

WANT ADS

Classified Ads

Copy DEADLINE: MONDAY, 1 p.m.

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PERSONALS

I want to thank all my family and friends for coming to my birthday party and for all the cards and gifts I received. A special thanks to my friend, Blanche, for helping my mom with my party. Thank you everyone for making my special day perfect.
Tina Champion

Thank you, thank you, from Sheila's daughter, Nora Massey, for your vote that elected her to be your Mackinac County Treasurer. Paid for by Mary Ney.
Thanks again!

Happy Ads

Custom cuts by Quentin. Phone 906-643-7888 or stop by Quentin's Barbershop.

No such thing as a free lunch? Yes, there is! Register for our weekly free lunch drawing at the Driftwood. Enter your name in the dining room, or the Sports Bar. We'll pick a lucky lunch winner out of the jar every week. This week's winner is **Joan Theut**.

Homemade lasagna benefit dinner at the Moose Lodge, Sunday, November 16, at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds go towards the Mackinac County Children's Toy Drive and the Moose Lodge food baskets. 50/50, special auction, and bring a toy to enter for the door prize.

Susan, Wishing you a very happy birthday November 18. Hope your day is great!
Love, Auntie and Uncle

Hunters, Please remember to be careful!

\$500 St. Ignace Christmas shopping spree! Enter to win now through December 8. Shop St. Ignace. Keep it local!

Mackinac Straits Hospital Auxiliary is selling Koeze nuts and chocolates until November 24. If you would like to place an order, please phone Shannon Doran at 906-643-0456. They make great Christmas gifts.

Receive cash for your unwanted gold jewelry. For more information contact the Gold Mine at 906-643-7001.

Michael, Hope you have a very happy birthday November 19. Enjoy your day!
Love, Uncle and Auntie

Free straw for doghouses now available at McFarlane's Country Corner in St. Ignace and the Cedar Pantry in Cedarville. Program funded by Friends of the Animals.

Live entertainment every Friday and Saturday night. Good food, good friends, and good times at Timmy Lee's Pub, West US-2, St. Ignace. Phone 906-643-8344.

St. Stanislaus Church Harvest Dinner, Saturday, November 15, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Raber Township Hall, Goetzville. \$8 adults, \$4 children. Turkey dinner, sauerkraut, and homemade pies.

Mary, We hope you had a great birthday celebration over the weekend!
News Crew Bowlers

Lesley, Happy 3rd birthday! We hope you had a great day.

Love, Terry, Sherry, Jared, and Allison

Tonya, Happy anniversary! I love you more and more as each year passes.

Love, Your Husband

First name rubber stamps make cute little gifts for youngsters of any age. Made to order, \$7 plus tax. All types of print styles to choose from. See at The St. Ignace News, 359 Reagon Street, St. Ignace.

Quality Printing at The St. Ignace News, 359 Reagon Street, St. Ignace. Business cards, flyers, envelopes, letterheads, brochures, raffle tickets and more. Phone 906-643-9150.

The Mackinac County Children's Toy Drive is now taking donations for the 2008 year. Canisters are located at Timmy Lee's Pub, Bentley's Cafe, Pines Trading Post, McGregor Shell, Autore Shell, Holiday, Truck Stop Station, Hope Chest, and Big Boy Restaurant. New toys, clothing, and electronics may be dropped off at The St. Ignace News or by calling Wendy at 906-643-7456. Mailed donations may be made to Mackinac County Children's Toy Drive, c/o Wendy Colegrove, 152 Bertrand, St. Ignace, MI 49781. Thank you!

Class of 2009, Please remember, you must participate in the fundraisers, without them the All-Night Grad Party can't happen.

Graduation announcements and accessories available at The St. Ignace News, 359 Reagon. Come in and receive a catalog today. Phone 906-643-9150.

Victims Services Program Is Proposed by Sheriff's Office

Volunteers are sought to help put in place a Victims Services program through the Mackinac County Sheriff's Office.

The program, said Sheriff Scott Strait, would benefit families who need support in non-criminal situations where police and rescue crews are assisting victims, such as in the case of a fatal accident. Volunteers could help families make calls for funeral arrangements, act as a liaison between police and families, or supply information to families.

The new program would supplement one already in place through the prosecutor's office for

families affected by crime.

"About 90% of the victims police, fire, and ambulance workers come in contact with are not going to be prosecuted, so they won't get help from the prosecutor's office victims services program already in place," Sheriff Strait said.

Training for volunteers would be provided. The program is headed by volunteer Judy Luoma of St. Ignace and sponsored by the Michigan Sheriffs Association.

Those who would like more information about volunteering may call the sheriff's office at 643-1911.

Brevort Twp. Hires Assessors

Brevort Township has named Richard and Cynthia Oliver of St. Ignace as assessors, following interviews with five candidates over the past month. The Olivers will replace Supervisor Edward Serwach, who has been assessing the township since 2001, but resigned that position because it was too time-consuming.

Assessors determine the value of property used for tax collections.

The Olivers are scheduled to begin work December 1. Their salary will be \$10 per parcel for 855 township parcels, or about

\$8,550 a year, and was announced at the board's meeting Wednesday, November 5.

Their contract runs for 30 months, with the first six months on probation.

The Olivers are state-certified level II assessors.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver also are assessors for the townships of Moran, Portage, Newton, and Kinross.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver were interviewed by the township board and were chosen for their experience in the field and on the strength of the interview, Mr. Serwach said.

