

OBITUARIES

Leslie 'Butch' Andress



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Leslie "Butch" Andress, 66, of St. Ignace and Mackinac Island, died Friday evening, July 24, 2009 at War Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Mackinac Island March 13, 1943, to Joseph and Ruby (nee Perault) Andress and was a maintenance employee of Chambers Riding Stables on Mackinac Island and a barn hand.

Mr. Andress loved to make Native American crafts, root lamps, feather fans, and other crafts. He never owned a motorcycle, but always considered himself a biker.

He was a member of Ste. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island and was an Elder with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He had been in a wheelchair since suffering a stroke in 2002 and had been a resident at Tendercare in Sault Ste. Marie for four years.

He is survived by three daughters and their families, Michelle and David Hiser of St. Ignace, Elizabeth and Michael Rypkema of Minnesota, and Christine and Lee Pantella of Florida; three stepchildren and their families, Gary and Shelley Mitchell of St. Ignace, Dan and Pauline Mitchell of Cedarville, and Deanna Mitchell of St. Ignace; three brothers and their families, Pat Andress of St. Ignace, Carl and Cora Andress of Hessel, and Don Andress of Mackinac Island; a sister, Mary Siders of St. Ignace; eight grandchildren, Zack, Jade, Chris-

topher, Mackenzie, James, Chrystal, Allen, and Tammi, and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his life partner, Tootie Mitchell; a brother, Joseph Andress; a sister, Barbara Ann Elizabeth Chambers, and a sister-in-law, Mary Andress.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 30, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Dodson Funeral Home. Services will follow at 8 p.m. at the funeral home with Deacon Donald Olmstead officiating. Burial will be Friday, July 31, at 11:30 a.m., at Ste. Anne's Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

Memorials may be directed to the family, with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Victoria LaPoint



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Victoria F. LaPoint, 83, of DeTour Village, passed away Saturday, July 25, 2009, at Hearthiside Manor's Hospice Suite in Sault Ste. Marie, surrounded by her family.

She was born September 11, 1925, to John and Kathryn (nee Polczyk) Polaczyk in DeTour.

At the start of World War II, Ms. LaPoint moved to Detroit to work in an airplane plant making airplane parts, a job she was very proud of. She returned after the war to DeTour to work in a local restaurant, where she met her future husband, Edward.

They were married December 23, 1946, and had six children, which she reared following the unexpected death of Mr. LaPoint.

Family members said she devoted

her life to rearing her children and took delight in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She liked cooking, and entertained her grandchildren with her "Grandma Vicky Burgers."

A devout Catholic, she attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in DeTour and, after moving to her daughter's home in the Sault, St. Isaac Jogues Parish. She said the rosary daily, her family said.

She is survived by three daughters and their families, Frances and Benny Hank of Goetzville, Kathryn and Donald Cruickshank of Sault Ste. Marie, and Theresa LaPoint of Sault Ste. Marie; three sons and their families, Edward and Terry LaPoint of Kincheloe, Ricky LaPoint of DeTour Village, and

Lawrence LaPoint of Phoenix, Arizona; a sister, Anna Marie Paquin of Lexington, Nebraska; nine grandchildren and their families, Vicki and Eric Puidokas, Jenni and Derek O'Dell, Marci and Norman Guild, Samuel Cruickshank, Misty Shaw, Dawn and Dave Dolezel, Liza LaPoint, Samantha LaPoint, Justin LaPoint, and 17 great-grandchildren, Jacob Farley, Jessy Farley, Kimberly Willis, Richard Willis, Anthony Franklin, Nevaeh Dolezel, Donald Dolezel, Trevor Shaw, Taylor Shaw, Samantha Cruickshank, Kimberley Cruickshank, Ryver Stevens, Morgan Stevens, Ashton Causley, Madison O'Dell, Kennedy Guild, and Finley Guild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward "Pun-Pun" LaPoint; her parents, two brothers, Joseph and Edward Polaczyk, and four sisters, Blanche Ross, Mary Dumback, Jenette Hodge and Josephine Polaczyk.

Services were held at noon Tuesday, July 28, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in DeTour Village. Visitation preceded the service from

10 a.m. to noon.

