

St. Ignace

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The sunrises over the lake have been beautiful with the warmer weather. One day, the sun was a golden red half circle amidst a cloud of fog. Fog was rising over the ice on the bay as the temperatures climbed. Another one of those northern Michigan scenes.

Even though the temperatures rose last week to nearly 45 degrees, St. Ignace Area Schools were closed Tuesday, February 10, owing to icy back roads. Gros Cap School was closed that day owing to illness.

Jim and Annette Durm are happy to report that their son, Specialist David Durm, has arrived safely back at Fort Carson, Colorado, after his second tour of duty in Iraq. The Durms would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, kind words, and prayers while David was on his 15-month deployment.

Don and Alice Howe are visiting Don's mother, Myrne Howe, in Tempe, Arizona. They plan to help her celebrate her 93rd birthday while there. Her birthday was Saturday, January 24. Happy belated birthday, Myrne.

Sympathies to the Davis family on the passing of Teresa Davis Saturday, February 7. Her obituary appeared in the February 12 issue of *The St. Ignace News*. She will be missed by the community and her friends and family. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Sheri Gould from the Community Action Center reports that a Walk for Warmth breakfast will be served Sunday, February 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu will include quiche and a fruit bar. A bake sale will also be available. Donations will be accepted, with the proceeds benefiting the Walk for Warmth fund for local people who are struggling to pay their home heating costs. For more information, call Sheri at 643-7933.

The LaSalle High concert band will take part in the band festival in Cedarville Friday, February 27, at 1:25 p.m. The band will give both a planned performance and a sight reading, performing music that they haven't seen before. Both performances are judged. This is the first



Thursday, February 12, the day after Russell Earl turned 95, he headed over to Little Bear East in St. Ignace and walked a mile. Saturday, February 14, his sons, Tony of Madison, Wisconsin (left) and Dave of Westford, Massachusetts, hosted his friends at the Mackinac Grille. Mr. Earl came to St. Ignace in 1922 to run the A&P grocery store and he also served as the paymaster for American Bridge during construction of the Mackinac Bridge.

time in three years that the band has attended a festival. Jason Byma, band director, is hopeful to earn high marks.

School choir director Stephanie Terpening reports that the St. Ignace School Vocal Music Department will be holding a raffle for a Saints jersey at the Thursday, February 26, basketball game. The raffle will help earn funds for Michaela North and Autumn Orm to go to the Organization of American Kolady Educators National Honors Choir in Washington, D.C., in March.

Birthday wishes to Adam Sanborn February 19, Deanna Kreski February 20, Todd Blair and Justin Litzner February 21, Amy Massey February 22, Devon Winberg February 24, and Ian Welch February 26.

The third annual U.P. Pond Hockey Championship will be Friday, February 20, through Sunday, February 22. Play will start Friday at 3 p.m. on Moran Bay, with the finals Sunday. The Little



St. Ignace students Autumn Orm (left) and Michaela North were accepted into the OAKE National Honors Choir and will perform in Washington, D.C., March 12 through March 14. (Photograph courtesy of Stephanie Terpening)

Bear Ice Arena will host a Friday night exhibition game between the Detroit Red Wings and the top two teams from the 2008 U.P. Pond

Hockey Tournament. For more information about Pond Hockey at St. Ignace, call Mark Sposito at 643-7482.

DeTour

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Some early spring weather has now departed, leaving us with a return to winter and lots of ice everywhere.

The DeTour Friends of the Library didn't let the ice that cancelled school and their regular meeting Tuesday, February 10, stop them from presenting an extremely successful silent auction Wednesday, February 11. Area businesses and individuals donated a variety of items, which were sold by bid to raise more than \$2,500 for the Friends. Funds from the auction are used to cover library public use expense and to purchase books. If you've never visited our local library, please stop by and check out the wide variety of books, or use the computers.

Prior to the announcement of auction winners, the DeTour Middle and High School bands, directed by Gordon Usher, gave a midwinter concert to prepare for their participation in district and state competition. If the Wednesday performance is any indication, the bands should both do well.

Wednesday, February 11, was also the regular meeting day for the EUP Fine Arts Council. The group discussed a variety of items for the 2009 year. It was determined that all three music scholarship applications currently received for fine art camps would be fully funded this year, since only one was used last year. An additional drama scholarship may also be awarded, using an existing credit. Names of the stu-

dents receiving scholarships and the amount will be announced soon.

Jean Bloom reported that Community Choir rehearsals will begin Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the school. The concerts are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 28, in DeTour and Thursday June 25, on Drummond Island.

David Rhinard announced that auditions for the first theater pro-

duction, "Steel Magnolias," will be Tuesday, March 3, and Wednesday, March 4, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the school. A producer is still being sought.

The first restoration fundraiser for the year, "Night at the Races," will be at the Fine Arts Center Saturday, May 2. Times will be

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Moran Township Planning Commission Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan, the Moran Township Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing to hear comments to proposed changes to the Moran Township Master Plan and Recreation Plan, and establishment of a Capital Improvement Plan.

