



The Quacker

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LIONESS CLUB

In my last article I invited anyone who was interested to see what we were all about to drop by and visit our meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Judy Colein did just that! We were happy to see her. She proposed membership and will be initiated in to the Club at our March meeting. If anyone else would like to visit us, please feel to do so.

Our next meeting will be held March 1, 2007 at 1:00PM. Starting in April we will return to our regularly scheduled meetings at 7:00PM.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Lioness Millie If you see any of the following Lionesses "March" right up and give them a big birthday hug: Wanda Mohr, Dianne Myerscough, Lorraine Rutledge, Carol Schrader, Jan Bailey, Mary Ann Biscorner Dick and Missy Gillhouley. Happy Birthday, girls, and many many more.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Lioness Millie Polley on the passing of her father, Frank. She has had a difficult time caring for her father and her late husband and deserves some much needed rest and relaxation.

Lioness Connie has agreed to lead the pastie making again this spring, so make sure you get your orders in ahead of time...they go very quickly. We will let you know in advance.

The profits from our pastie bakes and other fund raising events go to much deserving charities such as: Midwest Eye Banks, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Chippewa County Hospice, Special Olympics, Bay Cliff Health Camp, Beaumont Hospital Silent Children's Fund, Diane Pepler Center and other local events that may need funding such as the Sugar Island Children's parties. Your support of our events makes these charitable contributions possible. Thanks so much.

Happy St. Patrick's day to you all...for on that day there's a little bit of Irish in everyone.

May your troubles be tiny, your blessings much more.
And may nothing but happiness come through your door!

Cheryl Willis, Secretary

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1. Lioness Club 1:00pm
3. Benefit Spaghetti Dinner 4-8pm
7. Fire Training
8. Lions Den 6:30pm
13. Township Board 7:00pm
14. Planning Commission 7:00pm
15. Community Service Board 7:00pm
17. ST. PATRICK'S DAY
18. Lions Brunch 8:30-11:30am
21. Fire Training
24. QUACKER DEADLINE
30. Quacker Distributed

The Detroit News Monday, January 22, 2007

SAULT STE. MARIE

SUGAR ISLAND TOWNSHIP

Township clerk gets \$10,000 pay raise

Clerk SHEILA MILLER successfully lobbied Township Trustees for a \$10,000 raise Thursday, boosting her salary to \$75,000. Her pay had been frozen three years, and Miller presented evidence to Trustees that her salary was below that of clerks in similar size communities. Trustee Bud Willis cast the lone vote against the raise. He questioned the wisdom of the expense when the region's economy is shaky. (He's trying to keep expenses down!)

This article submitted by the Township Treasurer.

SOO-FLORIDA PICNIC ANNOUNCED

Zephyrhills, Fla. The annual Soo-Florida Picnic will be held on Monday, March 12th at Alice Hall in the 38000 block of Highway 54, West, in Zephyrhills Fl. From 10am-3pm.

For more information, please call Carol Garlinghouse at (813) 780-0997, or Jane Carr (813) 782-3482. Bring your own food and table service, coffee and tea will be provided.

SUGAR ISLAND TOWNSHIP

Board of Review

Meetings-March, 2007

March 5, 2007	5:00-6:00pm
March 12, 2007	9:00am-3:00pm
March 13, 2007	3:00pm-9:00pm
March 15, 2007	1:00pm-3:00pm

IN MEMORIAM

Don Hittle
Art Solberg
Sally Vuori



TOWNSHIP TALK

At our last meeting we did the usual stuff. The first thing we did was reappoint Marvin Willis and Bob Johnson to the Planning Commission. They have been working on the new zoning ordinances for a while and now they are very close to completion. If there is anyone who would like to see what they have been working on so far their meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at the Community Center at 7pm.

We are in need of a couple of people for the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Community Service Board. If you are interested please contact me at 632-7847.

The Board did vote to ask the Planning Commission to rezone the Township property from residential to commercial. This is because of the radio towers. This is something that should have been done quite a while ago.

