



The QUACKER

DECEMBER 2015, ISSUE 392 SPONSORED BY THE SUGAR ISLAND LIONESS CLUB



Merry Christmas

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00 pm
3. Lioness Mtg/Raffle Drawing 1:00pm
6. Children's Christmas Practice 11-1pm
8. Township Board Meeting 7:00 pm
9. Lions Meeting 5:00 pm ELKS Lodge
12. Children's Christmas Party 4:00pm
13. STARS Tour of Homes & Tea 1:00pm
16. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00 pm
18. SIHPS Meeting 2:00pm
20. Lions Brunch 8:30-11:00 am
20. QUACKER DEADLINE
22. Winter Begins
25. Christmas Day
26. Quacker Distributed
31. New Year's Eve



LIONESS CLUB

The Lioness Club met on November 5 and there were eighteen members in attendance. We were happy to have Bonnie Campeau rejoin us as a member. Also Becky Pine was inducted into the club. Welcome Becky!

The next Lions' brunch will be held on December 20. Please join us for this enjoyable community gathering. Our bake sales will resume in the Spring.

The Lions Club invited our members to their Christmas dinner at the Elks on December 9. We are pleased to be invited and thank them for including us.

It was approved by the membership to donate \$200.00 to the following organizations: Bay Cliff Health Camp, Chippewa County Veterans, Hearthsides, EUP Hospice, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Michigan Eye Bank, Salvation Army, Silent Children's Fund, and Special Olympics. In addition it was also decided to increase our donation to Soo Theater from \$100.00 to \$200.00. We are also looking into donating to the children's homeless organization in the future. Thank you to all who supported our "money making" activities for these organizations.

A committee will be formed to determine our budget needs to help us determine how much we can afford to donate to our charities next year.

There is still time to purchase a raffle ticket for a large basket of food. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The basket will be raffled at the December 3 meeting. All proceeds will go to the Diane Pepler Resource Center.

Did you know—

- New activities are being planned at the Community Center after the senior lunch—cards and crafts.
- For more than sixteen years Dennis McKelvie with the help of volunteers has been in charge of a free Thanksgiving dinner for Sugar Island residents. Thank you Dennis!

Please Help Keep Our Sugar Island Sw—e—et!

President, Peggy Starr



LIONS DEN



Another month is drawing to an end and this is one the better months to be a Sugar Island Lion, because we always make our annual donations at our November meeting. While we make donations throughout the year as needs occur we use this time to approve many of our charitable gifts. Like any organization we have a lively debate on our budget (don't want to use the word argue) as we decide what groups receive what. \$4,750 in donations were approved for the following organizations none of which would have been possible without your support. Sugar Island Youth Group, Salvation Army, Leader Dogs, Northwood Air Lifeline, Midwest Eye Bank, Baycliff Health Camp, EUP Special Olympics, Munson Manor, Beacon House, Hospice of Chippewa County, Soo Theater Project, Lions All State Band, Diane Pepler Shelter, Lions Christmas Baskets, Lions Soup Kitchens, UP State Fair, Soo Area Sportmans Club, Sugar Island Fire Department, Road to Recovery and Teaching Family Homes.

Our brunch was well attended except for Lions club workers many of who were out hunting. Walking away \$50 richer were James Smith, Charlie Leighton and Dutua Goldade. Our 50-50 winner was Bud Willis.

Again Lion Leo Rich is the only Lion with a birthday in December. If you see him on the 24th be sure to give him birthday greeting along with a Merry Christmas.

Jim Handziak, Secretary

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FIRE PLUGS

Thank you to the voters of Sugar Island who overwhelmingly approved the recent millage renewal. These funds will allow us to continue to improve the fire protection for the Island. While talking over the election results with some non-firefighters they asked why anyone would vote against fire protection. People normally have a good reason to vote against a proposal. One of which may be that the fire department does seem to have a lot of money on hand. The reason for this large amount is that we are actively looking for another truck to replace our oldest truck. This does require us to save money especially if we find a used truck as a good one will not stay on the market long. We thank you again for your support and promise to use your funds wisely.

Our new truck did arrive and was welcomed at our open house last month. Thanks go out to the Historical Society, the Lioness Club and Lions for provide food and thanks to everyone who came out to see the new truck and enjoy a great evening. The weather wasn't as nice as it could have been but at least it wasn't snowing. We plan to go back to a summer open house next year.

While thanking people I want to thank the drivers on the Island who regularly pull over and give the right of way to the ambulance and fire departments. Also to the ferry crew who always seem to be able to balance our needs and the need to keep the ferry running as close to schedule as possible.

