

# Honeymoon

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widely popular with newly-weds.

"Cruises are great. You unpack your bags just once and visit two to three ports," said Wehr. "It is a good value for the dollar. Almost everything on the ship is included in the fare."

He said that a quality cruise can be booked for around \$1,200 per person but depending on the season and other variables, you can find them for as little as \$600. Wehr said that couples who come into the AAA office usually have a travel

destination in mind. "Agents here will inform travelers what to expect. Is it the rainy season? Is it the hottest time of the year? What are the best buys out there?" said Wehr. "Working with a professional is best. You are not going to pay anymore for the trip by working with one."

Bride-to-be Karen Zaremba and fiance John D'Lamater are busy planning their June wedding. The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii.

"We will fly into Honolulu,

then island hop," said Zaremba.

Both school teachers, their trip will be romantic and educational. The couple plans to visit Pearl Harbor, the Polynesian Cultural Center and Haleakala National Park. With five-lane highways, the couple plans to take the stress out of driving in unfamiliar places and take the abundant tour shuttle buses when possible.

"We also plan to snorkel, sail, lay on the beach and just regroup from the happy

stress of the wedding," said Zaremba. The couple has been briefed on the local culture, tourists traps and cost of vacationing in the country's 50th state.

"I have my own personal travel agent," said Zaremba of her mother, Carol Zaremba, who with her husband, Stan, has been to Hawaii 10 times.

With Internet research and Carol's Hawaiian Island experience available to help narrow down the choices, the couple has decided to stay in Oahu and

Maui. They might go on diving expeditions, fishing charters or tour the islands by helicopter. But the best things to be had may be free.

"All the beaches are owned by the State of Hawaii, so you can walk forever without walking onto private property," said Mrs. Zaremba. "The area is absolutely gorgeous, the water crystal clear, bird watching is interesting and customer service is ultra."

**Michelle Arntz is a local freelance writer.**

## Getting a passport

Passports applications are accepted at the County Clerk's office, located at 400 Boardman or at the Main Post Office, located at 202 S. Union St. The Post Office offers photo services and appointments are suggested. The fee to file an application is \$30. Please allow four to six weeks to receive your passport.

Application fees payable to the US Department of State are \$55 for adults and \$40 for children. Children must be present to obtain a passport. For children under age 14, both parents should be present. If both cannot be present, then a notarized affidavit is required from the absent parent. The Passport Agency can expedite a passport application if necessary for an extra \$60.

To apply for a passport, the applicant needs to submit an original birth certificate with a raised seal and a filing date, a driver's license or like identification, and two passport photos. For more information, call the Traverse City Post Office at 946-9616 or the Country Clerk at 922-4760.



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