



The QUACKER

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In Memoriam

Margaret Scott

Island Memorial Service
Thursday, August 31

The Annual Memorial Service honoring deceased residents will take place at the Community Center, Thursday, August 31, 7:00pm. All island residents, friends and family are invited. The Sugar Island Lions have conducted the short non-denominational service for almost 40 years. Refreshments will be served following the service. Feel free to call Connie Smithling 906-632-3943 or Jackie Brown 906-253-0942 to make sure your loved one's name is included.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 6:30pm
2. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
- 4-6. SI EMS & SI Fire Garage Sale
5. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
5. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
6. St. Luke's 10:00am
8. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 6:30pm
8. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
9. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
10. Lions Meeting 5:30pm North Park
- 10-13 Sugar Island Music Fest
12. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
12. SIHPS Garage Sale Finn Hall
12. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
13. St. Luke's 10:00am
13. Holy Angels Open House 2:00pm
15. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 6:30pm
16. SIHPS Meeting Finn Hall 1:00pm
16. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
18. SI Fire Whitefish Dinner 4-7pm
19. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
19. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
20. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
20. St. Luke's 10:00am
20. QUACKER DEADLINE
22. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 6:30pm
23. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
26. The Quacker is distributed
26. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
26. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
27. St. Luke's 10:00am
29. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 6:30pm
31. SI Memorial Service 7:00pm

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You may have noticed changes in our breakfast prices that may have caused confusion. We went up to \$10 and then back down to \$8. The reason for this is there is no reason. We would like to keep the price at \$8 but the cost of food is a real item we must deal with. We use the profits from the breakfast to help fund the many projects we donate to during the year. We like to have enough at the end of the year to allow us to support groups such as Hospice, Leader Dogs, Ride to Wellness and many other similar groups in addition to supporting projects on the Island. We decided after much discussion to hold the \$8 for the next 3 months and see what profits we are making. Need to do an average because we carry over non-perishable items from month to month. In the meantime, hope to see you there.

Our monthly raffle winners last month were Dawn Kehoe, Eric Kimble and Kim Bozich. The 50-50 winner wished to remain anonymous and donated her winnings back to the Lions as did one of our monthly raffle winners. New tickets for the monthly raffle are now on sale for the raffle starting in September. The tickets are \$25 for 12 months of fun filled nail biting excitement.

A reminder to our members we will be having August meeting at the township park. If you wish to bring a dish-to-pass please feel free to do so. And no Steve that does not include your wife. We will get together at 5:30 on Thursday the 10th.

I show 3 birthdays on my perhaps incomplete list. Steve Gillis, Jerry Sandvig and Julie Wilson. Each gets to enjoy another birthday. Make sure to give them greetings sometime or many times this month.

Lion Jim Handziak



FIRE PLUGS

You may have noticed a lot of fire apparatus at the Community Center on Tuesday September 27th. Your fire department was hosting the bi-monthly meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Fire Fighters Association. Comprised of the city and township fire departments in the EUP this organization allows the departments to share concerns and ideas, pass along information on grants and funding sources plus arranges training for members. The hosting department provides a meal and with the support of the Lions we served a breakfast which was well received or at least eaten. Our thanks to the Lions for providing the supplies and expertise to put on the meal.

At one of our training's this month we practiced the use of ladders. This is a skill we don't often have to use here on the island so we follow the rule that you practice for what might happen not just for what you know will happen. Due to weight and age restrictions the it was decided I would not go up on the ladders, but I was perfect to hold the bottom. We have a place for everyone.

Save the date as the Fire Department will be having its second fund raising fish dinner. While the people of the Island generously support us thru taxes and donations we have a few items that normally would be out of reach without extra funding. Also, some of the grants we apply for do ask what we are doing to raise the needed funds. In any case on Friday August 18th from 4-7pm we will be serving a Lake Superior Whitefish Dinner for \$15. Last years was a great success and we look forward to seeing you there.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire

LIONS' BRUNCH

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

Join us the 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast extraordinaire!
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. * Sugar Island Community Center

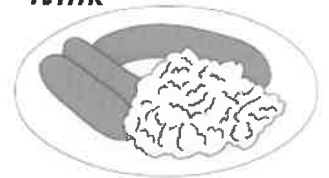
*Eggs * Sausage * Bacon * Hash Browns * American Fries
French Toast * Pancakes * Toast * Fruit * Juice * Coffee * Milk*

Adults: \$8.00

Children (5-12): \$3.00

COME HUNGRY, LEAVE FULL

ENJOY VISITING WITH FELLOW ISLANDERS!



Thank you

Wendy Griffin for so many eggs
for our Brunch

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Get the Quacker via email!! So, no matter where life takes you away from Sugar Island, you can have The Quacker delivered to you via email. It will come to you as a .pdf document. Send your name and email address to us at siquacker@gmail.com

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Woody's 1 Stop, Hilltop Bar & Grill,
The Community Center, Sweet Retreat and
Westshore Convenience Store

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Before 11:00am

Dine-In Senior Lunch Available

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Menu for Month Available at

The Community Center

\$3.00 - 60 and Over

\$6.00 - Under 60



Sugar Island Township News

As Summer temperatures increase, adults are reminded that hydration is critical, especially for the young and the most senior within our population. Please make sure that our friends and neighbors take care of themselves.