Finally to the Fire and EMS people. We will be having a Christmas party on Friday December 18th at the Community Center at 5pm. If you have any questions call Jim Handziak.

Merry Christmas to all and have a safe and happy holiday season.

Jim Handziak, Sugar Island Fire Dept.



Little Rapids Restoration Project

The new bridge connecting Sugar Island and the ferry dock will create numerous environmental and community benefits. However, some community members are still wondering how the Chippewa County Road Commission (CCRC) is funding a \$9 million project and if the money could be used for other community priorities.

In 2012, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission (EUPRPDC) led a feasibility study for replacing the existing causeway and culverts to address historic environmental issues. At the same time, the CCRC reviewed their ongoing prioritization list for road improvements. In 2013, CCRC and EUPRPDC partnered with the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) to receive federal dollars that would both replace aging infrastructure and increase habitat for fish and wildlife. The GLC has a 3-year regional partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that uses Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funds to complete habitat restoration projects in Areas of Concern (AOCs) in the Great Lakes. Funding provided through the NOAA-GLC partnership can only be used for habitat restoration in AOCs, and the St. Mary's River was chosen as a top priority from a long list of projects.

These federal dollars provide enormous economic value for the local community through several avenues. All project related costs are covered by this grant and the project prioritizes using local contractors and materials, fueling the local economy.

Additionally, the increased habitat created by this project will improve fish populations in the St. Mary's River, which generates \$7 million annually through fishing. Overall, the Little Rapids Restoration Project creates a win-win solution for community infrastructure, the local economy, and fish and wildlife habitat, without additional cost to local agencies and residents.

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HOURS

Monday - Saturday 9-8
Sundays 9-6



Sugar Island Township News

Welcome to winter on Sugar Island. Please be careful as you travel our beautiful island as the roads may be slippery, the critters may run in front of you, and the vistas may distract you. Holiday parties are everywhere, enjoy your family, friends and neighbors.

The winter tax bills will be mailed the first part of December, if you do not receive them, please give the Sugar Island Township Office a call. Unfortunately the United States Postal System is not perfect, and these new automated systems seem to prove Murphy's Law on a daily basis.

Our Fire Department was able to sell all the items that were displayed outside the North End Fire Hall. We hope the new owners are happy with their bargains.

The Medical First Responder Course has completed and we wish all the students good luck with the National Registry test. We look forward to seeing you help our community residents with your new skills.


May all the families who call Sugar Island home, as well as our many "Snow Birds", have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Lynda A. Garlitz, Clerk



Senior Lunch

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SICK CHESS

The SICK Chess Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. Join us for some holiday treats and games. And remember to try to solve the chess puzzle that is attached to The *Quacker*. This month's puzzle is an easy "mate-in-2." Happy Holidays!

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Our Sugar Island Phone and Address Directory will be revised in 2016. We are seeking any changes, additions or deletions that you may have. We will continue to work on updating our phone book data through the winter and publish it in the spring

of 2016. Email your updated information to Mary Ann at maryannbd@gmail.com or call at 635-1898.

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Dec. 1, 6-8 p.m. p.m. Rug Hooking Demonstration

Dec. 3, 6 p.m. Visually Impaired Persons meeting

Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sault Winter Farmers' Market

Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-noon Creative Endeavors

Dec. 5, 1 p.m. Christmas Craft Hour for Children

Dec. 5, 1 p.m. Saturday Matinee

Dec. 8, 1 p.m. Homeschool LEGO Club

Dec. 8, 7 p.m. Sault Naturalists Club of Ontario and Michigan—attendees will share their personal nature interests

Dec. 10, 7 p.m. Adult Coloring Event

Dec. 12, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sault Winter Farmers' Market

Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-noon Friends of Bayliss Library Wrapping Fundraiser

Dec. 12, 1 p.m. LEGO Club

Dec. 15, 12-2 p.m. Creative Endeavors Support Group for Writers and Artists

Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Chippewa County Genealogical Society, Black Sheep in Our Families

Dec. 17, 7 p.m. Bayliss Book Club

Dec. 19, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Winter Farmers' Market

Dec. 19, noon Brown Bag Book Club

Dec. 19, 1 p.m. Family Movie

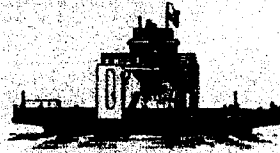
Dec. 23, 2:30 p.m. Closed

Dec. 24 and 25 Closed

Winter Market

The Sault Winter Farmers' Market returns to Bayliss Public Library on Saturday, December 5 and will continue on Saturdays through May 7. Market vendors will be at the library for three Saturdays in December with seasonal merchandise. (There will not be markets on December 26 and April 2.) In past seasons, among the items available were fresh baked goods, honey, jam, maple syrup, eggs, vegetables, artwork, cards, skin products, jewelry and other hand-crafted items, along with cookbooks and gardening books from the Friends of Bayliss Library. Check out the vendors each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For prospective vendors, a form must be completed and returned, evaluated by the Market Masters, approved, and a new fee paid. Contact Dee at 440-3974 for more information.

