



The Quacker

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"School days are the happiest days of your life--providing, of course, your kids are old enough to go!" Paul Selden

LIONESS CLUB

A big Sugar Island welcome to our two newest members Mary Biscorner Dick and Missy Gillhouley! Lioness Mary Ann did a wonderful job on our latest phone directory and has been trying to join our club for months, but her husband, Marvin, is the Superintendent of Schools for Ida, Michigan and always had to return downstate before our meeting date. We finally got her pinned and are very fortunate to have her. Lioness Missy is probably our youngest member now and we may have to rely on young blood to keep us oldies on our toes!

Happy Birthday to our September girls: Lionesses Mary Allan(our oldest member), Irene Handziak, Joyce O'dell, Ruth Molino and yours truly. It used to be nice to have a birthday in September as I always got new clothes....there are no redeeming qualities to birthdays anymore.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, September 7th at 7:00pm. Feel free to stop by if you're not a Lioness and see what we are all about. In addition to donating to our pet charities: Leader Dogs for the Blind, Welcome Home for the Blind, Michigan Eye Bank, Special Olympics, Silent Children's Fund, Bay Cliffs Health Camp, Hearing and Speech Center we also contribute to the children's parties on the Island, put out the Sugar Island Phone Directory, co-host an annual Memorial Service for those who have died during the past year from the Island and print the Quacker monthly free of charge to Island residents and friends.

The Lioness Club is not the only productive organization on the Island. There are many hard working folks doing their best to make Sugar Island a better place. If you are looking for a way to give back to the Community plug into one of the following groups: Lions Club, Community Service Board, Historical Society, Fire & Ambulance Dept. or the Youth Group.

Speaking of the Community Service Board...Good job on the Music Fest!!! "Creative Carol", you outdid yourself with glow in the dark shirts!!! The bands were great, but of course, I am partial to Gentleman George, Captain Joe's Band and the Sugar Island Boyz and a Girl. The Rowland's were very good too I must add.

Thanks so much to Jim Handziak for the many fine years he put in as Sugar Island Fire Chief. It's a difficult and time consuming job and I'm sure that Dave Pine will be up to the task as his replacement. (He may even be able to get the bologna sandwiches back to the firemen in the brush on the first try!)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

4. LABOR DAY
5. Blue Star Mother's 12:30pm
5. Planning Commission 7:00pm
6. Fire Training
7. Lioness Meeting 7:00pm
12. Township Board 7:00pm
14. Lions Club 6:30pm
17. Lions Brunch/Lioness Bake Sale 9-11:30am
17. Semi-Sweet Soo Red Hat Society Studebaker's 1:00pm
20. Fire Training
21. Community Service Board 7:00pm
23. QUACKER DEADLINE
29. Quacker Distributed

Lioness continued

Hope you all have a safe Labor Day filled with visits from family, friends and good fishing. It's the big Hurrah before the cool winds blow.

Most of you have already paid your dues, but if you haven't and you want to remain on the membership list, please send \$6 to me at: 6526 S. Leading Light Ln. Sault Ste. Marie, Mi. 49783

Look for pasties in October!

Cheryl Willis, Secretary

BAD NEWS/GOOD NEWS

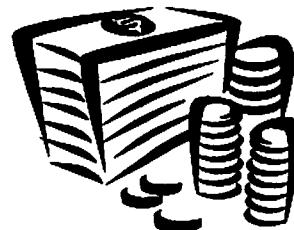
THAT TIME AGAIN!

I will be at the Community Center to collect summer taxes on Monday, September 11th from Noon-4:00pm and on Thursday, September 14th from 9:00am-5:00pm per Public Act 641. Summer taxes are delinquent on 9/15/2006 and are collected by the Township Treasurer until 2/28/2007 with 1% penalty added per month.

Harold Mohr, Township Treasurer

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

Now that you have emptied your account from taxes paid in September, you can replenish it with winnings from the Lions Club Texas Hold'em Tournament on Saturday, October 7th. If you missed the last one, be sure to sign up for this one. It will begin at 3:00pm.