The effort to treat the 22 miles of gravel road on the Island before Independence Day was relatively successful. A special "Thank you" goes out to the property owners that supported the effort. The vehicle used to transport and spread the brine solution, is extremely large, heavy, and difficult to turnaround. This makes the process even more time-consuming. Subject, to availability and concurrence of the Township Board, we will continue to use the Independence Day timeline.

As you read this, the Chippewa County Road Commission's (CCRC's) work will have restarted on Village Road. If progress is achieved according to the plan, this road work will be completed this fall. So, if you happen to be traveling in that direction, please drive carefully.

For those wondering about the CCRC's efforts to mow the grass on the shoulders of Sugar Island roads, the mower was damaged and had to be returned to the mainland for repair. It is scheduled to return when the mower is repaired, which could be several weeks.

And finally, the work on the North Westshore Park continues with clearing brush, trees, and removing stumps as well as the installation of a beautiful, new playground set. This could be done by the end of this year. The playground adjacent to the Community Center is also progressing. Special thanks to those that have provided volunteer support to these efforts.

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor



We will again be honoring all our Sugar Island Veterans, past and present, in our November issue. We would like to gather all the names of any serviceman or servicewoman from Sugar Island, permanent or seasonal. So please help us gather those names by calling Sue at 906-632-9739, or email siquacker@gmail.com
By **October 21st.**

Notice: The legal responsibility is on the property owner for paying on the correct parcel of property. The property owner must be responsible for payment on the correct descriptions. The sum stated is for taxes assessed upon the described property.

It is very important that you review your tax bill to be positive you are receiving a PRE exemption, if you qualify. This was formally known as "Homestead Exemption". It is located on the bottom half of the left side of you tax bill. If you qualify, it should read 100% in the PRE box. For any questions concerning PRE, please contact Kathy Loup, township assessor (1-906-440-1159)

Payment Types:

Check: (as conditional payment only, until the check has cleared the bank) Please mail early- it may take the postal service 2 to 3 weeks to deliver your check. Any check not received by 02/29/2023 will be considered late and be returned to sender. Postmark is **NOT** considered a payment date.

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Cash: Must be hand delivered to Treasurer in person only (DO NOT LEAVE IN DROP BOX)

A large blue drop box is available on the west side of the Community Center for your convenience.

No property tax payment will be taken at the township level (except for buildings on leased land and personal property taxes) after 02/29/2024. Property Tax Payment must be made at the County Treasurer's office starting 03/01/2024 at 319 Court Street, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783 phone # 906-635-6308 or www.chippewacountymi.gov/treasurer

<u>Summer Tax Collection:</u>	<u>Office Hours:</u>	<u>Additional Hours:</u>
July, Aug., Sep. 2023	Saturday 9am-4pm	09/14 - 9am to 5pm

Summer Delinquent Tax Interest Rates:

9/ 15 thru 9/ 30 = 1% There after 1% will be charged for each month or any part of a month until taxes are paid in full. On 03/1 all delinquent property taxes are turned over to Chippewa County Treasurer.

<u>Winter Tax Collection:</u>	<u>Office Hours:</u>	<u>Additional Hours:</u>
Dec., Jan., Feb.	Saturday 9am-4pm	1 day between 12/26-12/31 2023 Feb 29 - 9 am to 5pm 2024

Have You Moved?

For any changes in description, address or ownership, please notify our office by one of the following:

Email: SITwpTreasurer@gmail.com Phone: 1-906-253-9353 Fax: 1-906-635-9886

Mail: Sugar Island Township, 6401 E. 1 ½ Mile Rd., Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783

Visit our website at www.sugarislandtownship.org

St. Luke's Community Church



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. Each Sunday, our 10AM Service features reading of the Word, singing of hymns and choruses, a message given by visiting clergy or lay speakers and prayer. Following the service, there is always a time of fellowship where desserts and coffee are served; there's always plenty, so please join in the fellowship and the food!

The month of August is anticipated to be one full of good fellowship and wonderful worship as we look forward to our upcoming services with messages being brought by Dan Wagner, Les Van Dyke, Jeff Middlestead, Dave Brower, Dave Ryskamp & others finishing out the season into the fall, along with special musical guests.

At the July 30th service, the Barbara Goodheart~St. Luke's Community Church Scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship is funded by donations from those who attend St. Luke's Community Church each summer, and the friends and residents of Sugar Island. In the past, we've offered Vesper Cruises, Auctions & Fish Fry Dinners to raise the needed funds, along with special offerings. As of 2023, over **110** students have been assisted over almost **30** years. It is with grateful hearts to our Lord that we now include this year's students in our prayers as they embark on their advanced-academic years.

