



The QUACKER

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Election Day!



Veteran's Day Thank you for your service!



Happy Thanksgiving!

Official Write-in Candidates

Clerk – Jennifer McLeod-Tyson
Trustee – Jesse Knoll
Jason Morehouse

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 2. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 3. Daylight Saving Time – Fall Back
- 5. Election Day 7:00am – 8:00pm
- 6. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
- 7. Sugar Island Bible Study 5:00-7:00pm
- 9. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 11. Veteran's Day
- 12. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 13. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 13. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm
- 14. Lions Meeting 5:30pm
- 16. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 17. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
- 19. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm
- 20. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
- 23. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 24. QUACKER DEADLINE
- 27. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 28. Thanksgiving
- 28. Thanksgiving Dinner Served
- 30. The Quacker is distributed
- 30. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm



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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.

WE HONOR AND THANK ALL OUR SUGAR ISLAND VETERANS

- † Abbott, Robert, US Coast Guard, WWII
- † Aikens, Russell, US Army, WWII
- † Allen, Paul, US Army, WWII
 - Allard, Michael, US Army
 - Anderson, Damon, US Marine Corps, Iraq, Afghanistan
 - Anderson, Jeffery W, US Coast Guard
 - Armstrong, Greg, US Marine Corps, Vietnam, S Pacific
 - Armstrong, Isaac, National Guard, Iraq
- † Andrews, Edward, Navy, Korea
- † Andrews, Gary, US Coast Guard
 - Azevedo, Jerry, US Army, Vietnam
 - Azevedo, Roger, US Air Force/National Guard, Vietnam
 - Bailey, Joseph, US Navy, Persian Gulf
- † Bancroft, Todd, US Army, US Navy
 - Baril, Brandon, US Navy
- † Barrett, Ralph (Yogi), WWII
- † Beckham, James, US Air Force, Korea
 - Behm, Brittany, US Navy
 - Belanger, Brent M, US Marine Corps
 - Belanger, Harold, US Army, Korea
 - Bertram, Ron, US Army/National Guard
 - Biron, John, US Marine Corps, Vietnam
- † Biron, Kenneth Sr, US Marine Corps, Vietnam
 - Biron, Kenneth II (Kipper), US Army, Bosnia
 - Bisdorf, Gregory, US Army/Nat'l Guard, Afghanistan
- † Brennan, Arthur, US Navy Construction Battalion, Korea
 - Brown, Larry, US Army, Vietnam/Korea
 - Brunet, Tom, US Army
