



NEWS, EVENTS, & MORE FROM ONEKAMA, MICHIGAN

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PLA Activities During Onekama Days 2017 (August 4th – 7th)

4th Annual Craft Beer Tasting in the Village Park.

3-7 pm on August 4th with a fine selection of Michigan Craft Beers and a custom Onekama beer glass

5th Annual Pig Out for Scholarships in the Village Park. 5-7pm On August 4th with locally roast pigs, sides and great homemade deserts

Fireworks on Portage Lake –dusk on August 4th (rain date August 5th). This year, the fireworks will be fired off of Pontoon boats which should yield some spectacular aerial color displays around the lake as well as reflections on the lake

First Annual Car show in the Village Park from 9am to 2:30pm on August 5th – come and see beautiful classic restored cars and talk to the owners as you stroll through the Village Park on the shores of Portage Lake

Monday Night Concert in the Park on August 7th at 7pm – free concert featuring Jim Hawley's 70's Show. Jim has been a favorite for years with his band and with different cover bands (Peter Paul and Mary, Dan Fogelberg)



For More Events during Onekama Days – check out www.onekama.com for more info.

July 2017 President's Letter

Summer is finally here! The docks are in, fishing boats are out on the lake, the petunias are planted and the PLA is gearing up for another summer packed with exciting activities and events.

Monday Night Concerts in the Park begin on June 26th with Blue Water Ramblers entertaining all of us, young and old, in the Village Park on Portage Lake. The following Monday, July 3rd, Schrock Brothers Band, a Blues-Jazz quartet featuring Grammy-winner Peter Madcat Ruth on harmonica, will take the stage. A great way to start off your 4th of July celebration! This year the PLA will be holding a Silent Auction at the June 26th and July 3rd concerts. Items for the Silent Auctions will include golf packages, gift certificates to restaurants, wineries and breweries. Traverse City Beach Bum tickets as well as many other enticing items will be included in the auctions. Monday Night Concerts and Silent Auctions are part of the PLA fund raising effort. Concerts continue every Monday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Onekama Village Park. So, bring your lawn chairs and blankets and get ready for a great evening of music every Monday night this summer! The Concerts are free but donations are welcomed. For the complete Monday Night Concerts schedule, please check out the PLA website at www.onekama.info.

New this year, the First Annual Onekama Block Party will take place July 6th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Come stroll the Onekama Business area and enjoy family friendly events and games, wine tasting, drawings for prizes and great music along the way. Don't miss it. Come join the fun!

Mark your calendar for Onekama Days August 4th, 5th & 6th. The PLA Pig Out for Scholarships pig roast is Friday, August 4th. Delicious pork along with delicious side dishes and desserts will be served. Craft Beer Tasting will be taking place under the big tent too on August 4th. All for a modest price. So, come hungry and thirsty. You don't want to miss this! The evening of August 4th the PLA will be sponsoring a spectacular fireworks display over Portage Lake. Great fun for all! Cars, Cars and more Cars! The Onekama Days Car Show will be held in the Onekama Village Park from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 5th. Stop by and take a look at these classic cars, muscle cars and sports cars. Something for all car enthusiast to enjoy! We are excited to announce the PLA is bringing back the Beautiful Baby Contest during Onekama Days! Look for information on these and many other Onekama Days Events on www.onekama.info.

Onekama is a great place to live, play and stay! Come experience our beautiful Michigan summers and enjoy all the fun in ONEKAMA!

Have a fantastic and safe summer!



Julie Lapinski
President, Portage Lake Association



The Portage Lake Garden Club makes it possible to purchase memorial or honorary bricks. The bricks are placed in an area in the Butterfly Garden at the Farr Center in Onekama. The cost of each brick is \$70. If you wish to memorialize or honor a family member, please contact Jeneanne Fitzgerald at 231-889-0179.



ONEKAMA DAYS RESUMES BEAUTIFUL BABIES PHOTO CONTEST

Harkening back to 2002, Onekama Days will again sponsor a Beautiful Babies photo contest as part of their summer festival activities. Any infant or child up to the age of twenty-four months can be entered. There is no entry fee.

Winners will receive US Savings Bonds and will be determined by popular vote. Each vote costs one dollar. Parents, guardians, or relatives wishing to enter a child can obtain an entry and photo release form at Appearance Salon between June 15 and June 30. Photos must be in color and 8 by 10 inches in size. Appearance Salon is located at 4860 Main Street in Onekama, MI, and is open weekdays from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Photos will be available for voting at 1 Kama Mama Family Restaurant from July 1 through August 5. The restaurant is located at 5122 Main Street in Onekama. The restaurant is open every day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the summer.

Winners will be announced during Onekama Days which are held this year from August 4 to 6. The announcement will take place on Saturday, August 6.