I will have the 07/08 budget complete at our March meeting.

I would like to thank Marvin Willis for adding an extra day to the north-end transfer station. It's one of the few things where I've heard a 100% positive feedback, even from those who are critical of Island expenses. Guess they're happy about it too, very rare!

You should be receiving your assessment change notices in the next week or two. That signals action from the Board of Review. If you have any questions I am sure Ron Bertram, Peggy Starr, Max Cox or John Willis will be able to help you.

The Board of Review meetings for March are the 5th from 5-6pm, the 12th from 9am-3pm, the 13th from from 3-9pm and the 15th from 1-3pm at the Community Center.

Thank you. Derek Myerscough, Supervisor



TRANSFER STATION

We are happy to report that a recent problem with the mechanics of our compactor has been resolved and the new hours of operation are in full swing. We are trying to make garbage disposal more convenient for you. Reminder that the transfer stations are for Island residents only and garbage generated here. Ordinance is enforced.

Marvin Willis, Trustee



BAYLISS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Storytime for the month of March are as follows:

Wednesdays 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10am and

Thursdays 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 1pm



KIDSIGHT PROJECT

Using a special Polaroid-type camera, Lions Club volunteers take pictures of each child's eyes from a distance of about six feet. Kids who were nervous are reassured by the simple procedure.

The goal of this preschool vision screening is to prevent blindness and poor vision through early childhood detection and referral. The state of Michigan has endorsed this project by allowing our screening to be used as the mandatory vision screening prior to kindergarten.

Research shows approximately one out of every 20 children between the ages of 1-5 years has an eye problem that may permanently affect vision if untreated. Many children in this age group have never had their vision checked. By the time children enter school and have their eyes tested, the treatment may not be as effective and may be more costly.

In the State of Michigan about 3500 kids have been screened by this photo procedure so far and some 190 have been referred to medical professionals for further examination. Two youngsters from this program would have been blind by age 10 if they had not received this screening.

Once the photos and paperwork are complete, these data are forwarded to doctors at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit who do the actual reading and interpretations of the pictures.

"Project Kidsight" is another program supported by the Lions Clubs and Lions International to fulfill their motto, "We Serve."

BILL OF RIGHTS

6th Amendment

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

SUGAR ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

The meeting was opened at 7pm. Bud gave an update on proposed Township projects with the Sault Tribe and the Bay Mills Tribe.

The minutes of the 12/13/06 meeting were read and approved. Lorraine was supplied with a copy of the new Michigan Zoning Act.

Work continued on reviewing the draft zoning ordinance at 12.10 through 16. That completes the draft review against recommendations of Gove & Associates and the new Michigan Zoning Act. Work will begin inserting the revisions to the draft master that is on Microsoft Word.

John Odell, Chairman



SUGAR ISLAND CHESS KLUB PIZZA PARTY

Due to inclement weather in February, the Sugar Island Chess Klub (a/k/a SICK) has rescheduled its pizza party for Saturday, March 3, at 2:00 p.m. at the Hilltop Bar. There will be FREE PIZZA for anyone who plays a game of chess. Winners of the SICK round robins during February included Steve Miller and Kipper. While you wouldn't know it by looking at them, they actually do have the ability to think logically. If they can do it, so can you. You can check it out at the pizza party on Saturday at 2:00 p.m., or you can stop by on any Thursday at 7:00 p.m. If you know how to move the pieces, you can play. If you don't know how to move the pieces, we'll be glad to teach you. Join us on Saturday for the fun and camaraderie or just for some of Kipper's delicious pizza.

Glen Schmiede



AMBULANCE

Ambulance training for MFR, EMT-B and EMT-S continues in to the month of March. Dates are March 10th and 11th, March 24th and 25th from 9am-4pm at the Community Center.