 - Burris (Biron), Wendy, US Air Force
 - Campeau, Larry, US National Guard, Vietnam
 - Carpentier, Matthew, US Air Force
 - Champagne, Joel B, US Coast Guard, Vietnam
 - Chynoweth, Jack, US Air Force
 - Content, Jeff, US Army, Iraqi Campaigns
 - Corbiere, Lisa, US Coast Guard Reserve
- † Curlis, Gig, US Coast Guard, WWII
- † Davidson, George, US Army, Korea
- † Degiustino, John, US Army
 - Dittenberner, Daniel, US Army
- † Earns, Richard, Jr., US Army
- † Eitrem, Lee, US Army, Korea
- † Eitrem, Leon, US Army, Vietnam
 - Eitrem, Mark S, US Army
 - Fischer, Richard, US Navy, Vietnam (Cuba)
 - Fitz, David L. Sr, US Air Force, Vietnam
 - Flemal, Robert B., US Army, 1954-62
 - Folkema, Daniel J, US Army/National Guard
- † Fox, Jerry, US Marine Corps
- † Fox, Reginald (Reg), WWII
- † Frechette, Michael, US Army, WWI
 - Frechette, Melvin (Mick), US Army, Europe
- † Gardner, Frederick, US Marine Corps, WWII
- † Garlitz, Rodrick (Ottie), US Army, Korea
- † Gilbert, Tony, US Army, Korea
 - Gillhooley, Cass, US Navy
 - Gratz, Marshall, US Marine Corps, Vietnam
- † Gravelle, Harold, US Army, WWII
- † Gravelle, Richard, US Army, WWII
- † Gravelle, William, US Army, WWII
 - Gray, James, US Air Force, Vietnam (Stateside)
 - Graymountain (Biron), Robin, US Coast Guard
- † Gronlund, Jack, US Navy, Korea
 - Grossett, Jamie, US Navy
- † Guilmette, Mike, US Coast Guard, Vietnam Era
 - Guttay, Robert, US Army, WWII
- † Haga, Peter, US Navy, Vietnam Era
- † Handziak, Frank R, US Navy, WWII
 - Handziak, Fred, US Navy
- † Harrington, Anthony, US Navy, Vietnam
- † Harrington, Jack, US Navy, WWII
- † Hendrickson, Dannie, US Army, Germany
- † Hinton, Robert, US Army, WWII
- † Hittle, Donald, US Army, WWII
 - Hovie, Leslie, US Army
 - Huggett, Betsy, USAF, Operation Southern Watch
- † Hughes, Albert, US Army Air Force, WWII
- † Jones, William H, US Navy
 - Kibble, Jack, US Army, Vietnam
 - Kibble-Green, Jacob, US Marine Corps, Iraq
 - Kinder, Stephen, US Navy, Vietnam
 - Kinney, Harold Sr, US Army
 - Knox, Dave, US Army
- † Kovisto, Gene, US Army, WWII
- † Kubek, Michael, US Army Reserves
- † Kuczkowski, John, US Army Air Corps, WWII
 - LaCoy, John, US Army, Vietnam
- † LaCoy, Teddy, US Army, WWII
- † Lahti, Aili, US Marines, WWII
- † Lahti, Carl E, Merchant Marines, WWII
 - Langendorf, James, US Army, Vietnam (Alabama)
- † Leask, Elmer, WWII
- † Leask, Gordon, US Army, Korea
- † Leask, Leo (Tuffy), US Army, Korea
- † Leask, Samuel, US Army, WWII
- † Leask, Theodore E, US Army, WWII
 - Leighton, Arthur J, US Army, West Germany
- † Lewis, Edward (Legs), US Navy, WWII
 - Loy, Mark, US Air Force Reserves

