

# The QUACKER

MARCH 2023 ISSUE 478 FOUNDED BY THE SUGAR ISLAND LIONESSE CLUB



Happy St. Parick's Day

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 28. Last Day to pay Property Taxes without penalty in office 9-5
- 1. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 1. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
- 4. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 7. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm
- 8. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 9. Lions Meeting 5:30pm
- 11. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 12. Daylight Savings Time
- 14. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 15. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 15. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
- 17. St. Patrick's Day
- 18. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 19. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
- 19. QUACKER DEADLINE
- 20. Spring Equinox
- 21. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm
- 22. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 23. Annual state of the Township & Budget Meeting 6:00pm
- 25. The Quacker is distributed
- 25. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 28. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm

## In Memoriam

*Bill Henrion*  
*Thomas Schilk*  
*Linda Lee Schoch*  
*Jimmy Viewig*



We are a small congregation and welcome everyone to worship with us at our weekly Mass on Saturdays at 6:15 p.m. Come and meet our new Pastor, Father Al Mott - you'll find him very friendly.

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## LIONS DEN

We had a nice turnout for our breakfast in February. Our crew was in good shape working like a well choreographed dance team. Everyone moving to their assigned places and performing their duties in an organized and professional manner. Well maybe it did look like a Three Stooges segment at first but we eventually got the hang of it and everything turned out well.

Also turning out well was our raffle for three lucky winners, Diane Moore, Corey Stoneman and Karen Rich. Our 50/50 winner was Cindy VanLuven. While current raffle tickets are good thru the August drawing we have already been asked when next year's tickets are available. Normally we try to get them out in May or June. Sometimes as late as July. One time in August but normally not later than September. Since I am no longer in charge it will probably be in May or June.

One thing we can't put off is our March birthdays. Celebrating or at least tolerating an anniversary of their birth are Pam Gillis, Barb Harrington and Pat Newhouse. Make sure that you wish these leprechauns a Happy Birthday

Lion Jim Handziak



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## FIRE PLUGS

A busy month for your fire department with training and a fire call. Unfortunately, the fire call had a fatality and our condolences go out to the family.

We had our ice rescue training re-certification, which we do every 3 years. We hosted several other agencies some who are just starting an ice rescue program. There was so much interest that we had 2 classes one on Saturday and one on Sunday with 30 participants each day. After a morning of classroom instruction and a large lunch the people squeezed themselves into their gear and went onto the ice for practical training in front of the Sanderson's who let us take over their waterfront or ice front for the weekend. Ice rescue for us is what the fire service calls a low frequency/high risk event which requires frequent training. Remember to be careful when enjoying recreational activities on ice. Even a pond can be dangerous.

We also had a group travel out to Dafter Township to practice hose lays and fire suppression techniques with departments on the mainland. More training with other departments is planned for the future.

Finally with the winds we have been having lately, you may be putting up a new flag. There is a box on the front of the North End fire station for damaged flags. These are taken to the American Legion Post in the Sault for proper retirement.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire Department

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# St. Luke's Community Church



St. Luke's Community Church will open for the 2023 Season on **Sunday, May 28**.

We look forward to joining together again and invite all to take an early Sunday morning drive to the beautiful southern tip of Sugar Island to join other islanders and visitors of all denominations in traditional worship that brings praise to God. The singing of traditional hymns is a favorite to many that attend, along with this favorite that comes to mind when we think of our times together and the faithfulness of our Father, the love of our Savior and the power of the Holy Spirit.

## *Dear St. Luke's on the Trail*

**There's a church on an island in the Northwoods,  
No lovelier spot in the dale.  
No place is so dear to the folks up here,  
As our dear St. Luke's on the Trail.**

### **CHORUS:**

*Oh, come to the church in the Northwoods,  
Oh, come to the church on the trail.  
No place is so dear to the folks up here,  
As our dear St. Luke's on the Trail.*

**There, next to the church on the island,  
Lie ones, dearly loved, now since gone.  
They rest, sweetly rest, 'neath the tall, old trees  
In peace, but their mem'ries live on.**

**The glow in this room comes from Christ's love  
Brought in by the candles aglow.  
We part now, taking it with us.  
We'll share it wherever we go.**

As a church family, we extend our love and sympathy to the family of Bill Henrion & Jimmy Viewig who passed away within three days of each other on February 8 & 11. We mourn the loss of their presence on the island and at St. Luke's and anticipate meeting once again when we "Gather at the River" for all eternity~

### **CONTACTS:**

Steve & Christa Gruber  
(937) 423 2467  
Mike & Linda Goodheart  
(847) 226 0494  
Jeff & Tam Velderman  
(616) 299 2385

## Ferry Schedule has changed Effective January 17-April 30, 2023

**Sunday – Thursday**

Only Once an hour 12:00am-4:00am

Only Once an hour 12:15am-4:15am

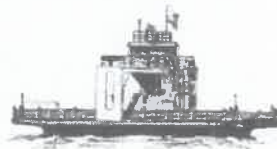
**Friday-Saturday**

Only Once an hour 1:00am-4:00am

Only Once an hour 1:15am-4:15am

## Ferry Fueling

### **SUGAR ISLAND FERRY SCHEDULE**



*Sugar Islander II*

Ferry leaves Sugar Island  
on the hour and half-hour.  
From 5:00 a.m. till 2:00 a.m.  
3:00 a.m. 4:00 a.m.

