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Portage Lake Association President's Letter for July 2011

Welcome to Summer in Onekama. 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. 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)

"Concerts in the Park" series will begin on July 4, 2011 at 7:00 in the Onekama Village Park. Our first performers will be Madcat, Kane and Maxwell Street who have been here before and were crowd favorites. Madcat plays harmonica and along with the rest of group specializes in acoustic blues and American roots music. Bring your family, lawn chairs, picnics and have an enjoyable evening. Our concerts will continue on Monday evenings during July and August. George Punches, Al Taylor and Nancy May have been co-coordinating this project.

The Onekama Lion's Club along with the Portage Lake Association will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, July 3, 2011 with proceeds going toward the Onekama Days Fireworks. We are looking for PLA member volunteers to help with taking of orders for breakfast and serving the food. If you would have some time on Sunday, July 3, 2011, contact me at mpunches@charter.net and we can set a time for you to volunteer. We really need some volunteers to help with this breakfast.

As you can see as you drive on M-22 through Onekama the Petunia Parade has been hard at work. Many volunteer work to make our beautiful flowers the best in the county. A special Thank You goes to Tammy Messner and Marilyn Acker, the co-chairman of this project.

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"