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- † Loy, Paul, US Army, WWII
 - † Mahall, Eugene, US Navy Construction Battalion, Korea
 - Malloy, Ronald, US Navy
 - † Maleport, Robert, US Coast Guard, Korea
 - † Marks, William D, US Army, Korea
 - † Marshall, Eugene, US Coast Guard, WWII
 - † Masiak, Frank, US Army, Korea
 - Mayer, Lindsay, US Air Force
 - † McCoy, Dave, US Army, Pacific Theater
 - † McCoy, Earl, US Army, WWII
 - † McCoy, Ernest (Scotty), US Army, WWII
 - † McCoy, Merlin, US Army, WWII
 - McCoy, Paul (Chip), US Navy, Vietnam
 - † McIntosh, Earl, US Navy, WWII
 - † McKelvie, Dennis, US Army, Vietnam
 - † McKelvey, Arthur, US Army, WWII
 - McKelvey, Connie, US Air Force, Stateside & Europe
 - † McKelvey, James, US Army
 - † McKelvey, John
 - † McKelvey, Theodore, US Army
 - † McKerchie, Harold, (Cub), US Navy
 - † McKerchie, Jr, Harold, (Bud), USCG
 - † Menard, Alvin, US Navy, WWII
 - Menard, Alvin B. US Army Germany
 - Menard, Ann, US Army
 - Menard, Bert, US Coast Guard
 - Menard, David (Soupy), US Army/Nat Guard, Vietnam, Germany
 - Menard, Dennis, US Army, Vietnam Era
 - † Menard, John (Chum), US Navy
 - † Menard, Joseph, US Marine Corps
 - Menard, Randy, US Coast Guard
 - Menard, Shaun, US Army, Afghanistan
 - † Menard, Terry, National Guard
 - † Mendoskin, Leo, US Army, WWII
 - Miller, Trevor, US Army, Iraq
 - † Mohr, Harold, US Army, Korean War Era
 - Molloy, Mark Edward, US Air Force
 - Molloy, Sean Ronald, US Navy
 - Munsell, Andrew, US Coast Guard
 - † Mustonen, John H Jr, US Navy, Vietnam
 - † Murray, Glen US Navy Construction Battalion, Korea
 - † Murray, Walter, US Army, WWII, South Pacific
 - † Nemeth, William, US Army, WWII, Pacific
 - Noble, Clark, US Coast Guard
 - † Nolan, Dennis Albert, US Army, Vietnam
 - Odell, John, US Army, Vietnam, Stateside
 - Othon (Kurtz), Amy Lynn, US Army, Iraq, Afghanistan
 - Othon, Gabriel Alex, US Army, Iraq, Kuwait
 - Parton, Kyle, US Army, Air National Guard
 - Peabody, Matthew, US Air Force
 - † Perry, William, US Air Force/Nat. Guard, Korea
 - Peterman, Larry R, US Air Force, Vietnam (Alaska)
 - Pim, James, US Air Force, Vietnam (Stateside)
 - Pine, David, US Army
 - † Pine, Edward (Pie), US Marine Corps, WWII
 - † Polley, Richard, US Army, Japan
 - † Randazzo, Joe, US Coast Guard, Korea
 - Rennels, Christa, National Guard, Iraq
 - Repa, Ben, US Coast Guard
 - † Reynolds, Robert, US Army, Korea
 - Rich, Leo, US Army, Korea
 - Robbins, Rodney, US Marine Corps, Vietnam
 - Rohweder, Gordon, US Air Force, Vietnam
 - Roy, Bernard, US Navy, Korea/WWII
 - † Roy, Norbert, US Army, Korea/WWII
 - Rowell, Greg, US Marine Corps, Vietnam (Stateside)
 - † Ruona, Keith, US Navy, Vietnam
 - † Rutledge, Melvin (Ping), US Navy, WWII
 - † Sally, James, US Army, Vietnam (Germany)
 - † Sally, John, US Army, WWII
 - † Schlappkohl, John, US Navy
 - † Schrader, Larry, US Navy Reserve
 - † Sebastian, Duke, US Army, WWII
 - Sebastian, George H, US Army, WWII
 - Sebastian, Terry, US Army, Vietnam
 - Sebastian-Gumm, Hailey, US Marines, Iraq/Afghanistan
 - Sherry, John, US Army/MI Natl Guard, Vietnam, Stateside
 - Smith, Derek, US Army
 - † Smithling, Raymond, US Army, Korea
 - † Snider, George Sr, US Navy, WWII, Korea
 - † Sooks, Bert, US Navy, WWII
 - Spring, Dennis, US Air Force, Desert Storm
 - † St. Onge, Michael, US Navy
 - Strother, Angela, US Air Force, US Army
 - † Sumner, James Sr, US Air Force National Guard
 - † Swanson, Allan, US Navy Reserve
 - Swantek, John P, US Army Corp of Engineers, Vietnam
 - † Syrjala, Reino, US Army, WWII
 - † Syrjala, Robert, US Army, WWII
 - Thompson, Mike, US Army, Vietnam
 - † Thompson, Don, US Army, WWII
 - Townsend, Les, US Air Force, SAC, Omaha, NE
 - † Turrell, William D, US Army, WWII, Korea, Vietnam
 - † Ulanski, Arthur, US Navy, WWII
 - † VanHautte, Larry, US Army/National Guard
 - Veit, Nicholas, US Army, Iraq, Korea
 - Vincent, James, US National Guard
 - † Waisanen, Richard E, US Army, Korea
 - Walker, David, US Army, Vietnam/Okinawa
 - Wheeler, Wayne, US Navy, Vietnam Era
 - Willis, John (Mike), US Army
 - † Willis, Kenneth (Dugan), US Army, Vietnam
 - Willis, Marvin (Bud), US Army, Vietnam (Germany)
 - † Wilson, Dennis, US Navy
 - † Wilson, Julie, US Navy
 - Young, James, US Army, Iraq

