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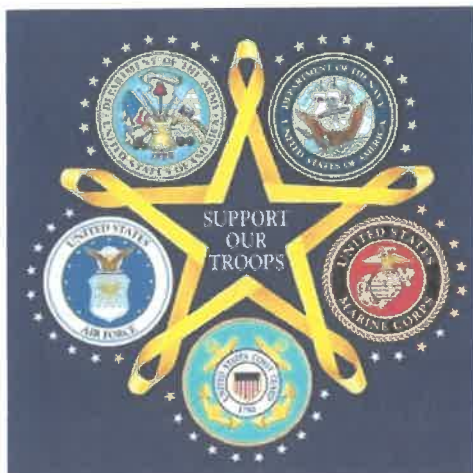
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**Cinco de Mayo**



**Happy Mother's Day!**



**Armed Forces Day!**



**Memorial Day!**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 2. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm
- 3. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 3. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
- 5. Cinco de Mayo
- 6. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 9. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 11. Lions Meeting 5:30pm
- 13. Sacred Heart Service 8:45am
- 14. Mother's Day
- 16. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm
- 17. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 17. SIHPS Meeting 1:00pm
- 17. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
- 20. Armed Forces Day
- 20. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 21. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
- 21. QUACKER DEADLINE
- 23. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm
- 27. The Quacker is distributed
- 27. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 28. St Luke's 10:00am
- 29. Memorial Day
- 30. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm



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## LIONS DEN

It was nice to see that some of our people who were wandering around the South during the winter finally have come to their senses and returned to the Island. You'd think they would learn, but they keep repeating the same mistake each year. Not making a mistake was the great crowd we had at our April breakfast. Also not making a mistake were: Kurt Melwing, Rick Hillier and Donna Leask who each won \$50 in our monthly raffle by having the foresight to buy tickets last year. New tickets will be coming out soon. And let's not overlook Myah McKerchie who had the foresight to have her Mom and Dad buy her the winning 50/50 ticket.

Last fall we took down the basketball pole and net that had been leaping out at the plow truck for many years as it needed repair. I know many of you missed it during March Madness as it used to be fun to dig the basketball out of the snowbank. The good news is that we will soon be putting up a new portable net soon. The family of Doug Grovesteen made a donation to the Lions for helping out with his memorial and these funds will be used to purchase the portable net. Perhaps we can have a few pickup games after our Lions meetings. Which means we will have to pick up the players.

And finally, Birthday Greetings go out To Karl Kirns and Carol Williams. Be sure to offer your condolences or congratulations.

Lion Jim Handziak



## FIRE PLUGS

Your fire department had a busy month even with low fire danger keeping up with maintenance and training. It is the time of year when we put away our winter equipment. The skies have come off the rescue sled and wheels are on and the mini tanker is now filled and ready for grass fires.

While our chief was attending a meeting of the UP Fire Chiefs Association another group traveled to the Smithers Testing Facility near Raco. There were doughnuts and really good coffee and for lunch pulled pork and chicken with baked beans and macaroni and cheese. Sometime during this eating orgy there was time for Cloverland Electric to put on a demonstration about electric line safety and for training on electric vehicle fires by the EUP Fire Fighters Association.

Electric vehicles are becoming more common and they bring their own set of challenges for the fire department when things go wrong. And while we think about just electric cars much of the information also applies to almost anything that has a lithium-ion battery. We share what we learn at these meetings and update our plans to deal with these new challenges. If anyone on the island has an electric car we would like to know as there are specific rules on what to do in case of an emergency. Perhaps we can arrange to have you visit one of our meetings so we can review procedures. Promise not to do any cutting and who knows you may be so excited that you may want to join up.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire Department

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## Sugar Island Township News

Spring is here and the snow is nearly gone. The Township is gearing up for summer activities. We know our seasonal residents will soon be here too, so there is much to prepare for.

The Township approved a summer solid waste program. This program includes the opening of the South Transfer Station in mid-May. We will also be making open-top dumpsters available in the June-September timeframe. More specifically, these open-top dumpsters will be available every weekend, starting June 3-4 and ending September 30-October 1, 2023. These dumpsters will be available, subject to maintenance and transportation capabilities. Please do not dispose of prohibited items such as tires, fluids, building materials and hazardous materials. We will also look to continue our metal recycling program with an open top container available throughout the summer.

For those concerned about such things, our solid waste program is relatively expensive. Our trailer recycling program is a net loser, but it is less expensive than disposing those recyclable items in the compactor. We pay for the compactor by weight. We pay for the open tops with a flat fee, and we pay each time we bring the materials collected in the recycling trailer to the mainland. Our metal, open top container, recycling program does provide us with some limited revenues to offset some of the expenses associated with the other recycling trailers costs.