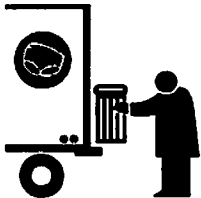
TOWNSHIP TALK

First of all I would like to thank all the people that voted to renew our road and ambulance millages. Now that these were passed we can continue to move forward. I also want to thank our election workers for all their hard work and professional manner in which they conducted themselves. Last, but not least, I want to thank Jimmy Handziak for all his years as fire chief and doing such a wonderful job serving our Island. While Mr. Handziak is still volunteering for the fire and ambulance departments, he has passed the torch down to David Pine. I'd like to welcome Mr. Pine as our new Sugar Island Township Fire Chief. I'm sure Dave will do a fine job.

On to the meeting. First thing we did was to open driveway bids for the South-end Swim Beach Project. We received four bids with the lowest bid being McKerchie Contracting. There was some discussion after the meeting if his gravel would pass 22a or better specifications, but it was tested by Al Tester and certified 22a. The job is completed and Eric did a great job.

Next we past a resolution to renew our fire millage for 1.5 mills which will be on the November ballot. Mr. Dave Bean had a resolution presented to the Township Board to order our tax assessor to lower taxes on the north shore. Unfortunately we cannot order our tax assessor to do this. Secondly, I spoke with Mike Gillett and Earl Grandchamp of the State Tax Commission and they said it would be illegal to lower people's property taxes because of the sewage problem on the north shore. They would appeal it to the State and the Township and our assessor would be penalized. I would like to thank Mr. Bean for all his hard work on this resolution.

Thank you Derek Myerscough, Supervisor



Our final clean-up was a big success despite the day long rain. Almost everyone cooperated and we were able to completely fill two containers. One container will remain at the transfer station in case you missed something and will be there until it is full.

Marvin Willis, Trustee

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can." George Bernard Shaw

Community: A body of people having common organization or interests or living in the same place under the same laws.

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary

Those of us living on Sugar Island have so much to be proud of looking back the past several years. It wasn't long ago that we dreaded winter and the roads that came with it. Our cars were beat up on a regular basis. Some of us still travel on gravel (pretty good, eh!) but the greater distance to or from the ferry is much smoother. We can only look to a better future with even more pavement.

Volunteers have sprung up from everywhere to make sure we are safe and sound on the Island. Yes, there are teams that are on call, but most of the time many of the emergency people respond in case help is needed. They don't whine when the call comes in the middle of the night either!

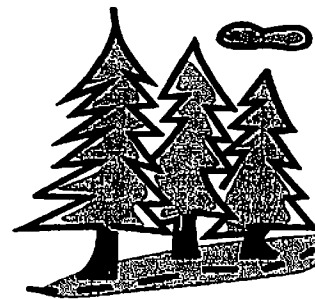
When the hills are alive with the sound of music, most of it is coming from the talent found on Sugar Island. They don't need much encouragement to play from what I understand and they continue to respond with enthusiasm when asked. It won't be long and they will be able to do a beach party when the south-end park is finished.

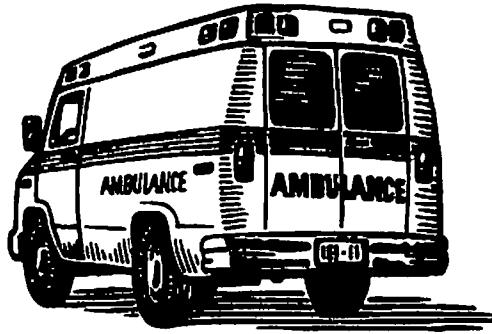
Speaking of the park, is it just me or did it seem that the Music Fest was just a great big ol' party for Wayne Wheeler? Putting something together like that every year and keeping it fun is a real job, but like they say, "Many hands make work light" and the Community Service Board has many volunteers that help put the week-end together.

Many people work behind the scenes on this Island making it a better place to live and they do it so quietly not needing or wanting that pat on the back. They do it simply because they love their Island, their Community.