† Denotes deceased

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LIONS' BRUNCH

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

Join us the 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast extraordinaire!

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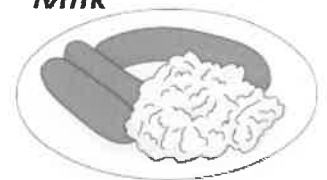
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FIRE PLUGS

We received the new light weight helmets mentioned in last month's article. The difference is noticeable and I think it made me look like a young Tom Selleck, at least in my opinion. They are real nice helmets. Also put our new Indian Paks into service. These are used to carry water for wild land firefighting. We are in a drought in the much of Northern Michigan and at a time of year when wild land gear is being put away it may still need to be used.

The good news is the National Weather Service has predicted higher than normal precipitation this winter so we have that going for us.

With the dry weather there have been restrictions on outdoor burning. While recreational fires have not yet been banned you do need to contact the DNR to see if you can burn brush and yard waste. They can be reached at 1-866-922-2876 or online at www.Michign.gov/burnpermit. They will tell you if burning is allowed and what restrictions apply. As always if you are burning, we would like a call so if we are notified of a fire in your area we can investigate before we send out the entire department.

The maintenance on our equipment continues with our trucks being sent out for maintenance, needed repairs and pump testing. We also spent part of a meeting night serving the many gas engines on our equipment. While we are moving towards battery powered equipment, we still have and probably always will have gas powered gear.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire



LIONS DEN

October was a busy month for the Lions. We finished up with the first year of the farmer's market. Except for one rainy day the weather was more than cooperative the whole summer. Thanks to all the vendors and customers and the township.

We also had the third annual Lions Chili Cook-off. Seven entries vied for the coveted first place spoon. My problem was after sampling the seven entries I almost did not have room for my hot dog, I said almost. Winners were 1st Melissa Morehouse, 2nd Tam Velderman and 3rd Steve Gillis. Proceeds from this event went towards the cost of the new tables for the Township Park.

We now have all the tables at the park. We have already received several donations and for \$600 you can sponsor a table in your family's or an organizations name. This includes a very nice plaque. Interestingly many of the old tables were built by the Lions Club. Unfortunately, we neglected to plant trees for lumber at that time so we had to purchase the new metal ones.

Taking advantage of the great weather in October we were able to get our road cleanup taken care of on a beautiful day. We had a couple of non-Lions who helped out, Tam and Ally Velderman. They were a great help but did say that next time their neighbor, Lion Holly, asked if they wanted to go for a ride they would probably refuse. And a pat on the back to all Sugar Islanders as we had a very limited amount of garbage to pick up.

We set a record for attendance at our breakfast. At one time all of our dishes were out and we had to resort to paper plates. We were so busy that even I had to work. Our second set of winners in this raffle were Nicole Brunet, Buck Gravelle and William Carley. Each walked away with \$50. Our 50-50 winner was a visitor, a mister Cort, only got his last name but hopefully this will bring him back.

We have Debra Cox and Keith Stewart with Birthdays in November. Enjoy!.

Lion Jim Handziak

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Sugar Island Township News

As our colors are in full display, we are reminded that the weather is changing, fog is becoming a more frequent visitor, and our large furry friends with horns are moving across our yards, and roadways. Please be careful when driving.

Please mark November 5th on your calendars. If you haven't voted, please make it a point to do so. Our Township has over 700 registered voters, which is an increase of about 50 from four years ago. In 2020 we had more than 400 voters participating in the process. I'd like to see us exceed 500 of our voters participate. Please vote. Additionally, if you go to the polls on November 5th, please take a moment to thank the volunteers that run the election for the Township. It is a very detailed and complicated process to do properly, and these volunteers have been doing a great job representing Sugar Island Township.

As you may have seen or heard, Spectrum is now doing surveys on the Island for the purpose of developing a detailed plan for bringing fiber optic cable to the residents of Sugar Island. Please be careful when driving around these folks as they do their jobs. Spectrum received a \$15.9M grant from the state MIHI office. Last year I invited representatives of the MIHI office to take a tour of Sugar Island. I drove them around the Island, showing them the geography and the geology, the strengths and challenges we encounter, and the need for bringing broadband to our people. Consequently, we are now the benefactors of a huge grant permitting Spectrum to run fiber optic cable next spring. It is important to note this grant must be executed by the end of 2026. Please keep in mind this service will also include cable tv, wireless and home phone options.

The Township faces a deadline in December to obligate the remaining funds from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds we received several years ago. These funds are somewhat restricted, so we'll be looking at a limited number of options. One of these options is bringing water to the North Transfer Station. We can either dig a well or we can run a line from the Fire Barn. Additionally, we are looking at installing a toilet facility at the North Transfer Station similar to those at the parks. We don't yet have any quotes so anybody interested in this work should contact me at SITwpSupervisor@gmail.com.

And finally, the Township Board will be looking at renewing millages for Ambulance, Fire and Solid Waste next year. With the recent consolidation of the Ambulance unit under the Fire Department, and the new agreement with Soo Fire, we may have an opportunity to reduce the Ambulance millage. It is not yet clear how the budget will be affected by the agreement with Soo Fire, but we are gathering data now and will be prepared to address the issue in the very near future.

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor



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SI EMS News

We haven't had a lot of cool days but the leaves sure have changed and are now blazingly beautiful. People are making plans to leave soon but as I heard yesterday at the Lions breakfast they hate to leave with such beautiful warm weather. We do love Sugar Island in all its glory.

Halloween is the next fun event. I love to see the children dressed in the costumes they have chosen come to the door nicely saying Trick or Treat. It is my favorite holiday for that and many other reasons. November brings Thanksgiving, another favorite.