A special shout-out goes to Amber Horner and her team for their North Park playground equipment replacement efforts. Their fund-raising efforts are truly remarkable. If everything works as it should, we could have new playground equipment by the end of the summer this year. We also want to recognize the individuals and vendors that have donated time and treasure.

Our road work program will be continuing this year with efforts to complete lifting, ditching, and resurfacing of Village Road. We expect this work to be completed this fall. If or when the Township has the resources and decides to pave Village Road, that effort will be delayed until 2024 or beyond.

On a related topic, the Township Board has voted to offer a renewal of three separate millage initiatives later this year. The three ballots cover the fire department, the ambulance department, and the road fund. All three millages serve to maintain programs at the current rates. The fire department millage is for two years. The ambulance department millage is also for two years. The road fund millage is for eight years.

And finally, the Township has agreed to contract with the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission to update our Township's Master Plan. This update will enhance the Township's ability to apply for and receive state and federal grants, especially as it relates to rural development (i.e., broadband, roads, street lighting, waste management, etc.).

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor



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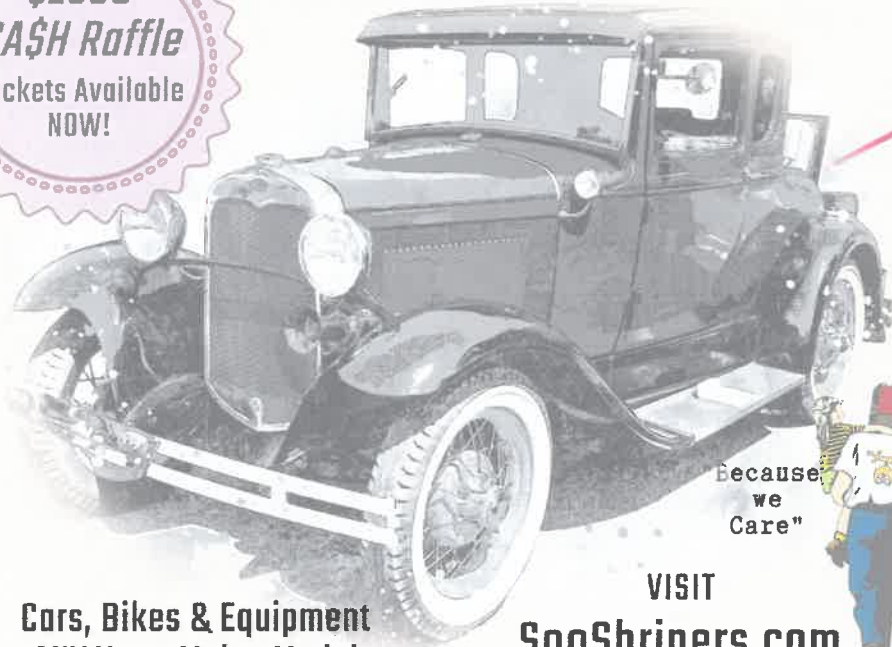
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## Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society

Boozhoo, Bonjour, Hei or “hello” everyone. We hope your winter was not too difficult. The weather may not be as warm as we would like, but the sun was shining for our first SIHPS meeting of the year. We look forward to our snowbirds returning along with the spring flowers starting to show their colors, and the buds on the trees bloom.

This year is going to be exciting, and busy, one for SIHPS. We are anxiously waiting for the grounds to dry allowing the placement of bench in honor of Nancy Saunders donated by her family. Another exciting project that will happen once the grounds dry is the placement of a gazebo which will give you a place to sit and enjoy the view.

At the time of Mays Quacker going to print we are working on getting our annual raffle ticket prizes together. Here are a few **save the date** for you to put on your calendar: **3rd Annual Joyce McCoy BBQ, Saturday, July 22nd; Annual Garage Sale, Saturday, August 12th; and Music Jamboree, Friday, September 29th.** We will post more details for each activity as time gets closer for each.

Your friendly neighborhood SIHPS members wish all the Mom’s, Happy Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 14th.

SIHPS ask please, remember to honor those that gave their all on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th...not just Memorial Day, but every day. **Home of the Free because of the Brave!**

Our next scheduled meeting is 1pm, Wednesday, May 17th, at the Sugar Island Community Center. We look forward to seeing you.