Now that fall is just about here and driving through the breath-taking colors of the trees and plants, having fish in the freezer and wood stacked by the door, may you have a special tug in your heart that reminds you how much you love this Island, your Community!

Louise





AMBULANCE

First of all **THANK YOU** for voting for our ambulance millage! The support of the Sugar Island residents is greatly appreciated. If ever you have any questions about how the funds are used please feel free to contact me. The rumor mill continues to run, but I am glad that some people have called to get information for themselves.

One of the questions that was asked was how many people are getting call pay each day. Every day there is a driver on call, and two licensed people. These three people get \$.75 per hour to be on call. The only exception is when we have to have an EMT come over to cover and that has been averaging about 34 hours per week. So far, they get \$5.40 an hour. Hopefully, those hours will decrease as the new EMT's get more experience under their belts and feel ready to run as primary. Hope that clears up the question.

Funds are used for equipment and supplies throughout the year along with the funds generated from the ambulance runs. Equipment is expensive and I look for the best buys that I can to replace equipment.

Just wanted to remind residents that if you are in need of a walker, or a bedside commode we have several of them that have been donated and they are available to anyone who needs them. Just get a hold of Jimmy Handziak or me and we can get it for you.

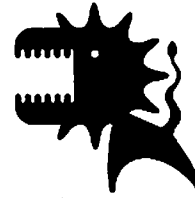
I missed last month's Quacker, maybe I'll take Jimmy's spot for being late! Keep reminding me Ladies!

We have had a busy year so far. Last year we had 21 runs all year and this year we have had 27. I know that Jimmy and I would like to be able to say that we are done for the year but we have three more months to go.

With the help of the volunteer drivers, the people who took time over the last year to get training and our always faithful Volunteer Fire Department and the few of us that stayed on the Corps and your support, we have services for you 24 hours a day, seven days a week and **PROUD OF IT!**

Thank you everyone!

Jan Bailey, Corp Captain



LIONS DEN

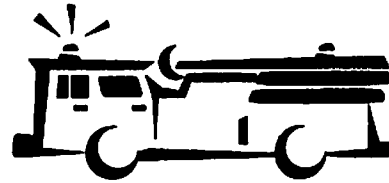
RAFFLE WINNER'S FOR AUGUST

#88 Bonnie Swadling

#68 Bill Piche

#66 Pat O'Neal

#116 Mary Biscorner Dick



WELCOME DAVE PINE!

FIRE PLUGS

I would like to introduce myself as your new Fire Chief. My name is Dave Pine, I served under Jimmy for the last three years as a fireman and what an honor it is to follow in his footsteps. I have some pretty big shoes to fill, if you know what I mean. I have also been with the ambulance for the past two years working as a MFR (Medical First Responder), and just received my EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) license. I would like to thank the Township Board for accepting me into this position.

Now onto our fire calls. To start off we had a fairly quiet month which is good. We started the month with an electrical power line fire near the 12000 block of Homestead Rd. which was handled by our south-end fire crew. Great job guys! Our second call was for an assist with the ambulance with a rollover accident near the 300 block of Brassier Rd. which was handled by the north-end crew. Great job guys and gals! That was all for this month. I would like to let you know that I will work hard as your new Fire Chief to keep our Island residents safe.

Dave Pine, Chief

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of those associated with the Sugar Island Rescue Squad for their prompt and professionally competent response to my recent heart attack. It was such a relief for members of my family to see how quickly you were able to respond. The hours of training and practice were evident. The coordination with the ferry was outstanding as well! Your actions and those of the Emergency Room staff at War Memorial Hospital helped save my life for which I and my family are very grateful.