*Mark your calendars for some
family fun-Stroll the
1st annual
Onekama Block Party!*

Thursday, July 6th from 5pm-8pm the Onekama businesses will be sponsoring a fun, family friendly event. There will be Children's games and face painting, crafts, music, a family movie in the park with free popcorn, the famous Trinity Lutheran Donut Truck, a dunk tank, wine and cider tasting, Lularoe Clothing, and many sales throughout the businesses.

Stroll M-22 from MacBeth and Co to The Glenwood getting your card punched along the way by each business. Cards will be entered into drawings for great prizes including pontoon boat rental and bikes!

Onekama Days Beautiful Babies Photo Contest

- Infants and children from birth through 24 months of age can be entered
- Obtain entry and photo release form at Appearance Salon, 4860 Main Street, Onekama
- Submit 8" by 10" color photo along with entry form to Appearance Salon between June 15 and 30
- Photos will be posted at 1 Kama Mama for voting from July 1 through August 5
- Each vote costs a dollar; winners determined by the money collected per photo
- Winners receive US Savings Bond to be announced on August 6



SHOW US YOUR ART!



An art show will be held on the grounds of the Farr Center to the west of the parking lot on August 5 (Onekama Days) from 2:30-4:30. Everyone is invited to bring one piece of art – either visual or performance, during this time period.

The purpose of Show Us Your Art is to honor the memory of Evelyn Sorenson who said that artists were drawn to Onekama to create and the others who came here became artists due to the natural beauty they found here. Evelyn believed that there is an artist in everyone. This is the first of the events to celebrate the artist in all of us!

There will be clotheslines to hang fiber or light weight art pieces. Other visual art can be placed on an easel or stand if provided by the artist. A table or two will also be available to place items upon.

A small performance area will be arranged in the center of the display area for music, dance, or poetry/short story readings. Performers can sign up for a 5-10 minute slot near the same area.

Artists are encouraged to stay and answer questions that viewers may have of their art -such as what inspired their work presented at this event, if their work is for sale and what other creative plans they have.

The show is free of charge and open to all. It will not be held if it is raining at 2pm that day.

Funding for the show is made possible by donations to the Evelyn Lysette Sorenson memorial fund which is managed by the Portage Lake Association. Donations to the fund can be made at the show, or on the www.onekama.info website under 'donate and shop' on the left hand side of the home page.

See you at the Show!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Photo: Roz Jaffe, representing the Portage Lake Association. May 1, 2017 at Onekama High School Senior Honors Awards.

The Portage Lake Association believes a strong school system is vital to our community.

One way we support Onekama is through providing scholarships to worthy students at Onekama Consolidated Schools. Funds for scholarships are raised annually at Onekama Days' "Pig Out for Scholarships Pig Roast" and the PLA Beer Tasting.

We had excellent candidates for our 2017 scholarships and selection was difficult. However, based upon academic record and a focus on community service efforts, the PLA Scholarship committee selected three candidates for the one-time scholarship of \$1000 each. The awardees are:

MARILYN BOWERS
KIARA BROMLEY
MICHELE HASKE

Marilyn Bowers will be attending Northern Michigan University, after a summer visit to Norway to visit an exchange student hosted by her family.

Kiara Bromley will attend Calvin College and is interested in pre-medicine. This summer she will work, and practice her swimming techniques.

Michele Haske is attending Eastern Michigan University to pursue a career as a physical therapist. Michele was inspired by the medical knowledge she received through her WSCC classes.



Onekama Lions Club Update

On May 13, 2017 the Onekama Lions Club celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Club being chartered. 70 guests enjoyed dinner, speech by PID Esther LaMotte, and several award presentations. Four original Lions are still in the club: Leonard Lantz, Gerald Meister, Dale Miller, and Don Miller.

Lion of the Year Award went to Dave Bowers. Other awards were given to Barb Mitchell and Rudy Milasich. King Lion Dan Gibbons and PDG Pam Schroeder organized a great evening.

Weekly Bingo runs every Thursday at the Lions Building at the Manistee County Fairgrounds. The doors open at 5pm, and the Early Bird games start at 6pm. All are welcome. If you are new to bingo, we provide supplies and instructions. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

An All You Can Eat Breakfast fundraiser to support Onekama Days Fireworks will be held June 4th. The Lions will continue to host breakfasts to support Lions' activities the first Sunday of each month from July-October, from 8am - 12:30.

This spring the Onekama Lions hosted a free spaghetti dinner for senior citizens, gave Easter gifts to Onekama School students K-12, and awarded scholarships. We meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at the Lions Building at the Fairgrounds. For more information on the Lions, contact 231-889-4870.

Onekama Days is August 4-6.

Brochures and definitive schedule will be available July 1st. Check onekama.info or 1,-Onekama Facebook page for updates.