Anita McKerchie, Secretary

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# SI EMS News

Our April Spring ending has had many surprises, like snow and rain. Most of our big snow piles have left and thank goodness I can see when I'm leaving the Community Center and turning the corners without inching slowly forward to view oncoming traffic. But as we all know April showers bring May flowers and some in my yard are showing their colors.

We have had a former crew member return to work with us and this time he is a Paramedic. Thank you, Kevin Mioduch. I enjoy working with you. We are advertising for EMT's to apply for our crew. It's always a changing roster with graduations and educational opportunities that crew move on.

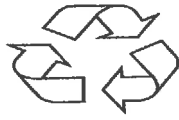
May has 2 celebration days, May 5, Cinco de Mayo and May 29, Memorial Day. Both are fun days. I remember a warm Memorial Day when our kids were young, being down by the shore. The kids had their bathing suits on and there were ice floes floating around beside us. The kids were walking on the floes with water shoes on and then jumping in the water. That's Yoopers for you! We are a hardy bunch, especially the kids!

The SI EMS crew will be having a fund raiser, a garage sale. Just like last year's sale. For anyone who has donations for the sale, furniture, household goods, and all sorts of odds and ends. If you have questions or need to bring things for donation please call Jim Handziak, 906-440-8401 or Adrienne Beckham, 906-440-1769. We can arrange for pick up or meet at the SI fire barn. Thank you in advance.

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. I will add your information, name, phone number and address to the phonebook list. This will also be published monthly in the Quacker for you to add to your phonebook. The phone directories are available at the SI Westshore Store, the Hilltop Bar and Grill and the Island Books & Crafts on Portage St. in the Soo for \$7.00 each.

Ambulance runs for March were 2 and so far in April it's a repeat of 2. So glad everyone is being safe. Enjoy our nicer weather and look forward to saying goodbye to the snow piles.

Adrienne Beckham SIEMS Co-Captain



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# St. Luke's Community Church



St. Luke's Community Church will open for the 2023 Season on May 28 at 10AM. Gentleman George Snider will be sharing his wonderful musical stylings and Steve Gruber will bring the message for our opening Sunday. Following the service, treats and beverages will be served in the Fellowship Room. Please join!

As this community of believers reunites once again for the 37<sup>th</sup> season, it is with such gratitude to the Lord's faithfulness and goodness and love that this chapel in the woods and on up the trail is readied for worship once again! The congregation of island residents, summer residents, weekenders and visitors welcomes fellow-islanders and guests to take a Sunday morning drive to the beautiful southern tip of Sugar Island to join with others of all denominations in traditional worship that brings praise to God. Each Sunday, our service features reading of the Word, singing of hymns and choruses, a message given by visiting clergy or lay speakers, and prayer. The calendar is already filled with names of familiar speakers and some new to us all the way through to our Thanksgiving Service on September 24.

### Contacts:

Mike & Linda Goodheart  
Steve & Christa Gruber  
Jeff & Tam Velderman  
for additional information or  
to reserve the facility.



### Barbara Goodheart - St. Luke's Scholarship

Scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year will again be offered on behalf of the Barbara Goodheart ~ St. Luke's Community Church Scholarship Fund. Current High School graduates and continuing students of all ages are encouraged to attend the opening service on May 28 where members of the Scholarship Committee will be available to explain guidelines and deadlines (June 25) and applications will be distributed. Please contact Mike Goodheart at [mjgoodheart@gmail.com](mailto:mjgoodheart@gmail.com) to add your name to the list of those interested and in obtaining an application on May 28.

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**WEDNESDAY**  
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*Ps 16: 8*

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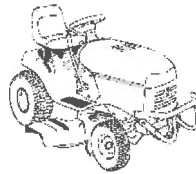
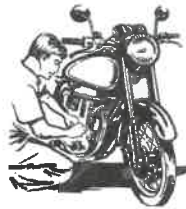
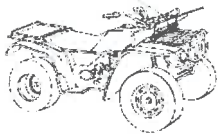


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Efforts of the Holy Angels Restoration Committee resulted in raising enough funds to replace the broken and sagging foundation, repair windows, and have the exterior professionally painted. The Committee continues to make improvements and repairs to the church so everyone can come in and absorb its beautiful history and presence of Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga.

## 2023 Open House Schedule

If you'd like to see the inside of our historic mission church, we invite you to stop during one of our open houses. There is no service, just a chance for anyone to come in and experience a little bit of our island history.

Open Houses are from 2 - 4 p.m.

June 11  
July 9  
August 13

## Holy Angels Annual Bishop Baraga Memorial Mass

*We are having the Holy Angels Bishop Baraga Memorial Mass on Sunday, June 25th, at 3 p.m.*

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