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Gordie and Shirley Kytta are regulars at Summer Fest and always enjoy themselves.

Summer Fest 2019 was held August 4th at Haven Park. The number of people attending has decreased, but fun and friendship was evident. With less people able to help, SSA decided to offer sloppy joes, hot dogs and brats. Along with wonderful pot luck dishes, all enjoyed a great feast!

Our focus this year was the kids. There were gifts for every one of them attending. Bob Meyers lead the kids with their rubber ducks to Haven Creek, and the race was on!



Schneiderhan grandchildren Ella Schneiderhan, Ema Schneiderhan and Elena Eubanks sign in at Summer Fest.

Join us next year for Summer Fest 2020 on August 2nd

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NEWSLETTER

Marge Meyers Bob Meyers Jackie Sorenson Jim Valsa Anne Valsa

Mark Your Calendars!

Grant Township meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Grant Township Community Center

Grant Township Work sessions are the Thursday before their regular meeting at 6:00 PM at the Grant Township Community Center.

Zoning meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

County Commissioners

meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM.

SSA meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

2019 SSA Meeting Dates

June 17 July 15 August 19 September 16

Women's Meeting

Tuesdays, 10 AM LLB Firehall

Upcoming Events

June 21, Mid Summer Bonfire, Bete Grise July 18 & 19 Dumpster Days & Rummage Sale August 2, Summer Fest August 8, Fish Boil August 15, Kid's Fishing Tournament December 5, SSA & VFD Christmas Party

FROM THE PRES

Dear SSA Members,

Anne and I hope everyone is healthy and staying warm. Your continued support of SSA is greatly appreciated. Please take a moment to renew your annual membership and make some recommendations for projects, speakers, and activities that you would like to see.

As you may know, Jackie Sorenson retired as treasurer. We are grateful to her many years of service. Fortunately, Marge Meyers offered to accept the treasurer's position. Thank you, Marge, for doing this and for your dedication to SSA. This leaves the position of secretary open. **PLEASE** consider serving on the board as we cannot adequately fulfill our duties without a secretary.

This past year brought some wonderful improvements. We now have a sound system that was used at Summerfest, Kid's Fishing, and Movie Night. And if you have not seen it, take a look at the Firehall storeroom. New shelving and storage containers allowed us to clean out and organize this space.

Speaking of cleaning out, save your rummage items for our bi-annual rummage sale that will be held during Dumpster Days on July 18/19.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting on Wednesday, June 17 and at the Mid-Summer Bonfire on June 21.

Jim

SSA Newsletter

Please consider helping with the newsletter by letting us know of interesting activities and also by **taking pictures at SSA events**. Your help is important in order to keep the newsletter going.

2019 FINANCIAL UPDATE

INCOME	EXPENSES			EXPENSES CON'T		
Dues	1,210.00	Insurance	266.00	Copying	213.00	
Donations	445.00	Web Page	25.00	Kid's Fish	1,809.08	
Misc.	288.05	Postage	84.35	Christmas Party	139.89	
Kid's Fish	1,959.31	Misc.	2,089.52	Summer Fest	521.81	
Total	3,902.36	Supplies	50.61	Total	5,199.26	

Misc. from Rummage/FH - sound bar, refrigerator, shelving - \$1,925.52

BALANCE AS OF 12/31/18 \$2,284.44 (not including Kid's Fish & Rumm/FH)

Jackie, thank you for your years of service

Mid Summer

On June 21 a hearty group of Bete Grise and Lac LaBelle folks gathered on the shore of Lake Superior for the long-time tradition of celebrating Mid Summer. We thank Tom Talvensaari, Bruce Simula, Jim Valsa and Bob Meyers for constructing the best bonfire we have seen yet! A fire ring was provided for those who wanted to roast hot dogs and make s'mores. We thank for LLB Fire Dept for attending with their brush truck and making sure the fire was extinguished properly.

Join us next year for another spectacular night!



SSA & LLBVFD CHRISTMAS

The annual Christmas Party at the Fire Hall was held Saturday, December 7; there were around 25 people in attendance. The Fire Department provided roast ham with attendees rounding out the pot-luck dinner. A big thank you to Stella Mottonen and Jackie Sorenson for decorating the fire hall and organizing a great event. We hear white elephant gifts were again a great hit.

Plan to attend next year on December 5th

LAC LA BELLE VFD

I would like to remind people to have their chimney cleaned during the winter when burning wood and in the spring if burning in the summer months.