Friday August 4th: Pickleball Tournament, Beer Tasting, Pig Out for Scholarship Pig Roast, Sprints on Dirt Races, Teen Dance, Fireworks

Saturday August 5th: 5k Race, Breakfast, Tennis Tournament, Car Show, Community Sales, Church Lunches & Bazaars, Arts & Crafts, Road Rally, Steak Dinner, Demolition Derby, Dance at the Park featuring Jim Hawley's 70s Band

Sunday August 6th: Breakfast, Arts & Crafts, Parade, Awesome Distraction in concert, Raffle.

***“Like” our Onekama Lions
FaceBook page
for regular updates on all Lions***



33 Students graduate from Onekama Consolidated Schools in May 2017. An amazing 5 of them had accumulated a perfect 4.0 grade point average and shared the valedictorian honor. Jarrod Berard, from Kaleva will be attending Michigan State University; Grace Hughes of Onekama will attend Grand Valley State University; Kiera Bromley of Onekama will attend Calvin College; Michele Haske will attend Eastern Michigan University; and Lauryn Johnson of Manistee will attend the University of Michigan. The salutatorian was Quinn LaMont, of Bear Lake and she will attend Central Michigan University. In addition the following students also graduated: Kyle Peterson, April Hopwood, Devon Edmondson, Gabe Sidor, Cassidy Ward, Marilyn Bowers, Ashley Elo, Kelly Hall, Kassie Hook, Mckayla Haske and Makala Spearman. Contratulations to the class of 2017!

Farr Friends Begins Again in September

Farr Friends will be back starting on September 7. This PLA sponsored program is held at the village's Farr Center 5283 Main Street, Onekama. (many thanks to the village for this space being made available to the community to meet and socialize).

Thursday afternoons from 2:30-4:30 pm anyone is invited to come and play games, learn new skills or listen to speakers at the 'specials'. Here is a list of some of the topics: Sept. 21- History of Camp Tosebo by Dave Wallace
Sept. 28- Euchre Tournament with instruction at start of event

For more up to date schedule see the website- www.onekama.info

Farr Friends program began in 2016 as a service of the PLA Welcome Committee to offer newcomers a way to meet people in the area and learn more about what programs, services and businesses are available.

Planet Pink



Picture: Walkers in support of Planet Pink / Plant It Pink for breast cancer awareness, May 24, 2017

On July 27, 2017 the Portage Lake Garden Club, Inc. (Onekama) and the Spirit of the Woods Garden Club, Inc. (Manistee) will present a National Garden Clubs (NGC) Standard Flower Show titled Toadily Marvelous! An important aspect of the show is education of the public about NGC's goals and projects.

One of those initiatives is called Planet Pink / Plant It Pink for breast cancer awareness. On May 24, about twenty members of Portage Lake Garden Club donned pink tee shirts adorned with a magenta planet and green frog and walked in support of awareness about breast health. This walk will be featured in an exhibit at the Flower Show where viewers will learn the symptoms of breast cancer, a typical journey for diagnosis of breast cancer, various activities held to promote planting pink flowers and plants, and ways to support the initiative themselves.

Please join us on Thursday, July 27 between 12:30 and 6 PM when the show will be free and open to the public. In addition to the educational exhibits, there will be hundreds of horticultural specimens and forty-four floral designs on display. The show will be held in the Cafetorium of Onekama Consolidated Schools at 5016 Main Street in Onekama, Michigan.



Manistee & Benzie Counties PickleBall

League Report: We're doing it! Organizers have created 4 divisions of 9 players each, with 6 subs. Division leaders are contacting players to arrange play times, which we hope to have by our next newsletter. Play is expected to start in a couple weeks. We owe a debt of gratitude to Jim Moomey for organizing this.

Check out: "Manistee County Pickleball" on FB, for the registration forms and additional information.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please send e-mail Margaret Zimmerman (Club Secretary) mzimmermans@yahoo.com; 231/649-6816

Manistee Motion

Join a local bike club for rides on Mondays at 10 am (until the weather warms up). Meeting place is generally the Bear Lake Methodist Church. To get more details, check out the Facebook page "Manistee Motion". There is no membership fee. Thanks to Sara Tucker who was instrumental in forming this club.

Ladies of the Lake

Looking for a chance to kayak with other women? Check out the Facebook page "Ladies of the Lake Kayak Club" for more information. The ladies kayak on rivers and lakes. Join the Facebook page to get up to date information.

Progress continues on the new EZ Mart!





Onekama EZ Market will give you a retail experience of both convenience and full service grocery. Our amenities and offerings will include:

Prepared And Cut Meats

Liquor, Wines & Beer

Retail Fuel Offering With Canopy

Canned Goods

Deli

Pay At The Pump

Frozen Foods

Bakery

3 Grades No Lead Gasoline

Dairy

Pizza

Recreational (Ethanol Free) Gasoline

Health And Beauty

Hot Entrees

Off Road And On Road Diesel

Hot And Cold Beverages

Lunch Meats

Special Events Planning And Offering

ATM

Seasonal Items

Current Status:

Work is continuing on the building renovations. We've added over 2,000 square feet of retail space.