Jan Bailey, Corp Captain



LIONS DEN

Thanks to everyone who brought their old glasses in for recycling last month. The box at the community center was almost full but don't worry we have more boxes. These glasses are sorted by volunteers and distributing in developing countries. So when you do your spring cleaning (spring will come) do yourself and someone else a favor and drop your glasses off in a Lions recycling box.

Another project new to the Lions is Project Kidsight. This provides vision screening for preschool children. Research shows that one out of 20 children 1 to 5 years old has an eye problem that can permanently affect vision if left untreated. At last months meeting we sent \$100 to help with expenses and if there is enough interest we would like to have a screening on the island. If you have preschool children please contact me at 632-3979 so we can see if we have enough children to make this feasible.

Last month we had 4 more names to add to our raffle winners. Thanks and congratulations go out to:

#167 John Schrader #63 Peggy Starr
#59 Bob Hutton #88 Dave Newbery

Last months checks were a little slow going out but our treasurer Bob has fast tracked this issue and plans to do study and then prepare a report which will be reviewed by a committee who will provide their recommendations to the club. Checks will be issued sometime next year.

Birthday greetings go out to our newest member Richard Fischer. In case you don't know him he has been working the dishwasher at the brunch. Next month we plan to show him how to turn it on.

Jim Handziak, Secretary

Moving to Michigan

Jack was sitting in an airplane when another guy took a seat beside him. The new guy was a wreck, pale, hands shaking, moaning in fear.

"Hey, what's the matter?" Jack asked.

"Oh man. I've been transferred to Michigan," the other guy answered. "There's crazy people in Michigan. They have shootings, gangs, riots, drugs, the highest crime rate."

"Hold on," Jack interrupted. "I've lived in Michigan all my life. It is not as bad as the media says. Find a nice home, go to work, mind your own business, enroll your kids in a good school and it's as safe as anywhere in the world."

The other passenger relaxed and stopped shaking for a moment and said, "Oh, thank you. I've been worried to death. But if you live there and you say it's OK, I'll take your word for it. What do you do for a living?"

"Me?" said Jack. "I'm a tail gunner on a Pepsi truck in Flint."



HEALTH & WELLNESS

What is shingles?

Shingles (herpes zoster) is an outbreak of rash or blisters on the skin that is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox — the varicella-zoster virus. The first sign of shingles is often burning or tingling pain, or sometimes numbness or itch, in one particular location on only one side of the body. After several days or a week, a rash of fluid-filled blisters, similar to chickenpox, appears in one area on one side of the body. Shingles pain can be mild or intense. Some people have mostly itching; some feel pain from the gentlest touch or breeze. The most common location for shingles is a band, called a dermatome, spanning one side of the trunk around the waistline. Anyone who has had chickenpox is at risk for shingles. Scientists think that in the original battle with the varicella-zoster virus, some of the virus particles leave the skin blisters and move into the nervous system. When the varicella-zoster virus reactivates, the virus moves back down the long nerve fibers that extend from the sensory cell bodies to the skin. The viruses multiply, the tell-tale rash erupts, and the person now has shingles.

Is there any treatment?

The severity and duration of an attack of shingles can be significantly reduced by immediate treatment with antiviral drugs, which include acyclovir, valcyclovir, or famcyclovir. Antiviral drugs may also help stave off the painful after-effects of shingles known as *postherpetic neuralgia*. Other treatments for postherpetic neuralgia include steroids, antidepressants, anticonvulsants, and topical agents.

In 2006, the Food and Drug Administration approved a VZV vaccine (Zostavax) for use in people 60 and older who have had chickenpox. When the vaccine becomes more widely available, many older adults will for the first time have a means of preventing shingles. Researchers found that giving older adults the vaccine reduced the expected number of later cases of shingles by half. And in people who still got the disease despite immunization, the severity and complications of shingles were dramatically reduced. The shingles vaccine is only a preventive therapy and is not a treatment for those who already have shingles or postherpetic neuralgia.

What is the prognosis?