Burial was at Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour Township.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Upper Peninsula, 508 Ashmun Street, Suite 120, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford assisted with arrangements.

Raymond Davis

Raymond J. Davis, 80, of Eckerman, died Sunday morning, July 26, 2009, at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital in Newberry.

He was born June 17, 1929, in Comstock Park to Zell and Ula (nee Smith) Davis. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was discharged September 11, 1954.

Mr. Davis married the former Elaine Pokela September 19, 1959, in Rudyard, and he was employed as a heavy equipment operator for the International Union Operating Engineers Local #324 for 45 years until his retirement in June 1, 1987.

He had been a resident of Eckerman since 1974 and enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, and gar-

dening.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters and their families, Bonita and John Peters of Sault Ste. Marie, Burma and Paul Kucharzyk of Alto, and Betty Davis of Eckerman; five grandchildren, Raymond and Ashley Peters, Andrew, Julia and Justin Kucharzyk, and four siblings, Zella Elliott of Paradise, Joyce Castle of Rudyard, Carol Dunbar of Durand, and Delmar Davis of Eckerman.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Alva Davis.

Inurnment will be at the Paradise Baptist Church Cemetery. Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family.

DEAL ME IN

Yes, The Casino Wants An Occasional Winner



Mark Pilarski

Dear Mark: Why is it that when losing, so long as I keep playing, casino management is polite and courteous, but once I start winning, and winning big, I feel a change in attitude?

Fred F.

Regrettably, Fred, there are some in casino management that sweat the money as if it were their own pirated loot. Deep down, they know, or at least should know, that your winnings over time usually flow back the casino's way.

Though I no longer toil within the casino walls, there are three facts related to your question that remain givens in gambling: 1) Casino operators realize they will suffer short term losing streaks. 2) The longer you gamble with the house's money, the more exposure you have to the casino's edge, and 3) winners tell losers where they won their money.

If the player's game is on the up-and-up, the casino shouldn't be hot and bothered when Freddy from Fresno wins a huge sum of money, even if Freddy started with a meager bankroll. It is not all that rare for a player to unleash a hundred dollar bill and run its state of health up to four digits, or even higher.

The way the house safeguards against financial ruin during a player's winning streak is to set table betting limits. It is the "house limit" that protects the casino bankroll against a lucky assault from Fred, Freddy or Frederica.

The house knows that the longer Fred gambles, the more exposure he has to the casino's inescapable casino edge. Your biggest advantage against the house, Fred, is to quit on your own terms, and not on the casino's.

As for your winning loads of loot and the casino not being so cheery about it, buried within their scowl, they know a few winners will slip past, even if every wager is designed in their favor. More to the point, Fred, is that casinos are retail establishments. If one of the customers had any chance of winning big, how long do you think they would be able to keep their doors open? Heck, they actually prefer a few winners, because winners tell the 90 plus percent who lose where they did the big winning.

Dear Mark: Recently, my brother obtained a Player's Card at a casino here in Reno. After playing the slots for a while he earned a free spin to win a prize; which was an Ace for his first card if he placed a minimum \$25 bet at a blackjack table. He bet \$25; his second card was a King; and he beat the dealer's two 10s. Obviously, he was pleased to win \$37.50; but soon he was saying he should have placed a higher wager, because the free Ace was such a huge advantage. Do you agree?

Wayne K.

The arithmetic says absolutely, Wayne, although \$25 could represent the complete bankroll of a penny slot player, or just one hand of a blackjack player. As long as \$25 is a bet that your brother could easily afford to lose, he might have gone a bit light, and here's why.

The sought-after hands of any blackjack player are those ace -10 "naturals." Unless the dealer also has a blackjack -- causing a push, and the chance of that happening are 450 to one -- these hands win 1.5-to-1.

Being that your brother's first card is automatically an Ace, on a multiple deck game, say for instance, six decks, 96 of the remaining 311 cards, (or 30.87% of the remaining pile) would have given him a snapper.