At the end of the services where the scholarships are presented, we end our worship with a favorite song of the congregation brought to us many years ago by Eileen Hughs and hope they will take the words into their own hearts:

Keep on Believing

**Keep on believing God answers prayers,
Keep on believing He's still up there.**

**Sorrow and trouble will soon disappear,
Nothing can harm you for Jesus is near.**

**Keep on believing the storm will pass,
Look for the rainbow will come at last.**

**Trust in His promise 'twas written for you,
Keep on believing and pray your way through.**



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Whether you are a year-round islander or a weekender, know that you are most welcome to join us at Sacred Heart for our weekly Mass on Saturdays at 6:15 p.m.

We are a small congregation and welcome everyone to worship with us. It's so warm to praise the Lord with your family, friends and neighbors.

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

-Matthew 11:28



Sweet Retreat

All are Welcome to a
Non-denominational Service
by the Campfire with
Interactive Questions,
Testimonies and Prayer
Tuesday evening 6:30pm
12427 S Homestead Road
Sault Ste Marie MI 49783
Bring your chair and bug spray
Come worship and study with us.



HISTORIC HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

Holy Angels Church was built under the direction of Bishop Baraga circa 1856-57 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Holy Angels is located at 10158 E Northshore Drive in the historic Payment area of Sugar Island.

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.

Open House - August 13 2-4 p.m.

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

Baraga Days - Sault Sainte Marie 2023

The Bishop Baraga Association is having Baraga Days this year in Sault Sainte Marie on Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9. Some activities include a special Mass, dinner, and Vespers Cruise. For a complete schedule of activities planned, as well as registration information, please go to their website: <https://bishopbaraga.org/baraga-days-2023/>



SI EMS News

When August arrives the summer goodbyes are not far away. We are now at the end of July and the days are sweeter than ever. We have a new side by side and have thoroughly enjoyed traveling the trails with it. I am hoping to do a little more trail riding until the Fall arrives in a flurry.

June had 2 ambulance runs and 2 so far in July. Everyone is being safe and we thank you. I had a table at the craft sale on July 15. The turn out was terrific and many stopped at my table to see the CPR manikin, Stop the Bleed information, SI phonebooks, SI emergency calling magnets and the File of Life. So glad to share this with the attendees. With a wet rainy start of the day it turned out just as wished for, sunny and warm. It was a great craft sale put on by the SI Childrens group. Thank you to all who organized it.

On August 4, 5 & maybe 6 there will be a SIEMS fund raiser garage sale. We will hold it in the SI Fire Barn. If you have donations for the sale, furniture, household goods, and all sorts of odds and ends, contact 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 and look forward to seeing you there.

I am still gathering new phone listings for the Sugar Island Phonebook. If you are interested in adding your Sugar Island information send your name, address & phone number(s) for the Sugar Island Phonebook to me at abeckham@lssu.edu or give me a call 906-440-1769. 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.

Hope we all enjoy our last month of summer and be grateful for our wonderful easy to handle weather. We still need to be aware of the need for drinking adequate fluids, water, flavored water, ice tea. As even in our lower temperatures dehydration can occur.

Enjoy the last hurrah of Summer-August!

Adrienne Beckham SIEMS Co-Captain

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SUGAR ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

2ND ANNUAL FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

A fundraising event for Sugar Island
Volunteer Fire Department to
purchase needed safety equipment

AUGUST 18, 2023

4 PM TO 7 PM

SI COMMUNITY CENTER

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Do you like fresh caught Lake Superior
whitefish? Do you like supporting your local
volunteer fire department? How about having
your dinner cooked by some ruggedly good(ish)
looking firefighters?



Please join us for a Whitefish dinner with fries
& coleslaw. \$15 per meal.

We will also have a silent auction & 50/50!



22nd Annual Sugar Island Fest

August 11th, 12th, and 13th 2023. The gates will open on Thursday the 10th at 4:00pm.

We are proud to say that we donated \$10,000 to the Sugar Island Youth Group to assist them in updating the North End Park with a new play structure. This is why we put on the Fest, to help improve the Island for its residents and visitors.

Another updated is, with the cost of everything going up, we unfortunately have to increase the cost of entry, camping and vendor fees. We have stayed steady with the cost for 21 years and wish we could continue, but had to make the decision. The cost for a three-day button will be \$20, and rustic camping will be \$30 for all three days.

We are also in need of volunteers for the cook shack and ticket booth for Thursday thru Sunday morning. If you have a few hours to spare, we would greatly appreciate your help.

If anyone has any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact me at Mindy@sugarislandfest.org or PM me on Facebook.

Please view the lineup on our website at sugarislandfest.org.

We all look forward to another great Fest.

Mindy Fox

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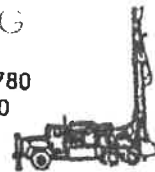
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10789 E. Village Rd.

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
Transportation Authority**

Fueling Dates:
Last Island
Ferry before
fueling is at
9:30am

*WEDNESDAY
August 9th*

*WEDNESDAY
August 23rd*

Fueling takes
about an
Hour

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including our Ferry at:

www.marinetraffic.com

Audio of Sault Control: USCG

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:
906-632-1516, Option #1