I am continuing to collect the information for additions to the phonebook. No definite date for redoing the phonebook is planned so far. But I would encourage all who are interested in having their phone numbers listed to email me at: abeckham@lssu.edu or give me a call 906-440-1769 with your information. I do appreciate hearing from the SI residents, even those without a change just to make sure their information is correct and included. To purchase the current SI phonebook, you can go to the SI Westshore Store and the Island Books & Crafts on Portage Street in the Soo for \$7.00 each.

Our partnership with Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department will be ongoing and it is beneficial to our island residents and firefighters. The SSMFD Fire Chief Ed Miller loves coming to the island and if needed can meet with groups to explain the services they bring to us.

To all who are snowbirds, safe travels south and west and the same to islanders who stay put. My hope is that the inevitable snow will hold off and we will have a beautiful fall with warmer weather and gold and orange leaves to brighten our travels on the island. To us it means one more trip in our side by side to view these changes.

Adrienne Beckham SIEMS Co-Captain

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Eric McKerchie Contracting

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Car/Pickup/UTV = \$105.00

Senior Car/Pickup/UTV (65+) = \$80.00

Truck Single Axle/Trailer 15'-25' = \$320.00

Truck Tandem Axle/Trailer 25'+/Concrete Truck = \$550.00

Tickets purchased before the price change, will be honored until their expiration date.

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
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*WEDNESDAY
November 13th*

*WEDNESDAY
November 27th*

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Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society

Well folks another season has come to an end. We were able to accomplish many things on our to-do list and we still have more to work on next season. With each task completed we are getting closer to your historical museum (Brassar School), becoming a reality! It is one of our goals to have it open sometime next summer.

As always, we would not be where we are today without your continuous generosity when it comes to supporting us. Miigwech, Merci, and Kiitos (thank you) does not seem like enough at times for this.

Please remember to say, "Thank You", to those that served this Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th. For we should never forget that because of their sacrifices we are blessed with the freedoms we have.

We would like to wish all the deer hunters a safe hunting season and may you bag the big one! And lastly may your Thanksgiving Day be spent with family and friends you...***Happy Thanksgiving!***

If you love Sugar Island come be a part of us!

Anita McKerchie, Secretary

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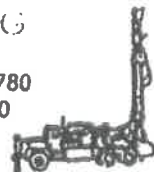
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✝ St. Luke's on the Trail ✝

With Fall certainly in the air, another season at St. Luke's has come to an end. We wrapped the season by celebrating Thanksgiving together towards the end of September, beating even our Canadian neighbors to the holiday. The service, and the meal afterward, were a testament to the many gifts of each islander, neighbor, and guest, put to use in serving and blessing the whole.

A few highlights from the 2024 season:

- Many Sunday morning worship services from Memorial Day through late September and an accumulated group gathered that was always unique.
- A time of food and fellowship after the service, often including meeting new friends, homemade treats, and the week's fishing reports.
- Musical guests, like the island's own George Snider, and speakers who gave us their best week-to-week.
- Three scholarships granted from the Barbara Goodheart Memorial Scholarship Fund to Sugar Island students.

And on that seasonal note of thanks: Psalm 136:1 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever." It goes on to thank God as the creator of our good world, the skies and sun, waters and lands, the moon and stars. Sugar Island sure seems like a prime display of that loving craftsmanship, doesn't it? The fall colors this season were breathtaking again and again. And did you see Northern Lights this fall? Cool to see through your phone's camera, but downright mesmerizing to see with your own eyes! Catch any Smallmouth? The intricate coloring and patterns are unique to each fish and each is stunning. Or the clouds and sunbeams, the sunrises and sunsets? Perhaps an invitation to be amazed, to take a deep breath, to give thanks, and to be loved by our Creator whose love is for each of us and forever.

Until next season, dear Islanders!

June-July-August-September 2024

Belcher, Jim & Deb 4698 S. Westshore Dr.	616-802-2914
Ernst, Johnny & Linda 6290 S. Laramie Lane	231-340-0006 616-802-4406
Gilbert, Fran & Teresa 10269 E. Northshore Dr.	906-632-9637 810-919-0738
Haag, Ken & Lori 6548 E. 3 Mile Rd	231-433-9277
Jones, Amy 9966 E. Northshore	989-391-5077
Myers, Michael & Lori 5960 E. Sandpiper Lane	832-771-9865
Sabourin, Paul & Margo 5042 S. Oak Point Lane	(906)632-4084 (906)203-2351 (906)630-7858
Wilson, Dave & Jan 5826 E. Nicolet Rd	713-294-4327 713-447-9278
Yoder, AJ & Karen 5218 S. Oak Point Lane	989-390-5938