For most healthy people, the lesions heal, the pain subsides within 3 to 5 weeks, and the blisters leave no scars. However, shingles is a serious threat in immunosuppressed individuals — for example, those with HIV infection or who are receiving cancer treatments that can weaken their immune systems. People who receive organ transplants are also vulnerable to shingles because they are given drugs that suppress

Next column please

Shingles continued

the immune system. A person with a shingles rash can pass the virus to some one, usually a child, who has never had chickenpox, but the child will develop chickenpox, not shingles. A person with chickenpox cannot communicate shingles to someone else. Shingles comes from the virus hiding inside the person's body, not from an outside source.

Mary Elliott, RN, Chippewa County Health Dept.

BENEFIT DINNER FOR AUDREA WILCOX

A benefit spaghetti dinner will be held at the Sugar Island Community Center on MARCH 3, 2007 Serving from 4:00-8:00pm Cost is \$6:00 each with children under 6, free.

SPAGHETTI AND MEAT SAUCE, SALAD
GARLIC BREAD ASSORTED DESSERTS DRINK

Audrea, also known as "Gramma at the store" has undergone extensive heart and vascular surgery in Petoskey. Although the surgery took place in mid January, she is still in Intensive Care. Jeanette, her daughter, and Dave have been driving every day, from Newberry to help care for her. This has taken a toll on the whole family and now we as her friends and neighbors need to help the lady who helped all of the benefits on the Island in the past.

Thank You! Friends of Audrea Wilcox



SULT TRIBE PROVIDES GIFT FOR LSSU POW-WOW

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians has helped underwrite a springtime pow-wow, to be hosted March 23-24 on the campus of Lake Superior State University. The event is being organized by LSSU's Native American Center and the Native American Student Organization. Sault Tribe presented a \$5,000 check to help defer costs. Activities begin on Friday, March 23, with an open house and spiritual gathering between 10 am and 5pm in LSSU's Native American Center. The building adjoins the Shouldice Library parking and is located at the east end of LSSU's Row Houses. The public is also welcome to a potluck feast during the day, and may bring a dish to pass around. Saturday's highlight is the pow-wow in LSSU's Norris Center Cooper Gym. Grand entries happen at 1 and 7 pm. Host drum is Waabishka Bijiikii Onakwad, White Buffalo Cloud, from Bay Mills, Mich. Vendors on hand will offer homemade and cultural crafts. The pow-wow is free and everyone is welcome.

For more information, e-mail Nichole Causley at nikki_c_220@yahoo.com or Jeff Gaus at jagaus@lssu.edu, or contact LSSU's Native American Center at 906-635-2223

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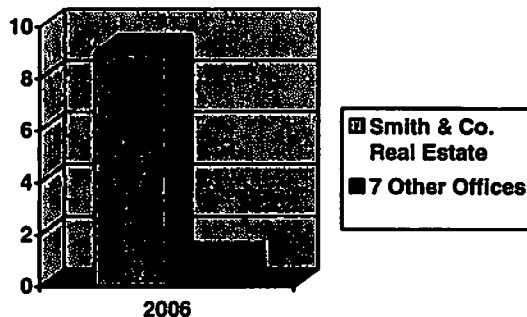
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Number of Residential Listings Sold on Sugar Island	10
Number of Sold's listed with Smith & Company	10
Number of Listings Sold by Smith & Company	9
Number of Listings Sold by 7 other offices	1



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Irish Humor

His wife had been killed in an accident and the police were questioning Finnegan. "Did she say anything before she died?" asked the sergeant. "She spoke without interruption for about forty years," said the Finnegan.

WHEN, OH WHEN?

Back when most trees were sold with bare roots, early spring was the only good time to buy and plant them. Spring is still the prime season for planting trees with bare roots, or those that have been plucked from nursery fields and sold with their roots wrapped in burlap. Either condition is traumatic for a tree, so the sooner you get them planted, the better off you'll both be.

Jerry Baker's Backyard Problem Solver

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