

Les Cheneaux

It certainly was a busy weekend in Cedarville and Hessel over the Fourth of July. A memorial service, weddings, special dinners, parades, and numerous other activities were topped off with a grand display of fireworks. After a week of cold, wind, and rain, the weather cleared and it was a beautiful weekend with sunshine and warm temperatures.

The memorial service for Ken Horschburgh was attended by the many people who knew him. Ken was always an outstanding figure in the Les Cheneaux Islands. He, along

with Chuck Letts, began the now famous Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show. With Ken's endless energy and enthusiasm, he kept all of those around him busy. The number of people who attended the service certainly spoke of the local admiration felt for this exceptional man.

Word from Debbie St. Onge announced a concert to be held at First Union Church Friday, July 31, at 7 p.m. featuring Randy and Marli Brown. There will be refreshments and a social hour following the con-

cert. Everyone is welcome.

The Les Cheneaux Arts Council is having an exhibition of some of the work of its artists in the Library Reading room and a quilt display for the month of July.

An organization called the Northern Connection Basket Guild is having its July meeting Thursday, July 16, at the Township Hall in DeTour Village. According to Gillian Bickham, this organization was organized in 1991 and has nine members. Dedicated to preserving the traditions of basket making, the

group meets the third Thursday of each month from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., alternating meetings between the Hessel Presbyterian Church and the Township Hall in DeTour.

Several members of this group belong to the Association of Michigan Basket-makers, which holds a convention annually, offering basket classes and a chance to learn new and varied techniques of weaving. New members are welcome, and any questions may be directed to Gillian Bickham at 484-4002.



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The Too-Good-To-Be-True Electronic IHTD (Impending Hit Tip-off Device) Is Still A Work In Progress

Dear Mark: Is there a way you can you tell if a slot machine is going to hit? Should I stay on my favorite machine if it's not paying?

Anna P.
If only we knew which slot was going to hit when, then we'd all be rolling in dough -- for one day; on the morrow, there'd be no more casinos.

Sorry, Anna, there's no way to know when a slot machine is going to hit. The computer within chooses the results of each spin without regard for what has happened in the past or will happen in the future. It's all random, Anna, so there's nothing you can do to improve your chances of winning outside of carrying the foot of an unlucky rabbit.

As to how long you should stay on any particular machine, stay as long as you are having fun playing it. If you're getting discouraged because a machine's not coughing up enough money, get up and move along. There is just no way of knowing whether the machine is going to be tight or charitable.

Nonetheless, even though each spin is random, if you're not having fun, there's no sense chaining yourself to a cold machine, even if it's your favorite. Reason being, the longer you stay on any slot, the more time the machine's built-in mathematical advantage has to work you over. Time always works on their side, and they have a mathematical edge on every slot. If you're taking a breather, or just moving from one machine to another, there is no way for the casino to eat away at your bankroll.

Oh, and don't forget to use your slot club card every time you play. Casinos offer you the ability to "comp yourself" by using one of their player's club slot cards. It is generally based on the number of coins you cycle through a machine, so you might as well get credit for all those nickels, quarters or dollars you're inserting. Shop the casinos for comp value and just see how much you are



Mark Pilarski
worth to them.

Dear Mark: With the large selection of machines the casino offers, which is the best video poker game or games to learn?

Carol G.
The straightforward answer is simple, Carol. At the casino you frequent, play on the machine that has the highest paybacks, and use the correct playing strategy on that game.

Your favorite casino, Carol, actually gives you the opportunity when playing perfect basic strategy with a decent pay schedule, to reduce the house advantage to well under one percent.

In video poker, about 21% of the hands dealt are sure winning hands, so 79% are going to need help to develop into winners. It's what you do with those 79% of the hands that makes the difference between winning and losing.

As to the video poker offerings, you'll find a supermarket selection at all casinos, all having different paytables needing separate playing strategies. I recommend learning and limiting your play to two, maximum, such as any two of Jacks-or-Better, Deuces Wild, or Joker Poker.

There's no need to become a connoisseur of Louisiana Jacks or Gator Poker if it's not offered at the casinos where you play. Focus on but two games, but stay alert. You don't want to forget which machine you're playing and start using the strategy intended for the other.

Gambling Wisdom of the Week: "If you must play, decide upon three things at the start: the rules of the game, the stakes, and the quitting time."

~Chinese Proverb
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.



