



NEWS, EVENTS, & MORE FROM ONEKAMA, MICHIGAN

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President's Letter

The holiday season was celebrated in Onekama with many wonderful events that created memories for all. I really enjoyed attending and participating in many of these events.

Christmas in Onekama, sponsored by the Portage Lake Association and chaired by Pat Pomaranski, hosted a large group of vendors selling a variety of items such as jewelry, mittens, iron sculptures, hand knitted hats and scarfs, ceramics and on and on. There were also delicious bake goods on sale for shoppers to enjoy. The PLA Silent Auction offered a wide variety of Christmas gifts to choose from with items ranging from Dinner packages, Shop Manistee baskets, Onekama Marine Boat Slip and Pontoon Rental, Judy Blackmore Quilts, Weekend at the Cartier Mansion B&B in Ludington, Reed Photography Coffee Table Book, Gift Certificate to Table 14 Restaurant in Ludington, wreaths and a beautiful potted Spruce tree for Christmas and much more. The Chili Cook off was enjoyed by many. Lahey's Pub won, and proceeds go to support the Onekama High School National Honor Society.

Shoppers and the community gathered at M-22 Grill that evening to enjoy a delicious pulled- pork and sauerkraut dinner along with mashed potatoes and veggies, topped off with Boston Cream Pie.

The Celebration of Lights was held the following evening. This was followed by singing Christmas Carols and eating cookies. Thank you to Susan Barnard for organizing the event and providing the yummy cookies and to Beth McCarthy for reading of the names of loved ones, both alive and deceased and providing the history of the Farr Center Christmas tree. Thank you to Frank English and Kevin Wolverton for the lights on the tree.

Along with Celebration of Lights, Main Street was lit up with beautiful Snowflakes and Christmas Trees atop poles along Main street. A big thank you to Chuck Reed who makes the lights happen.

Businesses along Main Street joined in the fun. Beautiful lights adorned the buildings along Main Street making the Village look so bright and festival.

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus rode into town on a big red fire engine. They were hosted at the Farr Center on December 2nd by the JR. Clio Club. Children sat on Santa's lap where Santa asked each little boy or girl what they wanted for Christmas. Of course, cookies were enjoyed by all, even Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Onekama Church of the Brethren welcomed all to The Women's Christmas Tea on December 13th. A hilarious Old Time Radio Show skit was presented, and The Women's Choir sang beautiful Christmas hymns. Tea and delicious treats were enjoyed by all afterwards.

John and Michelle Blackman hosted a free Christmas Dinner at their M-22 Grill on Christmas Day for all who chose to attend. What a wonderful gift from John and Michelle to those in the community.

These are only a few of the holiday festivities Onekama offers during the holiday season. The beautiful area we live in or visit provides such wonderful opportunities for each of us to make truly great memories. I hope all had a blessed Christmas and Happy Holidays. We look forward to seeing you in 2019. Happy New Year!

Julie Lapinski,
President of the Portage Lake Association



A Person You Should Know

Hello,

My name is Phil Sedelmaier Jr, I'm a life long resident of Manistee County and a 1988 alumni of Onekama High School. My wife Mindy and I have two kids and three grandkids who are enrolled as the 5th generation of Sedelmaiers at Onekama Schools. My wife and I own and operate Off Call II Charters and PMS (Phil & Mindy Sedelmaier) Farms. We both work full time, Mindy as a Loan Consultant for Caliber Home Loans and myself for the Michigan DNR as Maintenance Supervisor for the three Northern Lower Peninsula Fish Hatcheries.

I have enjoyed volunteering my services over the years at the school on such things as: Athletic Boosters, baseball (Elementary-High School), football (Middle School-High School) and softball (Elementary-High School). I also was on the committee that helped design and oversee the new baseball/softball fields.

Over the years I have volunteered to help with Tightlines for Troops. You can't explain the feeling you have starting the morning listening to Taps' and the bag pipes with these Veteran's, while you have tears in your eyes and goose bumps up your arms. Great people, great event, outstanding community support, I don't know what else you can say!!!

I'm currently serving my second term on the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association board. If you are unfamiliar with the MCSFA, we are involved in just about every aspect of fishing related activities here in the county. Some of our biggest accomplishments

are: Kid's Fish, the Salmon Derby and our Budweiser Pro/Am Tournament. We also work very closely with the DNR on fishing related issues as well as hold a seat on the Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Committee. Over the last year we the MCSFA has been trying to figure out how to grow its membership. One of the things we came up with was an event called Fun Fish. The idea behind Fun Fish is to get people out of the house, their busy routines and to get them fishing. Last summer Portage Lake was the host to the very first event, we were hoping for at least a dozen people to participate, what we had was 33 people show up. The response was far above what we had expected, we hosted 5 events last summer that saw 137 people participate. We will be doing a Fun Fish ice fishing event of Portage Lake January 26th, as the result of requests by the Fun Fish participants. We also will be expanding the Fun Fish events this year by popular demand to every Wednesday June thru August. If you are interested in more information regarding Fun Fish you may follow the MCSFA on Facebook, all correspondence for Fun Fish will be posted there. If you have any questions or would like to donate to Fun Fish you may contact me at 231-510-1424.