General Election
Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Chippewa County, Michigan
Sugar Island Township, Precinct 1

Partisan Section	Congressional	State Boards
Straight-Party Ticket Vote for not more than 1	Representative in Congress 1st District Vote for not more than 1	Trustee of Michigan State University Vote for not more than 2
Democratic Party <input type="radio"/>	Callie Barr <input type="radio"/> Democrat	Rebecca Bahar-Cook <input type="radio"/> Democrat
Republican Party <input type="radio"/>	Jack Bergman <input type="radio"/> Republican	Thomas Stallworth III <input type="radio"/> Democrat
Libertarian Party <input type="radio"/>	Andrew Gale <input type="radio"/> Libertarian	Mike Balow <input type="radio"/> Republican
U.S. Taxpayers Party <input type="radio"/>	Liz Hakola <input type="radio"/> Working Class	Julie Maday <input type="radio"/> Republican
Green Party <input type="radio"/>		Grant T. Baker <input type="radio"/> Libertarian
Working Class Party <input type="radio"/>		Janet M. Sanger <input type="radio"/> U.S. Taxpayers
Natural Law Party <input type="radio"/>		John Paul Sanger <input type="radio"/> U.S. Taxpayers
		John Anthony La Pietra <input type="radio"/> Green
Presidential	Legislative	
Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States Vote for not more than 1	Representative in State Legislature 107th District Vote for not more than 1	
	Jodi Decker <input type="radio"/> Democrat	
	Parker Fairbairn <input type="radio"/> Republican	
		Governor of Wayne State University Vote for not more than 2
Kamala D. Harris <input type="radio"/> Tim Walz Democrat	State Boards	Rasha Demashkieh <input type="radio"/> Democrat
Donald J. Trump <input type="radio"/> JD Vance Republican	Member of the State Board of Education Vote for not more than 2	Mark T. Gaffney <input type="radio"/> Democrat
Chase Oliver <input type="radio"/> Mike ter Maat Libertarian	Theodore Jones <input type="radio"/> Democrat	Michael Busuito <input type="radio"/> Republican
Randall Terry <input type="radio"/> Stephen E. Broden U.S. Taxpayers	Adam Frederick Zemke <input type="radio"/> Democrat	Sunny Reddy <input type="radio"/> Republican
Jill Stein <input type="radio"/> Rudolph Ware Green	Tom McMillin <input type="radio"/> Republican	Farid Ishac <input type="radio"/> Libertarian
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. <input type="radio"/> Nicole Shanahan Natural Law	Nikki Snyder <input type="radio"/> Republican	William Mohr II <input type="radio"/> U.S. Taxpayers
	Scotty Boman <input type="radio"/> Libertarian	Sami Makhoul <input type="radio"/> Green
	Ted Gerrard <input type="radio"/> U.S. Taxpayers	Suzanne Roehrig <input type="radio"/> Working Class
	Christine C. Schwartz <input type="radio"/> U.S. Taxpayers	Kathleen Oakford <input type="radio"/> Natural Law
	Mary Anne Hering <input type="radio"/> Working Class	
Joseph Kishore <input type="radio"/> Jerry White No Party Affiliation		
Cornel West <input type="radio"/> Melina Abdullah No Party Affiliation		
	Regent of the University of Michigan Vote for not more than 2	County
	Denise Hitch <input type="radio"/> Democrat	Prosecuting Attorney Vote for not more than 1
	Shauna Ryder Diggs <input type="radio"/> Democrat	Robert Stratton <input type="radio"/> Republican
Congressional	Carl Meyers <input type="radio"/> Republican	
United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	Sevag Vartanian <input type="radio"/> Republican	Sheriff Vote for not more than 1
Elissa Slotkin <input type="radio"/> Democrat	Andrew Chadderdon <input type="radio"/> Libertarian	Michael D. Bitnar <input type="radio"/> Republican
Mike Rogers <input type="radio"/> Republican	Donna M. Oetman <input type="radio"/> U.S. Taxpayers	
Joseph Solis-Mullen <input type="radio"/> Libertarian		Clerk Vote for not more than 1
Dave Stein <input type="radio"/> U.S. Taxpayers		Steven J. Woodgate <input type="radio"/> Republican
Douglas P. Marsh <input type="radio"/> Green		
Doug Dern <input type="radio"/> Natural Law		

