) 635-1752 for a nomination form.

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