With admiration and appreciation,

Mary Hittle

4. ENTEROTOXIGENIC *ESCHERICHIA COLI*

A. Cause: the rod shaped bacterium, *E. coli*, that normally lives in the intestine of humans and other animals



B. Transmission: water polluted with human feces

C. Symptoms: profuse watery diarrhea and abdominal cramping; less commonly: fever, nausea with or without vomiting, chills, loss of appetite, headache, muscle aches, bloating

Sewage treatment

1. **Preliminary treatment:** solids like paper, rags and plastic are removed by screens, washed, dried and carted off. Grit and sand, which would damage pumps, are also removed

2. **Primary treatment:** remaining solids (feces) are separated from the liquid by passing the sewage through large settling tanks, where most of the solid material sinks to the bottom. About 50-60% of total suspended solids and up to 50% of the pathogens (bacteria, etc.) and toxic contaminants are removed. Gravity separates sludge and scum from the waste water.

3. **Secondary treatment:** mixers, reactors and clarifiers remove non-settling solids through biological and gravity treatment. The biological process is an oxygen-activated sludge system, using microorganisms to consume organic matter from the wastewater flow. Raises the level of pollution removal to over 85%. In a simple sewage treatment process, the microorganisms, which need oxygen to thrive, are encouraged to grow on stones over which sewage is trickled. Treatment units are called **percolating filters**.

Following secondary treatment, the waste water is settled in tanks to separate the biological sludge from the purified waste water.

4. **Tertiary treatment:** use of sand filters, reed beds, or grass plots to complete process. Water may be disinfected with ultra-violet light to kill bacteria.

Sources include: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) fact sheets (www.cdc.gov); Sewage Treatment (www.dcs.ex.ac.uk/water/sewage.htm); The Deer Island Sewage Treatment Plant, Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (www.mwra.state.ma.us/03sewer/html/sewditp.htm)

Prepared by Eileen Jokinen

SUGAR ISLAND SPECIAL MEETING

to
ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF POLLUTION of ST. MARY'S RIVER

Definitions

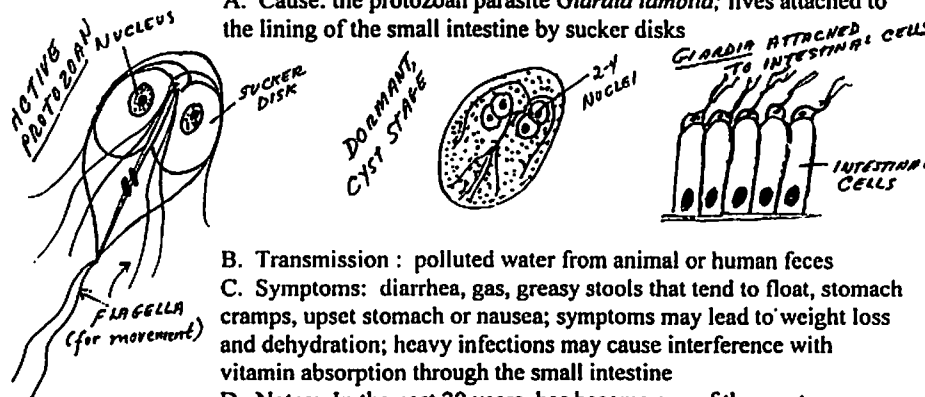
Waterborne disease organisms:

1. VIRAL HEPATITIS TYPE A

- A. Transmission: from water polluted with human fecal material
B. Symptoms: abdominal pain, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, diarrhea, jaundice (yellowed skin, whites of eyes) from liver damage

2. GIARDIASIS

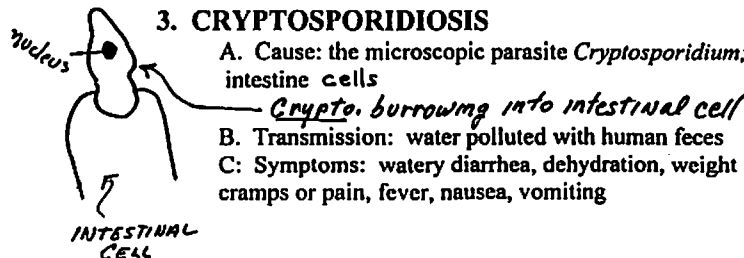
A. Cause: the protozoan parasite *Giardia lamblia*; lives attached to the lining of the small intestine by sucker disks



- B. Transmission : polluted water from animal or human feces
C. Symptoms: diarrhea, gas, greasy stools that tend to float, stomach cramps, upset stomach or nausea; symptoms may lead to weight loss and dehydration; heavy infections may cause interference with vitamin absorption through the small intestine
D. Notes: In the past 20 years, has become one of the most common causes of waterborne disease in humans in the U.S.

3. CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS

A. Cause: the microscopic parasite *Cryptosporidium*; lives in the intestine cells



- B. Transmission: water polluted with human feces
C: Symptoms: watery diarrhea, dehydration, weight loss, stomach cramps or pain, fever, nausea, vomiting

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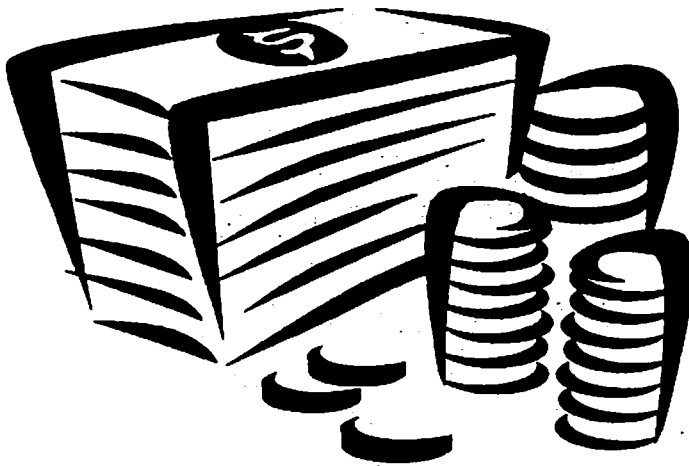
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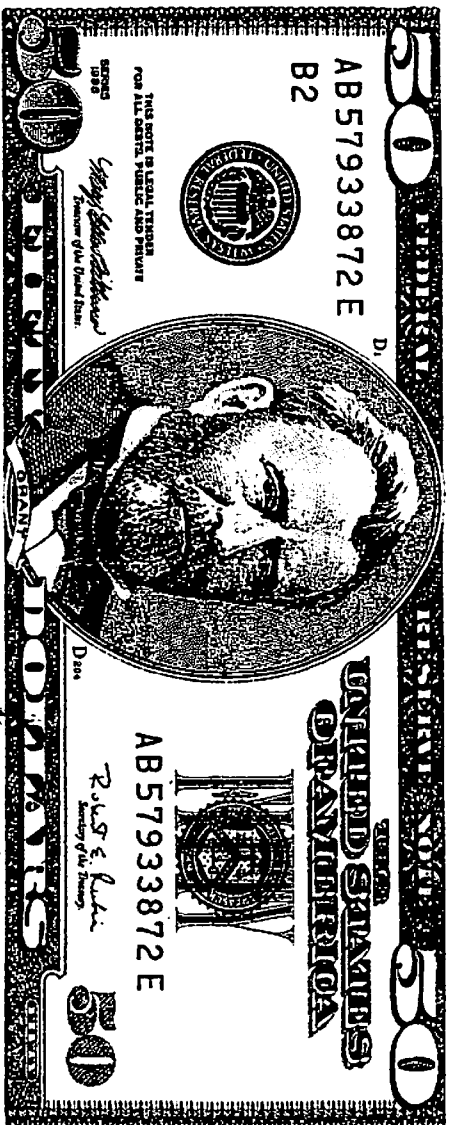
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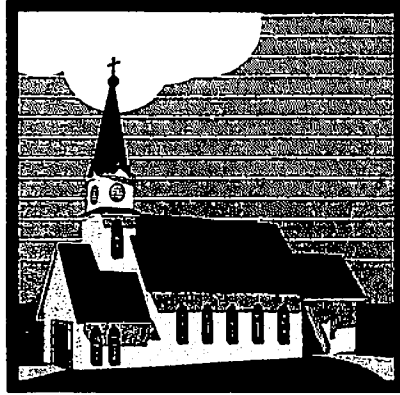
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