I look forward to seeing you on one of the outstanding lakes our county has to offer, get out and enjoy the water!!!



*Another Ice Monster. This one is devouring the south pier head at Onekama a couple of years back
Photo by Angela Gavan-Hamady*

**Submit your photos on Facebook at
1,- onekama, michigan**

Are you new to Onekama or do you have a new neighbor?

The Portage Lake Association (PLA) has a “Welcome to Onekama” process to visit newcomers to our two-lake town in order to acquaint them with what the area has to offer. A gift bag of informational items is provided to new residents or new members of the PLA as desired.

Please let Julie Lapinski know if you wish to be contacted or if you have the name of someone new who could benefit from this welcome service.

Call Julie at: 269-832-2392 or email her at julielapinski@gmail.com. Please provide your name, address, phone number and email address, or that of the newcomer you are referring for this free service.



St. Joseph Food Pantry

The St. Joseph Food Pantry in Onekama 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 Onekama. 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.

Set up and food drop offs will be from around 1:00 pm until finish on Thursdays. Food distribution/pick up dates are Friday, 10-11:30 am. Volunteers should arrive at 9am. Monetary donations can be mailed to St. Joseph Food Pantry, PO Box 150, Onekama, MI 49675.

Help those in the community in need through a donation of money, food, or your time.

If you have any questions, contact Leslie Osborn at 231.864.2509.

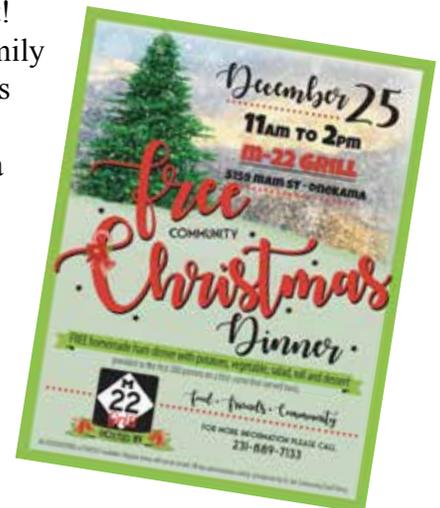


M-22 DOES IT AGAIN

For the second year in a row, the M-22 Grille has hosted a free Christmas dinner. All proceeds from the dinner go to the St. Joseph Food Pantry. They exceeded last years amount!

The whole M-22 family donates their time, as well as other volunteers. This is a remarkable and noteworthy Community minded event.

Thanks, M-22 Grille!



The Onekama Athletic Boosters invite you to support Onekama athletics.

Onekama Athletic Boosters

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Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser

School Support: Easy as Pie

Onekama PTO Holds Successful Pie Fundraiser

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving vacation, the halls of Onekama Consolidated Schools were filled with excited students, holiday cheer...and the delicious aroma of pie. More than one thousand pies, in fact.

Onekama School's Parent Teacher Organization recently held their third annual Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser. The successful fundraiser was spearheaded by the Glenwood's Donna Ervin and her staff and friends.

The goal was to sell at least 1,000 pies, and the PTO's goal was met and exceeded. Each elementary student sold to family and friends. Volunteers met in the school's kitchen to prepare and bake the pies. The scent of freshly-baked pie traveled from the school's playground out to the parking lot.

The monies raised by the pie sale help to fund field trips and bussing, Good Behavior Ski Day at Crystal Mountain, and the end-of-year Achievement Day.

The top seller for the second consecutive year was fourth grader Nelson Catanese. As a reward for being

the top seller, Catanese received a Michigan Adventures Fast Pass.

"I had fun selling the pies to all of my neighbors in Arcadia," said Nelson. "I am excited to go to Michigan Adventures, but I am also really proud that I helped my school."





Common Ground

The “Common Ground” project is a year-long collaboration between the 8th grade class of Onekama School (a record breaking 38 students) and a school in Chicago. Last year the class worked with St. Sylvester School in Chicago. This year they have partnered with St. John Berchmans. This is an opportunity for both the Chicago students and Onekama students to learn about others with backgrounds different from their own. In the spring, the Onekama students will visit their Chicago counterpart. Rumor has it that the Chicago students may get a chance to visit Onekama as well. Thanks in part to readers of the fall newsletter, the trip is fully funded.



STEM Class

Helps Student Learning Soar

Onekama Students Travel to Kalamazoo Air Zoo

This year at Onekama Consolidated Schools, students in sixth through eighth grades are being offered a new STEM class. Taught by Kelly Kelley, the nine-week class meets daily and is offered to all middle school students.

According to Kelley, “S.T.E.M. class offers an innovative approach to learning in which students use problem solving skills to tackle hands-on learning activities. Skills in this course will improve critical thinking skills and will propel students toward a successful career in the S.T.E.M. fields.”

In class, students are asked to plan and execute projects individually and as members of a group, and then are required to reflect on their learning process and outcomes.

