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JULY 2023 ISSUE 482 FOUNDED BY THE SUGAR ISLAND LIONESS CLUB



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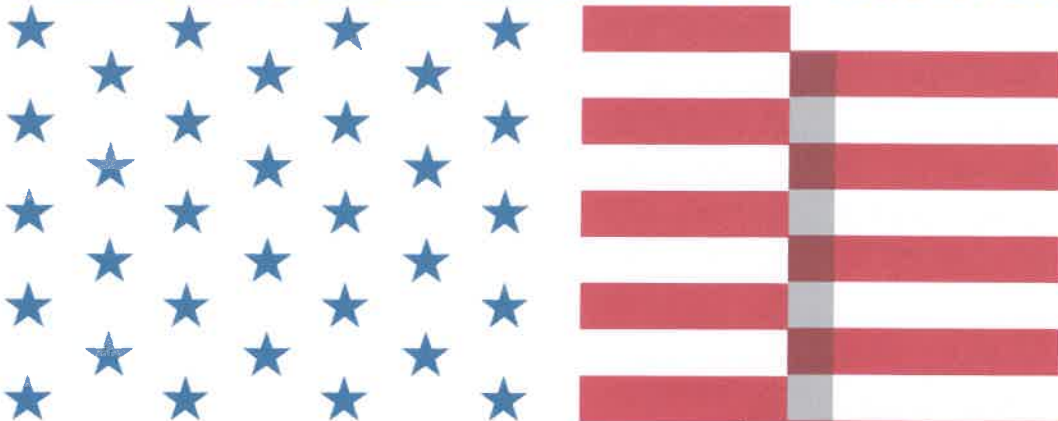
In Memoriam

**Tom Botkin
Raymond Chalupka**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
1. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
2. St. Luke's 10:00am
2. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 7:00pm
3. Sweetest 4th in the North Parade
4. Independence Day
5. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
8. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
8. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
9. St. Luke's 10:00am
9. Holy Angels Open House 2:00pm
9. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 7:00pm
11. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
12. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
13. Lions Meeting 5:30pm
- 15-16 Sugar Island Pow Wow
15. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
15. S I Youth Group Craft Fair 12noon
15. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
16. St. Luke's 10:00am
16. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
16. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 7:00pm
19. SIHPS Meeting Finn Hall 1:00pm
19. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
22. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
22. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
23. St. Luke's 10:00am
23. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 7:00pm
23. QUACKER DEADLINE
26. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
29. The Quacker is distributed
29. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
29. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
30. St. Luke's 10:00am
30. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 7:00pm

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH US!



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LIONS DEN

At the Lions Breakfast in June we had the unveiling of the newly designed Sugar Island Flag. The origins and design of the original Sugar Island Flag is lost in the hazy mists of time so the Lions put together a committee to create a new one. While most things created by a committee leave something to be desired the new flag seems to have captured the spirit of the Island. We will be selling them wherever quality flags are sold or wherever we can. Cost is \$30.

The June breakfast saw 127 guests. While it was a struggle at times we were able to feed everyone and maintain of standards (tried to put word 'high' in there but spell check kept kicking it out). You may have noticed we changed our price back to \$8. While the breakfast is a fundraiser, we are trying to keep our price as low as we can. Everyone seems to look forward to getting together so we will sharpen our pencils, put on our little green shades and come up with a solution.

Another thing that seems to be well received is the farmers market the Lions organized. Well, we didn't really organize it but it is still happening with more vendors each week. Again, there is no charge to set up a table and you don't have to have a lot to sell. As the season progresses we hope to see more produce.

Talking about seasons progressing we have four members who have seen a few seasons. Celebrating another birthday is Ron Bertram, Tom Brunet, Pat Kirn and Bob Flemel. Be sure to extend birthday greetings when you see them.

Lion Jim Handziak



FIRE PLUGS

Starting out with good news, we recently received a grant from the Sault Tribe which we will use to purchase a new pump for our water loading station at the ferry. While it seems like only yesterday we were putting the pump in it turns out that there was about 20 years worth of yesterdays involved. We had noticed it was taking a little longer to get the job done but that can also be said about many of our fire fighters.

Recently there was considerable smoke on the island but fortunately for us it was from forest fires in Canada. It was so thick that one day we did get a call to investigate a possible fire. None was found but while we were out a second call was received about a downed power line, again none was found. Eye exams may be needed.

Missing our college student members of the department. They are a real asset and do a lot of the hard work. While they will return this fall it points out the need to get some more people from the island (I was going to say younger people but just about anyone is younger than most of us firefighters). Stop by one of our meetings and see what we are all about. You are going to have a great time and do important work for your community.

In August there is a millage election to renew funding for the Fire Department. While hardly anyone looks forward to paying taxes your support is used wisely. Our chief, Dave Pine, is always looking for grants to help with equipment. We also receive many donations one of which is the annual donation we receive from the Franks family. But we don't just sit back with our hands out. We will be holding our major fundraiser, our fish dinner. It will be held August 18th so save the date.