The Dunn family of Les Cheneaux gathered for a reunion Sunday, July 5, at a roadside park on M-134 near Cedarville. Family members attending are (not in order) Chris Ehrett and Monica Dunn of Franklin, Wisconsin, Linda Dunn-Coleman of Midlothian, Texas, Jim and Ferne Sherland with Ruben of Hessel, Merle Carder of Mojave, California, Archie Dunn of Cedarville, Art and Sandra Dunn of Juneau, Alaska, Dale and Lisa Dunn of Cedarville, Dave and Doris Stever of Exeter, California, Kim, Randy, Grace, and Silas Dunn of Cedarville, Lydia Rudd of Cedarville, Lisa, Jimmy, and Jack Zylbe of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, Tina Carder of Bakersfield, California, Archie and Shurland of Hessel, Julie and Rich Morehouse of Minnetonka, Minnesota, Lisa and George Dunn of Campbellsport, Wisconsin, Terre and Dave Ogorchock of Tehachapi, California, and Soap, DeeDee, and Rebecca Bickham of Hessel. (Dunn Family Photograph)

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The Fourth of July was as it should be, sunny and warm. Saturday celebrants at our home were Charlie, Pam, and Chrissy Movalson, Eric, Kelli, Amanda, and Zach Movalson, Horst and Ingrid Daemmrich, Tracy Movalson, and Dave Movalson, Jr.

Sharon and Joe Chalmers spent a quiet weekend, with walks on the beach and grilling out. The weekend before, Joe Chalmers and Murray Chalmers traveled to Florida for a brief visit. Sharon Chalmers attended a family wedding in the Hamptons. While in New York City, Sharon's daughter, Lisa, and her cousin, Diana, went to see the Broadway play "Shrek," which they report was as good as "The Lion King" production seen previously.

Jackie and Denny Rippett and Sally Conklin drove to Curtis Sunday, July 5, for the Fourth of July festivities. Kelli, Amanda, Pam, Chrissy, Tracy, and I met them at Rachel and Roy Gibson's shop, Creative Commotions.

It was a great parade in Curtis. The Saints of Steel of St. Ignace put on a wonderful program, riding on a flatbed truck. There was our church organist, Dawn Akers, front and center. I gave her a shout but, of course, she didn't hear or see me waving my arms.

Carole Orlando spent three days last week with her parents, Jim and Ann Dyer. Jim and Ann manned the Lions booth at Naubinway Saturday, July 4, with a helping hand from Carole.

Pete, the peacock, is comfortable roaming the Wildwood Lane neighborhood, but always returns to John and Pega Kennedy's home. Pega and John attended the Independence Day parade in St. Ignace Saturday, July 4.

Joe Stewart and Lorie Quigley of Fort Myers, Florida, have arrived at their summer home on Shore Road. Kay Allott of Sault Ste. Marie has joined them for a few days. Sunday night, July 5, they entertained neighbors with refreshments before the festivities on the beach.

The Green family of New Hudson congregated at the family compound this past week. Andy and Vivian Green and family, Chris and Wendy Green and family, and the matriarch, Marion Green, all enjoyed the week at the beach. Also included were the pets. It was a busy beach.

Russ and Susie Nesberg have

adopted a new kitten from Brenda Spencer. She has more to give to happy homes.

Bob Jarzynka is fighting off the cedar waxwings, who seem to love the ripening strawberries.

The Brittany puppies at Jim and Jerri Rose's home are now just opening their eyes. They are two weeks old.

Sharon and Ken Smith have been busy remodeling their kitchen since they got home from Arizona.

Shari Baron is in Livonia caring for her mother, who is having health issues. She will be back in town for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in St. Ignace July 17 and July 18. Although I am not a contact person for Relay for Life, for information about participating, you may contact Sherrill Soblaskey of St. Ignace at 643-8711.

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Happy birthday to Tracy Movalson July 7.

Jack and Thora Shepard have been spending time at their cottage at Trout Lake. Mike and Helena Shepard and family camped at the park in Trout Lake over the holiday. Jack and Thora joined them at the park for the fireworks, as did Mike, Lara, Morgan, and Kristi Gustafson.

Edna Mae Dumas of Florida visited with Jack and Thora Shepard Thursday, July 2.

Joyce Gustafson says the Hope Chest in St. Ignace is doing very well, with lots of people visiting the store.

Mary Carney reports lots of activity at the bookstore.

Happy anniversary to Jim and Kathy Christopher July 14.

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VitalCare Hospice Introduces New Volunteer Coordinator



Jennifer Besteman of Rudyard has joined VitalCare Hospice of the Straits as Volunteer Coordinator Assistant. Jennifer's primary role will be meeting with hospice patients and family members to assess their volunteer needs and determine how hospice volunteers can best serve them.

Jennifer will also be recruiting and training hospice volunteers. The next volunteer training will begin in August and will be designed to accommodate the schedules of those who apply for training. Volunteers will serve patients in their own community.

VitalCare Hospice of the Straits, a nonprofit hospice program, has served Mackinac County since 1994, when they affiliated with Loryce M. Dyer Memorial Hospice and opened their office in the St. Ignace Municipal Building.

Hospice of the Straits serves residents at home throughout Mackinac County; they also provide hospice care at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long-Term Care and at assisted living facilities throughout the county.

Those interested in exploring hospice volunteer opportunities can contact Jennifer at 906-643-6753. The VitalCare office is located at 396 N. State Street in St. Ignace.

More information about hospice is available at www.vitalcare.org.

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