The underground storage tanks for the fuel, the canopy and fuel dispensers will be installed in May and we anticipate opening for business in late summer/early fall 2017.

We appreciate your patience during this construction process and we thank you for your continued patronage at our two current Onekama locations, Spirit of Onekama and Townhall EZ Mart.

The McCarthy Family

Portage Lake Watershed Forever

June 2017

Shoreline Protection Matters

At a recent PLWF Council meeting, Mary Reed (our immediate past president and source of all things 'watershed') reported that she attended a Manistee Partnership meeting at which people from the Crystal Lake and Benzie watershed groups were present. She said that the issue of *Shoreline Protection* was **far and away the biggest issue they identified as threatening the quality of our lakes**. For this reason, we are repeating information shared in the last PLA newsletter about an on-line education program for lakeshore property owners—**Michigan Shoreline Stewards**. The National Shoreline Partnership, in partnership with Michigan's DEQ, created a 15–30 minute survey that you can use to assess your property along with tips and information about best management practices. For more information and to take the survey, go to <http://www.mishorelandstewards.org/>

PLAN AHEAD Please check with the DEQ if you feel compelled to obliterate vegetation along your shoreline. In many cases, you will need a permit. Additional information is available on our website or from <http://www.michigan.gov/deq>

Invasive Species Control

PLWF's Invasive Species Committee continues to study information about how to control **hybrid invasive cattails**. This is also the 3rd and last year of a research project to evaluate treatment options to manage our **specific hybrid Eurasian Watermilfoil species**. The study has been undertaken with a research grant by Northern Michigan University and Professional Lake Management.



PLWF Plan Update

PROGRESS REPORT

With committees formed and a project facilitator on board, the wheels are on the wagon and we are moving forward:

The **Steering Committee's** job is to guide and provide perspective for the update. The tip of their "iceberg" includes hosting at least one community forum to bring the community up to speed on what's going on as well as gather information on watershed conditions and update long-term goals.

Members include: Mike Acton (Honorary Chair), Bob Blackmore, Albert Diggins, Kathy Ervin, Ken Franklin, Greg Goudy, Mike Gravelin, Lynise Hensel, Ted Lawrence, Lee Nordloh (Chair), Mary Reed, and Al Taylor.

An **Advisory Committee** has also been formed. Their charge is to support the work of the Steering Committee, providing **expertise and guidance** for specific portions of the watershed plan update listed above.

Members include: Blarney Castle, Dan Behring, Pat Bentley, Rob Carson, Tim Ervin, Bre Grabel, Katie Grzesiak, Laura Heintzelman, Scott Heintzelman, Kayla Kroll, Herb Lennon, DeeDee Miller, Jon Phillips, Jim Pomaranski, Josh Shields, and Susan Spencer.

In addition, **Invested Stakeholders** will also be asked to participate as needed. These are individuals or groups with specific interests or influence related to the watershed plan update. Invested Stakeholders will not specifically meet as a group, but will be **kept informed** of events and activities that they may be interested in.

The PLWF Standing Committees have areas of expertise related to the watershed plan update. They may be asked for input or assistance with specific tasks as the updated watershed plan is developed.

The Portage Lake Watershed Community is, of course, invited to participate in the watershed plan update through the community forum, online surveys and review of the draft update.

Our facilitator, Colleen Masterson-Bzdok, with NorthSky Nonprofit Network, has extensive experience which includes designing and

teaching the first Watershed Science course for Northern Michigan College; managing both the Boardman River Nature Center and the Grand Traverse Stewardship Initiative; teaching science education programs through the Inland Seas Education Association. To top it all off, she has a Master of Science in Environmental Geosciences from MSU.

If you have questions or would like to be involved, please don't hesitate to contact us!

The Portage Lake Watershed Forever Council meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 at the Farr Center. We often have treats. All are welcome.

10th Annual Fundraiser

Saturday Evening

July 22, 2017

5:00—7:00

\$75/Per Person



Those of you who attended last year's party were delighted with the wonderful and generous hospitality of Pam and Ted Arens'. We are pleased that they will again host this year's event. Please make plans to attend! Call Pat Lawrence if you have questions. (231-889-3495)



Portage Lake Association MONDAY NIGHT CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. in the **Onekama Village Park**** and are free.
Donations are welcome and encouraged.

Bring lawn chairs, blankets, family, friends, children, etc.