Make sure you pay attention to your furnace exhaust and intake to be sure they are not covered in snow. Also be sure to check they are not iced up. This should be a regular check during the winter months.

Change smoke detector batteries and check your carbon monoxide detector. If you do not have these items, please purchase them.

The fire department plans to participate in the Copper Dog 150 in March.

We are gaining a new member at our next meeting. Adam Garvey has expressed in treated in joining and will be formally voted on at the January meeting.

That's it for now. Rick Olson, Chief, LLBVFD



Servers Mark Oviatt, Maya and Terri Coronodo



Bob Meyers drove the brush truck in the 4th of July Parade in Copper Harbor. His niece Kamdan Johnson helped throw candy to the many eager kids watching the parade.

LLVFD FISH BOIL

The annual fish boil at the Lac La Belle Fire Hall was held August 10. In order to hold this event many people are needed. Chief Rick, Ned Huwatschek and fellow volunteer firemen worked along with the auxiliary to plan and work at the fish boil. Thank you to everyone who helped!

It was reported that this was the most successful fish boil so far. It was estimated that 325 people were served.

Dumpster Days & Rummage Sale

The Fire Dept & Auxiliary will hold their bi-annual Rummage Sale July 18 & 19 at the fire hall in Lac La belle. Please start saving items and bring them "north" with you this summer. The Rummage Sale helps us purchase needed items for the fire hall which in turn helps with many community events.



The pictures are evidence of another great Kid's Fishing Tournament. Unfortunately the editor/writer didn't get the names of the 4 bicycle winners, my apologies. All were excited and happy to win! The two girls in the photo on the right were discussing the prizes they chose at the prize table.

Lynn Zapolnek, chairperson and coordinator of the tournament did another outstanding job this year. She reported that the numbers were "outstanding" with 71 kids participating. Losing Shopko as a sponsor had an impact but she persuaded other donors to give more and found several new donors. Lynn said 31-32 thank you letters were sent out to donors with a copy of a signed thank you from the participants. We thank Walmart again this year for donating 2 of the 4 bike prizes. Lynn thanked all the volunteers who helped before, during and after the tournament.

Please consider joining Lynn's Team and help make Kid's Fishing Tournament 2020 another success.

CANDID SHOTS.....













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PASSINGS.....

We have the passing of two sisters from our South Shore Family to tell you about. Margaret Jones of Calumet passed away August 31, 2018. Mary Anne Battersby of Laurium passed away November 20, 2019. Margaret and Mary Anne were born and raised in Calumet. Their family history ties them to Apache Lane in Bete Grise where their father went to the Bete Grise school. Their father built a camp in Helltown which is still in the family. Margaret and Mary Anne lived in lower Michigan for awhile but returned to the place they called home, the Keweenaw. We have many fond memories of these ladies and miss them dearly.



Grandchildren of Jim and Mary Jean Nicolas enjoyed Haven Park this winter.

MEMBERSHIP FORM (ONE MEMBER PER FORM)

Please take time to fill out and return your membership form. Your help in doing this in a timely manner will be very helpful. You will be taken off the mailing/email list when dues are not paid for three years. Mail to Marge Meyers, PO Box 183, Mohawk, MI 49950

Pay dues by April 30

Please pay before Summer Fest so we know our budget

(One name per form please) NAME:		EMAIL:	
SEASONAL ADDRESS:			
DUES: \$10	DONATION:	CHECK NUMBER:	
(One name per form please) NAME:		EMAIL:	
NAME:		EMAIL:	
NAME: PERMANENT ADDRESS:			

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About Us

Founded in 1995, the South Shore Association is a legal nonprofit, incorporated, tax exempt community organization.

Your Involvement

All residents are encouraged to run for Grant Township office, register to vote in Grant Township, and attend Township and County meetings. This is the most important thing you can do to promote our interests on the South Shore. By attending SSA meetings, you can share your ideas, get informed, get networked, and be part of the various projects we undertake to enhance the quality of life on the South Shore.

Guiding Principles

1. To be the voice of the South Shore in Grant Township and insure proper and equitable distribution of tax dollars.

2. To improve and maintain desirable living conditions for the many cottage dwellers and permanent South Shore residents in Grant Township.

3. To províde and maintain a friendly spírit of cooperation among the members for mutual benefit and enjoyment.

4. To support and enhance a quality of life on the South Shore.





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