Remember to be careful with your outdoor fires. We don't want our Canadian friends to complain. Jim Handziak, S I Fire



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Sugar Island Township News

The sights and sounds of Summer are upon us. While most of our friends and neighbors have arrived, a great many more are still expected to arrive later. If you invite friends and relatives to our slice of heaven, please acclimate them to the expected norms and expectations of Island residents. This includes everything from driving behaviors, the proper handling of trash, loud music or the racing of ATV/UTV's on our roads and rivers. We were young once, not too many years ago, so we understand a little exuberance, but many of us don't want to listen to loud music or vehicles racing over extended periods during the daytime or after dark. But these are just my opinions. Unfortunately, the more frequently the Township board receives complaints, the more compelled we are to pursue the option of creating a Noise/Nuisance Ordinance to address them. Please keep the noise levels down to an acceptable level so that we don't have to engage in the ordinance process. If we are compelled to create such an ordinance, we will undoubtedly assign a committee of tax-paying, volunteers to put one together.

A recent message mentioned the placement of open-top containers on weekends and the metal container for metal recycling. Unfortunately, we don't own these containers which means we are subject to their availability. There isn't much we can do if the decided, for one reason or another, not to honor our request. We have requested a metal recycling container from Reid's Metal Recycling but they are also serving the big Soo Lock projects, so we are a little lower on the priority list. Maybe we should purchase our own metal recycling container?

As was mentioned in the last month's Quacker, the Township approved the contracting of a company to treat 22 miles of gravel roads on the Island. The treatment is scheduled for a couple of weeks before Independence Day. The treatment began on the morning of June 19th, but the truck was damaged during the initial spreading. The truck has been returned to the vendor's location for repairs. We should expect it back on the Island before the end of the June.

And finally, the Township now has a vacancy on the Planning Commission and on the Zoning Board of Appeals due to the recent resignation of Kathy Cairns. We thank her for her years of service to Sugar Island. She will be missed. Candidates interested in filling these two vacancies must submit a letter of interest with their qualifications to the Township Clerk. We know there are lots of educated, diverse, experienced, and devoted Sugar Island voters capable of doing this work. Please help us.

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor

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SI EMS News

Happy July, one of my favorite months with my favorite holiday, July 4th! At the end of June, we finally had some days of summer warmth and I am hoping for more. My plants and flowers have suffered with the cold weather not to mention the gardeners!

One thing that has recently come up as an emergency issue, is how to contact 911 emergency service for our township. One of the Sugar Island residents had an issue dialing 911 to request an ambulance. Due to this person's residence location on Sugar Island, the call was sent to the Canadian cell phone tower. This led to a delay in the ambulance from the Sault being sent to their address on the island. This does occur at times when the cell phone is connecting with the Rogers phone service in Sault Canada. When you are calling for emergency services on Sugar Island using a cell phone and your phone shows you are connected to the Rogers (Canadian) network then you need to dial Chippewa County Central Dispatch at 906-495-3312. This is a direct line to call 911 for an emergency. If you have a land-line at your home you should not have this issue as it will contact 911 in Sault Michigan directly. I have made magnets that have this information on them. I did pass out some SI EMS refrigerator magnets at the senior Community Action lunch at the Community Center last week. I will also have a table at the SI Craft Show on July 15, sponsored by the SI Youth Group and will have these SI magnets for Islanders who would like one. Another way to remember is to put this information in your cell phone favorites or as emergency information. I look forward to seeing you all there. For anyone with questions you can email me, abeckham@lssu.edu, or give me a call at 906-440-1769. I will also have the File of Life, for those interested and SI Phonebooks for sale.

June had 2 ambulance runs. We passed the State of Michigan inspection with flying colors. This is a yearly requirement and I have learned to start early gathering the required information and maintenance on the ambulance. And it turned out that I had to do this on an on-line program called ZOOM instead of in person. I have become adept at using this program and have COVID to thank for this. Lol

The SI EMS crew will be having a fund raiser, a garage sale, August 4, 5 & maybe 6. 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.

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. Updates 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.

Happy 4th to all who are on Sugar Island for this holiday. Be safe and enjoy!

Adrienne Beckham SIEMS Co-Captain

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

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Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society

Greetings everyone! Well it looks like Summer has arrived and with it are the mosquitoes the size of a small airplane! And lets not forget to mention how horrible the gnats are too...holy moley!

If you have been by the Finn Hall/Brassar School lately you probably noticed the gazebo and bench. A huge thank you to the Saunders Family for their donations making these items possible.

We continue to work on multiple projects with the hope of getting such as painting Brassar School. Our Concessions Committee continues to meet every Tuesday at Connie Pims. Please feel free to contact Connie Pim, Sandy Reining or Gayle Bealleau with your questions.