Visit our Website: www.onekama.info and

Facebook: 1,- Onekama, MI
and Portage Lake Association



***This activity is funded in part by the
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****Rain Venue: Onekama Community School**

- June 26 * **Blue Water Ramblers**
Toe-Tapping Traditional Tunes from Finest Local Folk
- July 3 **Shrock Brothers Band**, featuring Peter Madcat Ruth
Blues-Jazz quartet, featuring Grammy-winner Peter Madcat Ruth on Harmonica
- July 10 **Rough and Tumble**
Americana-Folk Duo for the Faint of Heart/Strong of Will
- July 17 * **Gratitude Steel Band**
Jamaican Steel Drum Band plays Reggae, Calypso, Motown
- July 24 **Awesome Distraction**
Acoustic Sound with Beautifully Blended Voices
- July 31 **Benzie Playboys**
The best in Authentic Cajun Music to clap and dance to
- August 7 **Jim Hawley's 70's Show**
Pure Rock & Roll from a Rocker Whose Voice Stirs the Soul.
- August 14 **Scottville Clown Band**
Millions of Smiles from the Famous Clown Band

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) urges citizens to protect themselves and their pets from tick born diseases. The most common is Lyme Disease and there were 221 human cases reported in 2016. They suggest that the best way to prevent against Lyme and other diseases is to prevent tick bites:

- Avoid tick-infested areas and walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush, and leaf litter.
- Treat Clothes with permethrin-do not apply directly on your skin.
- Apply DEET or Picaridin on your skin.
- Treat your pet with tick prevention products.
- Perform daily tick checks on yourself and your animals.
- If you find a tick you should remove it promptly by grasping the tick firmly and as close to the skin as possible. With a steady motion, pull it out. Cleanse the area with an antiseptic.
- You should also wash your clothes in hot water and dry on high heat to prevent ticks from coming indoors.

For more information visit www.cdc.gov/lyme or www.michigan.gov/lyme

You can get ticks tested for free. You can get a Tick Submission kit at no charge at public, local health departments, healthcare facilities and veterinarians. You can also order them at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/emergingdiseases/Publication_Order_Form_357623_7.pdf You can also submit without a kit. If the tick is alive, place it in a small container with a small piece of paper towel moistened with a drop of water. If it is dead, place it in a small, watertight container filled with water or alcohol. Print and complete the form found at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/emergingdiseases/MDHHS_TSF_Web_549971_7.pdf



Michigan's Five Most Common Ticks

Ticks are significant carriers of pathogens that cause human and animal disease. Listed here is a ranked order of the ticks most likely to bite humans in Michigan.



1. American dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*)

Distribution: Widespread throughout Michigan forests and grassy areas
Key Facts: These ticks are active from early May-November, and will bite both humans and companion animals.

Diseases: Diseases associated with the American dog tick are rare in Michigan, but may include [Rocky Mountain spotted fever](#) and [tularemia](#).



2. Blacklegged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*)

Distribution: Emerging in Michigan, see map at right

Key Facts: Found on low forest vegetation, often along human and animal trails.

Diseases: [Lyme disease](#) is the most common tick-borne disease in Michigan. Other rare diseases include: [anaplasmosis](#), [babesiosis](#), [deer-tick virus](#), and [ehrlichiosis](#).



3. Lone star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*)

Distribution: Occasionally found in wooded and grassy areas across the state

Key Facts: An aggressive biter of humans and companion animals, adult females have distinctive "Lone Star" mark

Diseases: [Ehrlichiosis](#), [rocky mountain spotted fever](#), [tularemia](#)



4. Woodchuck tick (*Ixodes cookei*)

Distribution: Found most commonly on pets throughout Michigan

Key Facts: Usually found near dens of skunks and woodchucks, will bite companion animals near animal dens and occasionally humans

Diseases: [Powassan encephalitis](#)



5. Brown dog tick (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*)

Distribution: Occasionally found in Michigan.

Key Facts: can uniquely survive and breed in indoor environments, has been associated with kennel, shelter, and breeding facilities. Good hygiene practices can prevent indoor infestations.

Diseases: [Rocky mountain spotted fever](#), [canine babesiosis](#), [canine ehrlichiosis](#)

Mail the form and the container to: MDHHS EZID Section 333 S. Grand Ave. 3rd Floor P.O. Box 30195 Lansing Michigan 48909-7695. Make sure to mark the envelope "FRAGILE" or "HANDLE WITH CARE."