This notice is posted in accordance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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NOTICE

St. Ignace Township in Mackinac County
Will Hold the Following Meetings:
St. Ignace Township Hall,
N4298 Gorman Road, St. Ignace, MI 49781

The March Board of Review Organizational Meeting:
This is to elect a Chairperson and review the assessment roll.
Tuesday, March 3, 2009 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Meetings held to allow property owners to review their assessment records:

Tuesday March 10 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 11 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The following are the ratio factors in the respective classes:

	CLASS	RATIO	FACTOR
Agriculture	101	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	201	49.93	1.0000
Industrial	301	49.20	1.0000
Residential	401	49.11	1.0000
Timber Cutover	501	N/A	N/A
Developmental	601	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	900	50.00	1.0000

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DEAL ME IN

Little Risk, Big Reward Logic Is Not Sane Gambling



Dear Mark: I play craps exclusively and tend to stick with your recommendations, that being Pass line bets, odds and a Place bet on either the Six or Eight. I also like to bet the "snake eyes" or "box cars" as a fun way to invest a little for a decent payoff. You've called them "sucker" bets, whereas I see it only as a buck with little chance of financial ruin. They do hit occasionally, so I'm asking if there any flaw in my logic?

Dave C.

Your question, Dave, reminded me of a bright new freshly paved road I once happened onto in nowhere Nevada one very, very hot summer day. It was smooth, the concrete was new, bright, swift. We just toiled along, until coming over a slight rise we saw that the road ended. No signs, no warning, no fence, no gate, and no gas - just sand, cactus, and some sleepy lizards. They could have named that road Snake-eyes because I was bitten.

Yes, Dave, I hear it all the time: "It's such a small investment for the potential of a decent payoff," or, "I hit the two (snake eyes) and twelve (box cars) enough that it pays to bet a \$1."

What encourages most players to make this bet is that it can hit, on any given gambling session. Those "ups" you may be currently having just shows the volatile nature of gambling. The rollercoaster "ups" and "downs" of gambling happen to everyone, but getting an oversized payout of \$30 for your \$1 wager will camouflage the long-term ruin that this "sucker" bet will eventually bring to your wallet.

What doesn't change with a snake eyes or a box cars wager is the built-in house edge. It's a whopping 13.88 percent, meaning for every \$100 you bet on the two or twelve, the casino pockets \$13.88. Ka-ching! Can you hear me now?

Chicken scratch it's not, and if

Mark Pilarski

you're bellied-up to a crap table continually betting \$1 on the two, and participate in 140 rolls of the dice every hour, your \$140 investment should have an expected loss of \$19.43 per hour. Hang around the game for four hours, plan on \$77.72 in losses on that one wager.

Sound gambling? I think not. Neither is driving in the desert without a full tank of gas.

Dear Mark: I have heard that some states offer slot machines that are based on skill. How can that be? Don't you just yank a handle and win?

Jenny G.

You meant lose, Jenny, didn't you? "Skill" slots are slightly different in that you have two opportunities to spin the reels. After you see the results of your first spin, supposedly the "skill" factor comes into play in the bonus round when you decide to keep none, one, two or all three symbols on each reel before you spin them again.

Naturally, you keep the sure things like cherries, treasure chests, and doubles and trips of everything, but I've tried these "skill" machines once in North Carolina and I'm still not quite sure what proficiency you need outside a flair for guessing and loads of luck.

Gambling Wisdom of the Week: "He was about to gamble his life on that table, and the insanity of that risk filled him with a kind of awe."

~Paul Auster,
The Music of Chance

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE Clark Township

Clark Twp. Assessors will be hosting an informational session to answer questions and concerns that property owners may have regarding their Assessment Change Notices.

Monday, Feb. 23
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The LMAS District Health Department will be conducting a Public Hearing on March 25, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing an amendment to the Superior Environmental Health Code to include commercial sewage systems discharging less than 1,000 gallons per day and a new Technical Guidance Manual for the design of alternative sewage systems. The hearing will be held in the basement of the LMAS District Health Department Luce County Office, 14150 Hamilton Lake Road, Newberry, MI. Copies of the proposed changes in draft format can be obtained by stopping by any of our four district offices or can be printed off our website at www.lmasdhd.org under the news portion on the left-hand side of our homepage.

NOTICE

CLARK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE Clark Township Planning Commission on March 10, 2009, at the Clark Township Hall, 207 N. Blindline Rd. at 7:00 p.m., Clark Township, Mackinac County, Cedarville, MI 49719.

Case #209: Hessel Bay Boat Works, Inc. is requesting a zoning change for Lot 22 & 23 from R-1 to Commercial.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF HESSEL
LOT 22 & LOT 23
Address: On Hillcrest Lane, Hessel

Case #210: Robert Smith is requesting an addition for his boat shelter that will exceed the square footage usually allowed.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
SECTION 3 T41N R1E
Address: 1751 S. Lakeside 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 PLANNING COMMISSION