

Portage Lake Association, P.O. Box 493 Onekama, Mi 49675

The Third Annual Portage Lake Winter Festival was held January 15 & 16th with lots of snow and ice. Many events were held on Portage Lake including "Ice Fishing Contests", Longest Drive, Community Skating, Community Sledding, breakfast at the Lion's Den, prizes awarded at Shay's, and Cross Country Ski Porker Run at Douglas Valley Organic Vineyard.

February is beautiful in Onekama at Portage Lake and although many of our members are in warmer climates the Portage Lake Association is busy planning for upcoming events. June 18, 2011, has been chosen for our Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction. It will be held at Little River Resort 3 Fires Conference Center. The theme is "It's Only Rock and Roll, But I like It" with emphasis on music on the 50"s, 60's and 70's. So put this date on your calendar and plan to attend a fun filled evening and support all the activities of the PLA. Al Taylor is the chairman of this event and would welcome volunteers to help in any way that you are able, contact Al at windsongmi@aol.com

"Concerts in the Park" planning is underway with the first concert scheduled for Monday, July 4th in the Onekama Village Park. The concerts are held each Monday in July and August for eight weeks. They start at 7:00, so bring your picnic, your family, and your smiles and be ready for a "fun filled evening of great music". George Punches and his committee would welcome suggestions or help so contact him at gpunches@chartermi.net

The Petunia Parade planning is also ongoing and before you know it there will be blossoms along the M-22 corridor. Onekama is the "Gateway to M-22" corridor which is a beautiful drive all the way to Northport. If you would like to participate in the planting, watering or caring for the Petunias contact Tammy Messner at tammy.h@charter.net

The PLA website www.onekama.info is under revision and has been launched this month. Look for a comprehensive website redesigned by MS Creative Services of Manistee. It will provide information about our activities in the community, shopping, places to stay, restaurants, recreation possibilities a calendar, history and information about our community governments.

This is also the time of year we collect PLA memberships of \$25.00 so use the form on the bottom of this page to renew or join or contact Barb Wolverton at barb@alpinemotorlodge.com e

Margaret Punches, President