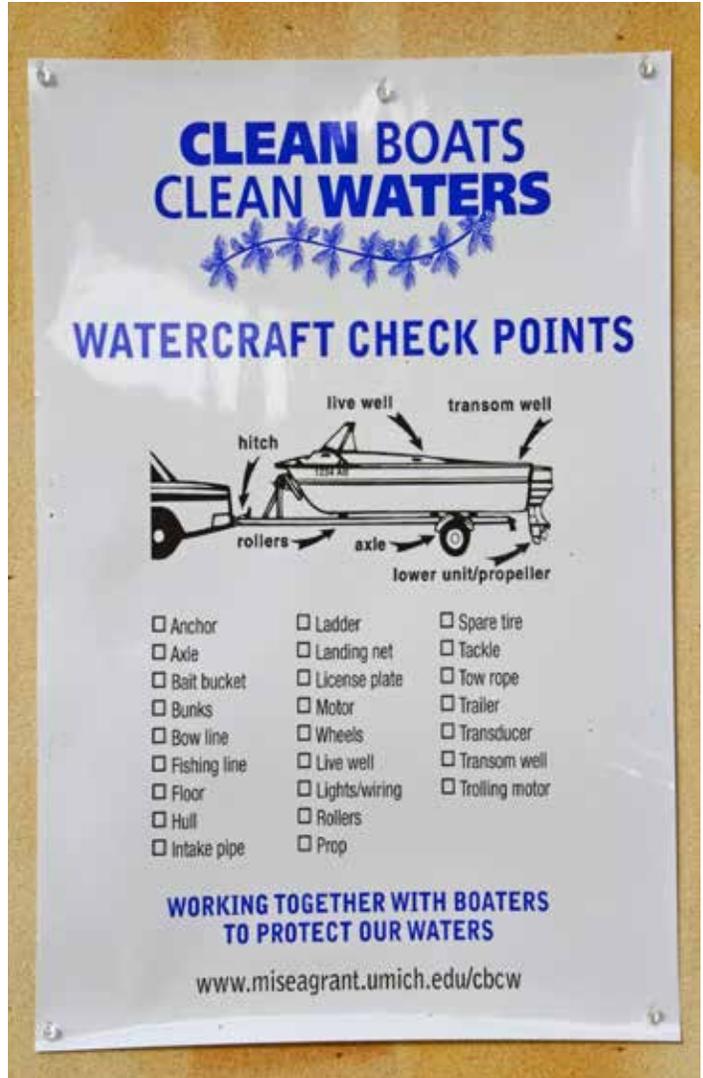




Three eighth grade students from Onekama Consolidated Schools, Jake Petroksy, first; Erin Smith, second; and Ajah Fink, third, have been named local winners in the 48th annual America and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 400 Michigan schools participated in the 2016-2017 contest. The topic of the contest was “My Personal Michigan Hero.”

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youth to explore the greatness of America and its people. As a sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge.



**Help protect our precious waterways!
Before launching, make sure to check
for any foreign hitch hikers.**



**Are You New to the Area or
Do You Have a New Neighbor?**

The Portage Lake Association’s Welcome Committee would love to welcome new neighbors! Contact Julie Lapinski at 269-832-2392 to arrange a time for the delivery of a welcome bag.



Portage Lake Garden Club, Inc. – 2017

Beginning it's 82nd Season, Portage Lake Garden Club, Inc. meetings promise to be riveting — or should we say, “ribbiting” this year. Program Chairman, Susan Halloran, has designed bi-monthly programs to follow the theme, “A Ribbiting Year. New members and guests are always welcome! Contact Membership Chair – Deb Bacon Noonan – email: dba-con42@yahoo.com

July 13, 2017, 1 PM – 3PM, Farr Center, 5283 Main Street, Onkama

Hop To It!-With our Standard Flower Show, Toadily Marvelous!, right around the corner, Master Flower Show Judges Lois Snover-Hanson and Alice Mesaro will bring tips and techniques for creating prize-winning designs and exceptional horticultural exhibits.

July 27, 2017, 12:30 PM – 6 PM, Onkama Consolidated Schools, 5016 Main Street, Onkama

Toadily Marvelous! Standard Flower Show-A collaborative show between the Portage Lake Garden Club, Inc and Spirit of the Woods Garden Club (Manistee), the show will feature three divisions: Horticulture, Design, and Education Exhibits.

August 10, 2017, 1 PM - 3PM, Farr Center, 5283 Main Street, Onkama, **Frogs of a Different Color** -Linda Boyer, essential oils consultant for 18 years, will speak about the uses of oils. Linda will teach members how plants derive a plethora of essentials oils. Oils will be available for purchase after the meeting.

August 24, 2017, 10 AM to 5 PM, Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary, 4794 6 Mile Rd., White Cloud, MI - There is a fee for this program of \$30.00 (see below).

Your Pad or Mine?- Club members will travel by bus (Blue Lake Charters/\$30 per person charge) to Loda Lake where Karen Motowi, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, MGC Environmental Consultant, and MGC Director for Loda Lake, will speak. Upon arrival, a box lunch and refreshments will be provided and enjoyed in the picnic area. Karen and docents will take participants on a guided tour on the boardwalk thru the Pollinator Garden. Save the date to visit this club-sponsored Wildflower Sanctuary. Meet at 10 AM at the Farr Center parking lot. For more information, contact Susan Halloran (snhalloran@yahoo.com) and visit <http://michigan-gardenclubs.org/projects/loda-lake/>.