Rudyard Seeks Talent Performers

Upper Peninsula residents are eligible to participate in the second "Yoopers Have Talent" Show scheduled for January 10, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Rudyard Middle School.

Register by calling Margaret LaPonsie at (906) 478-5591 or

Charie Fischer at (906) 478-4191.

The Rudyard Area Education Fund, which is administered through the Chippewa County Community Foundation, will sponsor the event with all proceeds going to scholarships for high school seniors.


In Loving Memory
of
Clyde "Bo" Bradford
2-27-39 to 11-17-06
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Audie's Restaurant
The Northland Notables Present:
"In the Spirit of X-Mas Dinner"
Show Dates are December 1, 2 & 3
For Reservations Call 231-436-5744

Allied EMS will be offering a
Basic EMT and Medical First Responder Class
at the St. Ignace Middle School
Classes start on Nov. 24th at 6 p.m.
Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 6 to 10 p.m. and Several Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Call Mark Wilk at 643-6538 to register or for more information

The family of **Tracy L. McCrory** would like to thank all of our family, friends, and the entire community for their love and support during our time of loss.
Thank You, and God Bless

MAKE SOMEONE SMILE
With a happy ad today!
\$6 for the first 15 words and twenty cents each word after.
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Look Who's 50!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY WOJCIK
November 13th
Love From, Babe, Fred, Carolyn, Louie, Adele & Joan

Little Bear East would like to thank the following businesses for their donations toward our recent Halloween Skate:
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LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT BY SHOPPING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

The family of **Seth Tamlyn**
Would like to thank our family and friends for their thoughts, prayers, cards, food and everything they have done for us during the tragic loss of Seth. Also, the Michigan State Police, Dodsons, St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, Father Al Mott, Father Jim Williams, Timmy and Diana Lee, Arnold Line, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Mackinac Island Carriage Tours, Armand (Smi) Horn, the ladies of the Altar Society for the luncheon at the St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, our friends and family of Mackinac Island for the luncheon at the community hall, and anyone else we may have forgotten to mention.
The family of **Seth Joseph Tamlyn**

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Happy 47th Birthday Little Brother

Love Ya- Kimbee & Griz

DEAL ME IN
When in Doubt, Let the House Set Your Hand



Mark Pilarski

Dear Mark: As someone new to Pai Gow Poker, would you a) play the game, and b) advise letting the dealer set my hand since I'm a beginner?

Pat T. Pai Gow Poker is a variant of American seven-card poker. It is played with a standard 52-card deck and a joker, but differs from the typical seven-card game in that you play against a banker, not against the other players at the table.

Each player is dealt seven cards with which he must make two hands based on poker rankings -- a front hand of two cards and a back hand of five cards. The five-card hand must outrank the two-card hand.

You win if you defeat the banker on both your front and back hands. You lose only if the banker beats you on both hands. A "copy," or push, always goes to the banker.

I see no reason why you, as a newbie, wouldn't want the house to set you hand correctly, mostly because the casino advantage on the game will be lower if they do, and, as someone new to Pai Gow Poker, you are prone to make two typical novice-errors. You risk failing to see a five-card flush, and/or you risk incorrectly setting your hands when dealt two pairs. Two-pair hands appear fairly often, and setting them correctly is incredibly important. (Note: Here's the quick rule of thumb for playing two pairs: If your hand has either an unmatched Ace or King, keep the two pairs in your five-card hand. If you have neither, play the lower-ranking pair as the two-card hand.)

So what's the house edge by having the house set your hand? Two and a half percent, about the same as if you were to use perfect basic strategy.

Now, Pat, let's talk about that 2.5% for just a moment. At first glance, you'll note it's higher than my ageless recommendation: "never give the casino higher than a 2% edge." But with this negative expectation game, slow is good, very good.

Pai Gow Poker can be really slow; sometimes no more than 40 hands in an hour are actually played to completion. Compare that to Mini-bac-

carat, which, although a lower house-edge play, is an extremely fast game where 200 decisions can be made in an hour.

Here's the arithmetic, Pat, on why it's not such a bad play. If you were to play Pai Gow Poker at \$5 a hand, 40 hands an hour, giving the house 2.5%, you would lose, over the long run, just \$5 per hour. With Mini-baccarat at \$5 a whack, and even though the house edge is only 1.17%, if you were to play just the Banker hand, by seeing 200 decisions an hour, you would have an hourly loss of \$11.70.

Pai Gow Poker, even as a beginner and allowing the house to set your hand, is pretty cheap entertainment, Pat, for a measly five bucks an hour.

Dear Mark: Often in your column you mention the benefits of basic strategy in blackjack. Basic strategy tells us to always hit a 16. Isn't the smart move to let the dealer bust instead, even if he has a 7-10 showing?

Ted R. The Basic strategy I often mention in this column is a set of computer-derived rules for playing every hand against every possible dealer up-card.

Let's examine your hand example, the one we all get, all of the time, that god-awful 16. If you hit this crappy hand, you will bust over 60 percent of the time. The other option is to stand and let the dealer bust out. The problem is that when you stand as well, you will lose approximately 70 percent of the time.

The dealer's chances of having a 17 or more when he shows a 7, 8, 9, 10 or ace are between 74% and 83%. For that reason, correct basic strategy dictates that you always hit your 16.

Got a question about gambling? Write to: Deal Me In, P.O. Box 1234, Traverse City, Michigan 49685 -email: 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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