Partisan Section	Nonpartisan Section	Proposal Section
County	Judicial	Local School District
Treasurer Vote for not more than 1	Justice of Supreme Court 8 Year Term Vote for not more than 1	Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools Bond Proposal
Carmen M. Fazzari <input type="radio"/> Republican	Kimberly Ann Thomas <input type="radio"/>	<p>Shall Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools, Chippewa County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Forty-Three Million Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$43,615,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:</p> <p>erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new elementary school building; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for the new elementary school building; demolishing Washington and Lincoln elementary school buildings; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds and sites?</p> <p>The following is for informational purposes only:</p> <p>The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2025, under current law, is 3.02 mills (\$3.02 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.80 mills (\$2.80 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).</p> <p>The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$2,290,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.</p> <p>(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)</p>
<input type="radio"/>	Andrew Fink <input type="radio"/>	
Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1	<input type="radio"/>	
Gigi Ferro <input type="radio"/> Republican	Justice of Supreme Court Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2029 Vote for not more than 1	
<input type="radio"/>	Patrick William O'Grady <input type="radio"/>	
Drain Commissioner Vote for not more than 1	Kyra Harris Bolden <input type="radio"/> Justice of Supreme Court	
Anthony Stackpoole <input type="radio"/> Republican	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	Judge of Court of Appeals 4th District Incumbent Position 6 Year Term Vote for not more than 1	
Surveyor Vote for not more than 1	Stephen L. Borrello <input type="radio"/> Judge of Court of Appeals	
Robert Laitinen <input type="radio"/> Republican	<input type="radio"/>	
County Commissioner 3rd District Vote for not more than 1	Judge of Court of Appeals 4th District Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2027 Vote for not more than 1	
Damon Lieurance <input type="radio"/> Republican	Allie Greenleaf Maldonado <input type="radio"/> Judge of Court of Appeals	
Thomas L. Farnquist Sr. <input type="radio"/> No Party Affiliation	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	Judge of Circuit Court 50th Circuit Incumbent Position 6 Year Term Vote for not more than 1	
Township	James P. Lambros <input type="radio"/> Judge of Circuit Court	
Supervisor Vote for not more than 1	Jennifer Jean France <input type="radio"/>	
Mark S. Eitrem <input type="radio"/> Republican	<input type="radio"/>	
Rick D. Roy <input type="radio"/> No Party Affiliation	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	Local School District	
Clerk Vote for not more than 1	Board Member Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools 6 Year Term Vote for not more than 2	
Brittany Behm <input type="radio"/> Republican	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Treasurer Vote for not more than 1	Christy Curtis <input type="radio"/>	
Jacklyn Brown <input type="radio"/> Republican	Amy L. Goetz <input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Trustee Vote for not more than 2	Board Member Sault Ste. Marie Area Schools 2 Year Term Vote for not more than 2	
Donna M. Bruder <input type="radio"/> Republican	Kenneth D. Dunton Jr. <input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Yes ☐

No ☐

MARK S. EITREM
1722 N. BRASSER ROAD
SAULT STE MARIE, MI 49783

October 22, 2024

Dear Sugar Island Township Voters:

It has been my pleasure to serve the Township for the last 3 ½ years and I am running to be re-elected in the November 5, 2024 election. Unlike many elected officials I cannot and will not take sole credit for the significant things we've been able to accomplish over that period. Our Township's representative democracy requires a formal vote of the Township Board to make decisions, therefore requiring at least three votes to get anything done. So, in this message I intend to talk about the things I've contributed on behalf of the Township.

When I went around the Island prior to the last election, the biggest complaints included "out of control spending," the lack of oversight for board members and employees, and the apparent lack of board discipline highlighted by numerous examples of preferential treatment to friends of certain officeholders. I immediately began work to establish procedures for governing the conduct of Township business. We developed a purchase order process that establishes firm controls on how our public funds are spent. It requires a check and balance system that eliminates the previous practices that allowed individual board members and certain employees to spend public funds without any oversight. These new policies also redirected the way certain employees had been conducting business because the expenditure of funds now requires Board oversight. I know the public recognized these problems and sent a resounding message when my predecessor was overwhelmingly voted out of office by a three to one margin in the August 2020 primary election. I heard you very clearly and I've tried to influence the changes you suggested. A three to one vote margin suggests that I had a mandate, and I have operated that way.