September 7, 2017, 6PM - 8:30PM, Portage Point Inn & Marina, 8567 Portage Point Drive, Onkama

Time's Fun When You're Having Flies - Club members will join with their spouses or partners to celebrate the end of at the Historic Inn. Club members will provide appetizers and desserts. A Cash Bar will be offered. A short business meeting with installation of officers will occur as we celebrate A Ribbiting Year.

St. Joseph Food Pantry



The St. Joseph Food Pantry in Onkama serves 150+ families monthly with fresh, canned, frozen and prepared foods as well as some personal care products. Many families in our area depend upon this service to make ends meet between paychecks.

The pantry relies on volunteers and money donations to do their work each month in the basement of St. Joseph Church on 5th St. in Onkama. You can make donations of food and other goods on the day before the distribution date. Monetary donations are preferred however as they can be applied more broadly and fill areas of need.

Monetary donations can be mailed to St. Joseph Food Pantry, PO Box 150, Onkama, MI 49675.

If you have any questions, contact Leslie Osborn at 231-864-2509



RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY!!!!

Bins are located in the Onekama township parking lot.

What is acceptable?

Paper: Printer Paper, Envelopes, Unwanted Mail,

Newspaper, Magazines, Catalogs, Phonebooks, Paper Bags, Cardboard, and Cereal Boxes

Plastic: Bottles, jugs, containers marked #1-7 (Empty and rinsed) and Grocery bags marked #2 and #4 (clean and dry)

Metal: Steel Cans, Tin Cans, Aluminum Cans, Aluminum Foil, Empty Aerosol Cans (all empty and rinsed), lids to bottles

Glass: Empty, rinsed and lidless bottles and jars of any color

Questions? 855-246-9346 or visit manisteecountymi.gov



Onekama Marine



Onekama Marine, established in 1963 is proud to have served boating families on Portage Lake and the Great Lakes boating community for 54 years. It is a 3rd generation family enterprise that believes in community support and participation in organizations that benefit Onekama and has been instrumental in forming and participating in the Portage Lake Association, Parks and Recreation Committee, the Portage Lake Watershed and the Portage Lake Harbor Commission. It provides the most numerous and consistent jobs in the Onekama community with (23) employees and believes in supporting the economy and growth of our area. Onekama Marine features (3) "on water" locations on Portage lake with (2) state certified fuel docks. Summer dockage is available for boats (15) to (50) feet with (3) docks kept open for transient (traveling) watercraft. Currently, open slips are available both in the Village of Onekama and at our main facility at the South East side of Portage. Hoisting is available for boats to (50) tons, with winter storage for boats to (70) feet. Service is provided by certified technicians who attend marine service schools annually. We provide a complete showroom of marine products and an extensive parts department as well as a tackle and bait shop in the Village of Onekama. Onekama Marine also features boat sales and utilizes state of the art marine websites to market our new and used boat inventory. New boats sold are Riviera Yachts, Monterey boats, Tahoe Pontoon boats, Achilles Inflatable boats, Mercury and Evinrude outboards. We are a full service dealer specializing in outdrive and engine repair as well as professional boat detailing and marine electronics sales and installation. Additions are pontoon boat rentals, sales of shore station boat lifts and shore dock. Additionally Onekama Marine offers tugboat rescue services and towing, as well as Corp of Engineers approved mooring installations.

Call Onekama Marine for anything marine! We appreciate your business!

Let The Petunia Parade Begin!

The Wednesday before Memorial Day has been designated as petunia planting day. In case of rain, planting occurs the following day, Thursday. Petunia Parade committee members can't remember when or if it has ever rained on planting day. This year, volunteers awoke to find it raining! Now what? At 7:15am, Pleasanton Greenhouses and committee members distributed flats to all plots not knowing if volunteers would arrive or wait until the following day. Onekama definitely has some adventurous volunteers within its community! Planters ventured out in the rain, sported protective rain gear under their safety vest, dug in the mud and planted over 90 flats of petunias, completing the project before noon! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

The Petunia Parade committee would also like to thank the following people and organizations for their help in providing a successful display this summer.

Larsen's Landscaping & Lawncare prepared the plots prior to planting with weed control applications, roto-tilling and raking. See the ad for Larsen's and the services they provide.

Pleasanton Valley Greenhouse who, starting this past winter, planted seeds and nurtured over 3,000+ single petunia plants.

PNC Onekama branch provided yummy donuts and muffins for planting volunteers.

Dave Meister has provided a trailer and tank for watering.

Steve Hall will fill the tank and pull the trailer through the Village numerous times throughout the season, to provide nourishment to help the petunias flourish.

Doug Callaway and crew from Callaway Construction, who load, trailer and place the 12 petunia barrels throughout the Village.

Richard and Sandy Mirabatur who water and fertilizer the 12 petunia barrels throughout the Village all summer.

The plot adopters who will monitor and remove weeds and debris within designated plots throughout the summer.

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play Petunia Parade donation canisters.

Thank you to those of you who generously donate financially to this beautification project.