Looking for a great gift for yourself or someone? Carol Gillian is your go to girl. She handles ordering and selling t-shirts and sweatshirts. She also heads up our annual garage sale. So, if you have any gently used items, please contact Carol.

Also if you haven't purchased your raffle ticket there's still time. Drawing takes place at our September meeting. Raffle items are: 1st Place, custom made adirondack chairs (2) with side table; 2nd Place, goodie basket some items in basket (1) ten trip ferry ticket, gift certificate from Nevilles, Sugar Island maple syrup and other great items; 3rd Place is a really nice mirror cut out in shape if island. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. Your friendly SIHPS members are George Snider, Kim Gravelle, Luanne Rutt, Gayle Belleau, Julie Wilson or Sharon Mustonen. Sold all mine...yay!

Here are a few Save The Dates: 3rd Annual Joyce McCoy BBQ, 1pm – 4pm, Saturday, July 22nd, at Finn Hall; Annual Garage Sale, Saturday, August 12th, Finn Hall grounds; Annual Music Jamboree, Friday, September 19th, at Sugar Island Community Center.

We would like to wish everyone a safe, happy Independence Day! *Never forget we are Land of the Free because of the Brave.*

Our next scheduled meeting: 1 pm, Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at Finn Hall.

Anita McKerchie

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St. Luke's Community Church



St. Luke's Community Church opened the doors wide on May 28 for the 2023 Season and the sweet time of reunion and worship was led by Sugar Island's own Gentleman George Snider & Steve Gruber. To worship together again this season has been a blessing to so many already in the five weeks we've met; it is just so good to be in each other's company and to praise and pray and sing and share and listen all in the name of our Lord! Sometimes it has been upwards of 25 in attendance, sometimes it has been just 13; please do make a trip down to the Southern End to join with other islanders and visitors of all denominations in traditional worship that brings praise to God. We look forward each Sunday to the message that the guest speakers bring and we pray that our hearts will be open to the words God has given them to share. So far this season, we've been blessed by the messages led by Steve Gruber, Dave Ryskamp, Dan Wagner and Gordy Lane, and look forward to hearing from Doug Van Bronkhorst, Steve Gruber, John Williams, Brandon Rickert, Linda Fjellman, Les VanDyke, Jeff Middlestead and Dave Brouwer and also the group WITNESS during the rest of the season. Linda Fjellman from the Brimley area will be leading us in a time of music and worship on June 25. We look forward to each and every Sunday we are together!

On a recent June Sunday morning, a family of three generations from Ohio, who had again made their yearly trip back to Sugar Island to reminisce and fish, joined in the worship at St. Luke's. The fact that their husband, father and grandfather is no longer with them is especially vivid when they remember all their trips to the island with him. The grandchildren took part in the morning service by reading a tribute to fathers and the generations that have gone before, and I Corinthians 13, and also by lighting the candles at the beginning and end of the service. The new memories they made over Father's Day and their stay on the island add to the other so poignant times of the past and spoke of the love and dedication so many of the St. Luke's former members and their families share together when they are worshipping at our dear St. Luke's on the Trail.



Barbara Goodheart - St. Luke's Scholarship

Scholarships on behalf of the Barbara Goodheart ~ St. Luke's Community Church Scholarship Fund will again be awarded to recipients who have recently graduated high school, or are currently in their college years. We look forward to welcoming them at the July 30 10AM Service and present the students with a check to help them with their educational expenses.



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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.

Brothers and sisters, rejoice.

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encourage one another,

agree with one another,

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-2 Cor 13: 11



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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.

July 9
August 13

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/>

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<u>Summer Tax Collection:</u>	<u>Office Hours:</u>	<u>Additional Hours:</u>
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July, Aug., Sep. 2023	Saturday 9am-4pm	09/14 - 9am to 5pm
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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>
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Dec., Jan., Feb.	Saturday 9am-4pm	1 day between 12/26-12/31 2023 Feb 29 - 9 am to 5pm 2024
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Sugar Island Youth Group

Our next "Craft Show" fundraising event will take place on Saturday, July 15th at the Community Center. The cost to participate is \$20 a table and will help fund our Halloween and Christmas parties. If you are interested in selling any crafts, food, etc., please reach out via our Facebook page or to any of our group members-Amber Horner, Stephanie Roy, Mindy Fox, Heather LaPointe, Amanda Gil, or Shana Works. There will be limited spots available, so get your table reserved today. The Youth Group will also be outside selling some gently used toys and clothes, all by cash donations. While you are there, don't forget to submit your favorite recipe for our 2nd Edition of the Sugar Island Cookbook. If you wish to memorialize a loved one, bring a photo of your loved ones, the recipe, and a write up for your own personal page-cost is \$50 for a memorial page.

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.

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3:15 a.m. 4:15 a.m.

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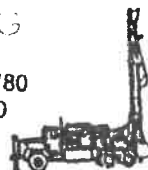
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