We began by eliminating conflicts of interest on Township Boards. I also worked with the Fire and Ambulance Department leaders to revise their operating procedures. The Board reviewed and approved these new documents in a way that had never been done in nearly 20 years. I have joined the St. Mary's River Keepers, a Harbor Safety Committee and currently serve as the organizational Secretary. This organization meets with representatives of the US Army Corps of Engineers and the US Coast Guard on a regular basis. This organization is currently working closely with the Corps of Engineers to develop a trail on Island #1. The Township agreed to join the EUP Connect Consortium, and I was elected as the Chairman of that entity. This Consortium works to bring internet broadband to the EUP. Through our advocacy efforts, the State of Michigan's High Speed Internet office has allocated funding to bring broadband internet to Sugar Island. During the Covid Pandemic I initiated the practice of conducting Zoom meetings and I personally ran the meetings using that modality. I also led the practice of allowing our children to use the Community Center. I also coordinated with the EUP intermediate School District to provide us with an internet booster to assist the children on the Island that don't have internet at home. These activities were possible because of my experience and education.

You have a choice, and I encourage you to actively participate in the process. Please vote. You had the same choice four years ago and you chose me. The only difference now is that I did what I told you I would do. If I am re-elected, I promise to continue representing all voters, not just those that vote for me. For those that don't already know me, you can be assured that I will continue to make tough calls until the voters decide otherwise.

My list of things to do in the next four years includes the following:

1. Bring broadband internet to Sugar Island. This effort requires constant coordination with the EUP Connect Consortium and various offices with the State of Michigan. The Consortium is actively engaged in the grant-writing process and has just received an \$857,000 MITTEN grant from the NTIA to establish a comprehensive digital literacy program focused on serving Native Americans, veterans, seniors, individuals with disabilities, those in poverty in rural populations. My participation as the Chair of the EUPCC ensures Sugar Island residents are afforded an opportunity to benefit directly from my efforts. I've also received information recently that Spectrum has signed a contract with the State to fulfill a \$15.9M grant that will bring fiber optic cable and Broadband Internet to Sugar Island. Spectrum has been on the Island for a couple weeks doing surveys and gathering data to begin laying fiber in the spring.
2. Serve on the EUP Regional Planning & Development Board to ensure Sugar Island, and other rural Townships have a seat at the table when services are discussed. My selection to that Board was effective in August 2024.
3. Serve as a primary office holder (Secretary) for the St. Mary's River Keepers, a Harbor Safety Committee, a Michigan Nonprofit Corporation and 501(c)(3). This entity is working with the Corps of Engineers and local trail organizations to create a multi-functional trail on Island #1.
4. Work with the Chippewa County Road Commission to pave Village Road. This is fully dependent on the CCRC's paving schedule and the availability of funds. I will work with them to establish an agreement, approved by the Township Board, to get the paving completed as soon as possible. It is important to note that most of the culverts recently replaced by the CCRC were jointly identified in coordination with the CCRC's Engineer.
5. Work with the Chippewa County Road Commission to lift, widen and pave portions of 3 Mile Road, Haypoint Road, and Townhall Road. This is a two-step process: widen and lift first, then pave the next year or the year after. I will work with them to establish an agreement, approved by the Township Board, to get this process started in the next four years.

And finally, our Township's improved performance is being recognized at every level within Michigan as is evidenced by the way these entities are reaching out to me. We need to elect serious candidates who have demonstrated an ability to get things done in a way that is transparent, legal, and in keeping with the wishes of most taxpayers. I urge you to select the candidates that have demonstrated the ability over the last four years to do the job.

Mark

(Posting of this document is paid for by donations from the Committee to Re-Elect Mark Eitrem for Township Supervisor)

Write-In

JESSE KNOLL

FOR

TRUSTEE

I STAND FOR:

- 1 For Township Official's Being Accountable to the People**
- 2 Paving of all Public Roads as Money Allows**
- 3 Longer Periods of Junk Collection for the Islanders**
- 4 The Election of the E.U.T.A. Bd. Member From the Island**

**IF ELECTED, I WILL ATTEMPT TO PERFORM THE
DUTIES OF A TRUSTEE TO THE BEST OF MY
ABILITY.**

FOR QUESTIONS or CONCERNS CALL: 906-440-7767

VOTE NOVEMBER 5th

Please Give Damn Careful Condideration

To Your Selection Of The President!!

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS OUR ISLAND

IT IS TIME FOR A

“CHANGE”

~~~~ ELECT ~~~~

**** RICK D. ROY ****

----- SUPERVISOR -----

CALL WITH ALL QUESTIONS & CONCERNS

(906) – 440 – 1990

I DO CARE!!