And last but not least, the committee would like to thank our supportive family members – spouses, children and siblings.

Have a safe and fun summer. Enjoy the Petunia Parade! 2017 Petunia Parade Committee – Marilyn Acker, Nancy Behring, Judy Blackmore, Jewelee Franklin, Bonnie Garbrecht, Debby Major, Diane Marion, Tammy Messner, Jon Phillips and Mary Reed.

Thanks to Al, Mary, Dawn, Faye, Roz, Cindy, and Leann, the Fountain got planted with petunias.



ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MONDAY MAY 1, 2017, 9 AM

FIRE/RESCUE: Report given by Clinton Osborn, Fire Chief. April had 20 runs and 2 meetings.

Motion by Beebe, Seconded by Blackmore to Rescind the Fire Chiefs termination letters of 4/28/17 and declare the termination letters invalid, and restore Rob and Michelle Johnson to the fire department as employees. Letters of apology will be sent to Rob and Michelle Johnson, the fire department, all email addresses previously sent, Medical Control Board, and anyone else appropriate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Voting Equipment Grant: Grant Application read by Johnson for new voting system, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board tabulators, accessible voting devices for use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software. Motion by Blackmore, Seconded by Wisniski to accept Resolution 2017-08. Roll Call Vote: Wisniski- Yes, Blackmore - Yes, Beebe Yes, Meister- Yes, Johnson- Yes. M/C

Onekama Township Board

Resolution 2017-08

WHEREAS, the Onekama Township Board wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) tabulators [If Applicable], accessible voting devices for use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software.

WHEREAS, partial funding for the new voting system will be provided by the State, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act and State-appropriated funds. Local funding obligations are detailed in the attached Dominion quote.

WHEREAS, the Onekama Township plans to begin implementation of the new voting system in 2017/2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Onekama Township Clerk is authorized to submit this Grant Application on behalf of Onekama Township, Manistee County on this day of May 1, 2017.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Bob Blackmore. Second offered by Board Member Jim Wisniski.

Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye" Jim Wisniski, Bob Blackmore, LaVonne Beebe, David Meister, Shelli Johnson (list names of members voting "aye")

"nay" None (list names of members voting "nay")

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. 8

David Meister

Township Clerk:

Shelli Johnson

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

Summary of the Draft REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES April 19, 2017

PRESENTATION BY GINA HAGEN ON ONEKAMA SCHOOL BOND ISSUES: Gina Hagen made a presentation on the upcoming school bond issues and answered questions.

ZONING – The Clerk ran the ads again for the ZA position and the PB and ZBA vacancies.

Susan Halloran is now a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. M/C.

Concerns about compliance with the Special Use Permit granted to Blarney Castle were raised. Discussion about inspections for compliance with environmental issues and construction activities were reviewed. Trustee Milasich will contact District 10 of the Michigan Department of Health to ask if they have been on the construction site in regard to site runoff control.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Still working on the Master Plan. Working on a list of Capital Improvement Project items.

SEWER – Wet wells were pumped by Elmer's on April 5, 2017. Storm drain basins on 2nd Street, 3rd Street, and 5th Street were cleared of debris on April 5, 2017.

STREETS- Elmer's was hired to perform street and structural repairs at 4th Avenue and M-22, Brandt Street and Brown Street, Prospect Avenue and M-22, and 3rd Avenue and M-22. The estimated cost to saw and remove the pavement, remove the castings, repair the brick and mortar, replace the castings, and restore the pavement is \$ 2,000.00 per structure, or \$ 8,000.00 for all four.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

Trustee Milasich discussed concerns expressed via telephone by Al Taylor regarding the "No Animals" in the revised park policy. Trustee Milasich will prepare a possible change to the park policy language to allow specified animals in the park during special events. The policy will be discussed during upcoming Council Meetings.

CEMETERY – The cemetery policy, on file, needs to be reviewed for any proposed changes.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL – Jean Compton Alfreds made a presentation about an Onekama Veterans' Memorial to be installed in Cemetery II. She presented pictures of the memorial and plaque to be installed in the Memorial Section of the Cemetery.



Two People You Should Know

Kiara Bromley will be attending Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the fall. She is planning to pursue pre-medicine and major in biology or kinesiology. Kiara will be on Calvin's varsity swim team where she will swim butterfly and freestyle events. She was one of Onekama High School's valedictorians and was also captain of the swim team. In her free time, Kiara enjoys volunteering, boating, reading, and hammocking.



Michele Haske enjoys spending time with her family and friends, hunting, fishing, swimming, hiking, kayaking, reading, sports, playing with her dogs, helping others, and many more things. She has been active in basketball, volleyball, track and field, dance team, and golf. She is a dedicated and hardworking student when it comes to schoolwork. She will be attending Eastern Michigan University and will be a member of the rowing team. She is going into Eastern Michigan's exercise science program to become a Physical Therapist.



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