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Portage Lake Association President's Letter for August 2011

Welcome to Summer in Onekama.

The Portage Lake Association "Concert in the Park" series is well under way but there are four more concerts in August for you to enjoy. August 1, brings Jim Hawley a new performer for us from Interlochen area and plays pop and light rock. August 8, is Sticks and Picks Stringband, a fun group with lots of percussion and strings. August 15, is Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band, a new performer with "good old fashioned Rock and Roll" and August 22, brings back Belle Suite from Bear Lake who plays Pop, standards, show tunes and light rock.

The Portage Lake Association had a successful Fundraiser Dinner and Auction on June 18th at The Little River Resort Casino. The event was well attended and the proceeds from it will support our many activities in the community. A special thanks goes to Al Taylor who chaired this event and all the committee members who donated many hours of their time. David Meister and Marilyn Acker were elected by the PLA members for our Citizen of the Year Award for their service to our community. David Meister has been our Township Supervisor for 19 years and is a local farmer. Marilyn Acker grew up in area and is responsible for the Scarecrows that decorate our village in the fall. She also has been involved in the Petunia Parade, School projects and most other things that go on in our community. We are very proud of these citizens who have shown leadership and commitment to our community. (A side note, if you don't know, Marilyn is David's mother-in-law)

On Friday, August 5, 2011 the Portage Lake Association will be co-sponsoring the Onekama Days Fireworks with the Onekama Lions. There are many activities during this weekend so be sure to attend them and the Parade on Sunday, August 7, and watch for the PLA Float.

"Summer's End" Dance is being held on September 16, at the Portage Point Inn. There will be dinner and music for dancing by BLUESHADOW BAND. Proceeds for this event will support the Portage Lake Association's Scholarship Fund. For more information and tickets contact Debby Major at 231-889-3393 or dajmajor@gmail.com

October 8, 2011 will bring the PLA's Fall Fun Fest to the Onekama Village Park. This is a fun activity for the entire family and is free as a way for the PLA to give back to the community of Onekama. There will be craft booths, food, contests, face painting, Bounce House, and many other activities for the entire family. Be sure and check out all the Scare Crows displayed around town.

The Portage Lake Association website is www.onekama.info and we have two Facebook pages, **1**, and **Portage Lake Association** so check them out and find information about our area, our activities and your friends.

I would also like to thank Onekama Marine, Chuck Reed, Dan Behring and Chase Calloway for mowing the grass around our Welcome to Onekama sign on the south side of Portage Lake. The sign on the north side of Portage Lake is mowed by Gene Trentham. The flowers in the sign boxes were planted by the Portage Lake Garden Club using a "native plant" theme. It does "take a village" to maintain our beautiful signs. As you can see the Portage Lake Association is very busy and everything is done by volunteers. So if you have some extra time and would like to spend it "doing for others" contact me at mpunches@charter.net "Please Join Us"