Ferry leaves Sault Ste. Marie  
on the quarter-after and  
quarter-before the hour.  
From 5:15 a.m. till 2:15 a.m.  
3:15 a.m. 4:15 a.m.

**Eastern Upper Peninsula  
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Fueling Dates:  
Last Island  
Ferry before  
fueling is at  
9:30am  
**WEDNESDAY  
March 1st**

**WEDNESDAY  
March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY  
March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Fueling takes  
about an  
Hour

## **MARINE TRAFFIC/FERRY INFO**

Active GPS locations of Boat Traffic  
including our Ferry at:  
[www.marinetraffic.com](http://www.marinetraffic.com)

Audio of Sault Control: USCG  
[www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/9644/web](http://www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/9644/web)

Ferry schedule information on the Sugar  
Island Ferry Facebook Page

The E.U.P.T.A. Ferry Hotline:  
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## LIONS' BRUNCH

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Join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month for breakfast extraordinaire!

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. \* Sugar Island Community Center

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# SI EMS News

We all know the saying “in like a lion and out like a lamb”. My hope is that this will apply on March 1 and the 31st day! My memories of this month include both types of weather and not in that order.....

February ambulance runs so far is at 2 and is it ever slick. So slick that I put on my spike boot covers. Maybe ice skates would be more appropriate. Please use caution when walking or driving on this ice. We have welcomed a new crew member from LSSU Paramedic-Fire program, Carson. And we are sadly saying good by to Jan Bailey who retired from the crew. Thank you Jan! for your years on S I EMS.

White Bear Ice Rescue Training came to train Sugar Island FD-EMS, along with the Sault Fire, Dafter FD, Chippewa County Sheriff, Kinross FD, Superior Township FD, Pickford FD, Drummond Island Fire & Rescue, & Bay Mills FD We had a terrific lunch and then went to the water training site for a great activity. The sun even came out so though windy and cold made it bearable to have this fun event. Love the picture on fb of the crew in the water.

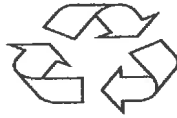
Valentine’s Day is a February event to show your loved ones how much you care. I did get a box of chocolates, a pink carnation and a chocolate rose from my loved one. And was blessed by a lovely heart filled text from my granddaughters to thank us for the \$ and card sent. All nice on a not so blustery day. March brings us St. Patty’s day and there’s no telling what kind of day it will be. A few years ago, it was so warm that you didn’t need a coat! We can always hope.

We do have monthly training and a review of the previous months runs to see where we excelled or need improvement. The crew has a lively discussion and use of our training to make sure we are following the protocols and giving the best care possible.

Don’t forget to send your name, address & phone number for the Sugar Island Phonebook to me at [abeckham@lssu.edu](mailto:abeckham@lssu.edu) or give me a call 906-440-1769. This will be published monthly in the Quacker. The phone directories are available at the Westshore Store, the Hilltop Bar and Grill and the Island Books & Crafts on Portage St. in the Soo for \$7.00.

Be safe & stay warm & wear your ice spikes for safety.

Adrienne Beckham S I EMS Co-Captain



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## Sugar Island Township News

As the snow melts, and the ground thaws, we know puddles will freeze periodically, and slippery patches will ultimately become a recurring circumstance on our roads, driveways, porches and sidewalks. Please be careful, as you traverse these wet areas.

Also, please be careful when you begin filling your bird feeders. With lots of remaining snow, and warmer weather, our large, furry friends will wake up from their hibernation and will begin looking for an easy opportunity to feast. Bird feeders are an easy target, so please wait until later in May before you begin filling the feeders.

As you may know, the Township's fiscal year ends on March 31<sup>th</sup> which means we will be working on our budget this month. The Annual Township State of the Township presentation along with the 2023-2024 Annual Budget Special Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

The Township is working with the Chippewa County Road Commission (CCRC) to finish the work on Village Road in 2023 and to begin the planning process for what comes next. The scope of work for what comes next could be paving or it could be lifting, widening, and ditch work. Some of this work may be predicated on the renewal of the millage existing. Also, the Township is working with the CCRC to add new striping to most of the paved roads on the Island this summer.

Additionally, a local Internet Service Provider (ISP) has volunteered to submit a grant to provide broadband to Sugar Island. The Eastern U.P. Connection Consortium (EUPCC) is working with this ISP to provide the data necessary to make sure the grant application has the requisite information. As the Chair of the EUPCC, I will continue to seek providers willing to invest in the process of bringing broadband to Sugar Island. This grant is due to the State of Michigan by March 14, 2023. It is not clear when an announcement will be made but it could happen this summer. To be clear, unless somebody wins the lottery and donates a pile of cash, the Township does not have any designated matching funds for this possibility, thereby making the eventuality largely dependent on grant funds.

Just to be clear, when a broadband, fiber optic provider comes to Sugar Island, we should expect internet quality and speed to improve. However, nobody should expect broadband to be free, or at reduced cost. We should, however, expect the new internet service to be of better quality and speed than most currently available satellite services, except for SPACEX.

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor

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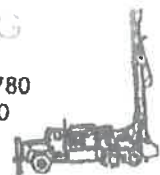
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