Note, Wayne, that the likelihood of a blackjack varies with the number of decks in a shoe, but sticking with the six deck example, the probability of procuring a blackjack is normally 4.749%, so you typically can expect a blackjack once in slightly over 21 hands. Comparing a 4.749% chance versus 30.87%, and getting paid 1.5-to-1, it shows, at least mathematically, that it might have been worthwhile for bro to have placed a few extra clams in the betting circle.

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.

Harry Hett

Harry Kevin Hett, 46, of Curtis, died Thursday morning July 23, 2009, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

He was born October 19, 1962, in Manistique to Harry and Arvilla "Betty" (nee Feneley) Hett.

Mr. Hett was a lifelong Curtis resident and self-employed as a mason until his retirement in 2007, owing to his declining health. He was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles #3701 and Tahquamenon Motorcycle Club M.X., both of Newberry, and enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and

fishing.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Alisa Smith, of Curtis; three children, Derek and Kiel Hett of Alcona and Danielle Berkland of Brimley; a grandson, Draydon Berland of Brimley, and a brother, Jeffrey "Sean" Hett of Brimley.

A gathering of family and friends will take place Thursday July 30, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

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Ms. Dyer died April 3 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital.

There will also be a wreath service Friday, July 31, at sunset at Dune Shores.

An obituary was published April 9 in *The St. Ignace News*.

Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Lorraine Dyer

A memorial graveside service for Lorraine Dyer of Epoufette will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 1, at Epoufette Cemetery. Pastor

Julie Hatch

Julie Marie Hatch, 31, of Durham, North Carolina, died Saturday, July 25, 2009, when struck by a hit-and-run driver on South Gould City Road in Newton Township, while vacationing with a friend.

She was born July 15, 1978, in Olean, New York, to Ronald G. and Eulagene "Tina" Bailey Hatch and was a 1996 graduate of Portville Central School. She also had an associate's degree in criminal justice from Corning Community College and was employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Miss Hatch liked sports and was a fan of the North Carolina Tar Heels.

She is survived by her mother, of Limestone, a sister, Kathryn Murphy of Louisburg, North Carolina; three brothers and their families, Ronald E. Hatch of Phoenix, Arizona, William F. and Karen Hatch of Lusby, Maryland, and Gregory S. and Sherry Hatch of Fredericksburg, Virginia; 12 nieces and nephews; five great-nieces and great-nephews, and several aunts and uncles.

Her father preceded her in death.

Visitation will be Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Guenther Funeral Home in Olean. A funeral will be at the funeral home Friday at 11 a.m. with Father Gregory Dobson, pastor of St. Mary of the Angles Church, officiating.

Burial will be in the Limestone Cemetery.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Limestone Volunteer Fire Department.

NOTICE

OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The USDA - Rural Development Utilities Program (RDUP) has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Mackinac Island, Michigan. The proposal consists of upgrades to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant equipment to further improve operations and energy efficiency. This includes influent flow equalization, influent screening, influent grit removal, primary treatment, oxidation towers, aeration, final clarification, disinfection, post-treatment flow equalization, sludge storage, sludge-handling equipment, instrumentation, power distribution, standby power generation, and mechanical ventilation equipment. Certain structural repairs and the addition/replacement of protective coatings and waterproofing will be included in these upgrades to maintain existing tanks and buildings. This project will not effect any important farmland, wetland, floodplain, or historic properties.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act and agency regulations, the RDUP prepared an *Environmental Assessment* of the proposal that assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposal and the effect the proposal may have on historic properties. The *Environmental Assessment* was published on May 28, 2009, for the 30-day public comment period, during which time no comments were received. Upon consideration of the applicant's proposal, federal and state environmental regulatory and natural resource agencies determined that there would be no effect on historic properties; based on public input, the agency has determined that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis of this determination is the *Environmental Assessment*.

Copies of the *Environmental Assessment* can be reviewed or obtained at:
1) Mackinac Island City Hall, 7358 Market Street, Mackinac Island, MI 49757, (906) 847-3300
2) USDA/Rural Development, 2003 Minneapolis Ave., Gladstone, MI 49837, (906) 428-1060 Ext. 102

For further information please contact Mr. Jim Yoder (RDUP) at (906) 428-1060 ext. 6.

A general location map of the project area is shown above.



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