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.

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

*Tuesday
Dec 8th*

*Tuesday
Dec 22nd*

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Additions to last month's Veterans' Day Tribute:

- Fitz, David L. Sr, US Air Force, Vietnam
- ✚ Hittle, Donald, US Army, WWII
- LaCoy, John, US Army, Vietnam
- ✚ LaCoy, Teddy, US Army, WWII
- Odell, John, US Army, Vietnam, Stateside
- Pine, David, US Army
- Smith, Derek, US Army
- ✚ Turrell, William D, US Army, WWII, Korea, Vietnam

We thank and honor our Sugar Island Veterans!



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SUGAR ISLAND YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The annual Christmas Program/Party will be held on Saturday December 12, 2015 from 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. at the Sugar Island Community Center

Please bring a non perishable food item for the Food Basket Giveaway

Please plan to arrive on time as Santa is planning to visit, but can only stay a short time...He is very busy this time of year!!

There will be a short practice on Sunday December 6, 2015 at the Community Center from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

If your child(ren) would like to say a part or share a talent please plan to attend this practice. We will have some Christmas poems available to choose from, but you are more then welcomed to find a poem on your own. If you have any questions please call Melissa Morehouse at 635-6040 or email to

melsy1979@hotmail.com

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



Sugar Island Chess Klub

FIND THE MOVES—What is WHITE's best move? (Theme: Mating Attack)

	<p>♔/♚ KING (K)—moves one square in any direction</p> <p>♕/♛ QUEEN (Q)—moves any number of squares in any direction (on rows/ranks, columns/files, or diagonals)</p> <p>♖/♜ ROOK (R)—moves any number of squares sideways, forward, or backward (on ranks and files, not diagonals)</p> <p>♗/♝ BISHOP (B)—moves any number of squares on diagonals</p> <p>♘/♞ KNIGHT (N)—moves in an "L" shape (2 squares one way and 1 the other) to a square of the opposite color. Knights are the only pieces that can jump over others.</p> <p>♙/♟ PAWN—moves straight forward (cannot back up) 1 or 2 squares on the first move and then only 1 at a time. A pawn can capture only on the diagonal squares immediately in front of it. Pawns reaching the 8th rank become a Q (or R, B or N).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pieces CAPTURE ("X") by running into and displacing others. • A king is in CHECK ("+") when it is attacked. • CHECKMATE occurs when a player cannot save the king from capture. <p style="text-align: center;">WHITE STARTED AT THE BOTTOM AND BLACK AT THE TOP</p>
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ANSWER: White gains a bishop (B) or checkmates the black king (K) by capturing the black B on the g6-square. White does this by using the rook (R) on g2 to capture the B. If black's pawn on h7 captures the R, then black is mated by moving the R on the b2-square to the h2-square. Black's king has no escape and black has no pieces to block the attack or capture the R. It is therefore mate. [1.Rxg6 hxg6 2.Rh2 mate.]

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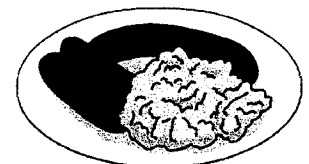
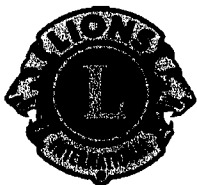
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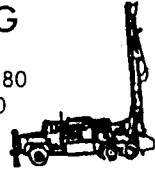
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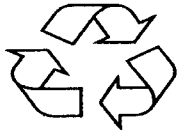
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Our regular weekly Mass is every Saturday at 6:15 p.m. You need not be Catholic to worship with us. Father Sebastian loves children, so bring the whole family, and praise the Lord with your friends and neighbors on our beautiful Sugar Island.

Peace of Christ be with each and every soul on Sugar Island this Christmas!

Amen, you betcha!

Sugar Island Community Center Friday, November 27, 2015 @2:00pm

**“In The Footsteps
Of the
Discoverers”**



**A program about Magellan, Prince Henry
the Navigator, Columbus and others**

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