To celebrate the end of the first quarter STEM experience, on Tuesday, October 30, students traveled to Kalamazoo, Michigan, for a visit to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. During the field trip, students attended a “Flight School Science” program as well as an “Aerospace through the Ages” tour.

The Flight School Science program allowed students to explore the science and history of flight through a hands-on learning experience. Students designed and built FPG-9 gliders and experimented with the four forces of flight, control surfaces, and Bernoulli’s Principle.

Eighth grade student Ryan Petrosky commented, “I am happy that there is a new elective course being offered this year, especially one like STEM that challenges me academically and creatively.”





New Year's Eve Celebration

The Portage Point Inn hosted a fabulous Masked Ball for New Year's. Despite the weather, over 150 people braved the snow and enjoyed a wonderful time at the Inn. There was great music, cool disco decorations and a 1000 balloon drop at Midnight.



The Portage Lake Garden Club enjoys decorating the tree at the Farr Center every year for the community's enjoyment. What goes up must come down and 10 + members of the club gathered 1/15 at 10AM and got the job done in about 20 minutes. We look forward to bringing it back out next December.



The Chili Cookoff was held again this year during the craft show. People were able to sample chili from seven different local restaurants including Lahey's Pub, Rosie's Place, EZ Market, Bear Lake Market, Shirley's Place, Two Slices, and Southern Synthesis and vote on their favorite chili. This year's winner was Lahey's Pub. Proceeds went to the Onekama High School National Honor Society.

Near & Farr Friends - Winter and Spring Schedule 2019

DATE	PROGRAM
Jan 24	Game Day - Qwerkle
Jan 31	Jay Sam- History of the Anishinaabe and the Ottawa people
Feb. 7	Aviators in Our Midst
Feb. 14	History of Douglas Valley
Feb. 21	Game Day - Euchre
Feb. 28	History of St. Joseph Catholic Church
March 7	John Wemlinger's latest book , <i>Before the Snow Flies</i>
March 14	Game Day- Dominos
March 21	History of Church of the Brethren
March 28	Game Day - Ponytail
April 4	Update on Watershed -Special Assessment District renewal
April 11	Sievert Family discuss making Maple Syrup
April 18	Celebration of Holy Days in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
April 25	Game Day - Upwards
May 2	Update on Sewer installation to Portage Point and beyond
May 9	History of former Van's Motel & Tradewinds by new owners
May 16	William Wynn Vincent Family History
May 23	West Shore Rug Hooking Guild

Some speakers are tentative. For the latest information, send your email address to nearandfarrfriends@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list.

Near & Farr Friends meets on Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:30 at the Onekama Township Hall for fun, games and lectures. Onekama Township Hall is located at 5435 Main St. (M-22). There is no charge to attend the presentation.

Near & Farr Friends is a program of the Portage Lake Association (PLA), a group of volunteers who are dedicated to making the Onekama area a great place in which to live, play and stay.

Petunias in Onekama



Wow! What a year 2018 was for Petunias in Onekama. Between Mother Nature and dozens of enthusiastic volunteers and supporters, our Main Street never looked more beautiful. This was perfect for our 25th Anniversary Celebration held over Onekama Days.

What you may not know as a person who enjoys the color, but knows little about the plants, is the background on these beauties that bedeck our town in the summer months. Here is some petunia-related trivia that you might find interesting.

Petunia is a genus of no less than twenty species of South American flowering plants.

The origin of the plant's name is French meaning "petun" or tobacco from a Topi-Guarani dialect. (You will find this especially helpful if you ever enter the Scripps National Spelling Bee.)

This annual plant (meaning it must be planted anew every year as opposed to perennials which live for multiple years in a row) now is a hybridized version of the original and is popular throughout the U.S.A.

(According to Wikipedia) the Mayan and Incas believed that the scent of petunias has the power to chase away monsters and evil spirits. Guess we better keep on with the plantings.

(According to folklore) Petunias thrive in places where there is positive energy and will not grow where there is negative energy. Hmm — good omen for Onekama.

The first petunias used in the Portage Petunia Parade were grown by Kaleva Norman Dickson students as part of their agriculture class.

Today the Tidal Wave Petunias used are grown from tiny seeds inside the warm greenhouses of our partner, Pleasanton Valley Greenhouses.

So that, gentle readers, is a short primer on the ins and outs of all things Petunia. You can thank the Portage Lake Association for keeping this tradition alive and well in our hometown.

A donation form is located on the last page of this newsletter.

LARSEN'S LANDSCAPING & LAWN CARE

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Seasonal Clean-Up – Snow Removal – Installations

Walking Track and Fitness Center Hours

Mon - Fri	5:00am - 8:00-am & 3:00pm - 9:00pm
Sat.	8:00am - 10:00am
Sun.	1:00pm - 3:00pm and 6:00pm -8:00pm

Note: Walking Track is closed during Athletic Events.

Applications for key cards to the walking track and fitness center are available in the Superintendent's Office (Hours are Monday – Friday 8am-3pm).

Downloadable fitness application linked below.

THE PORTAGERS

Coach:

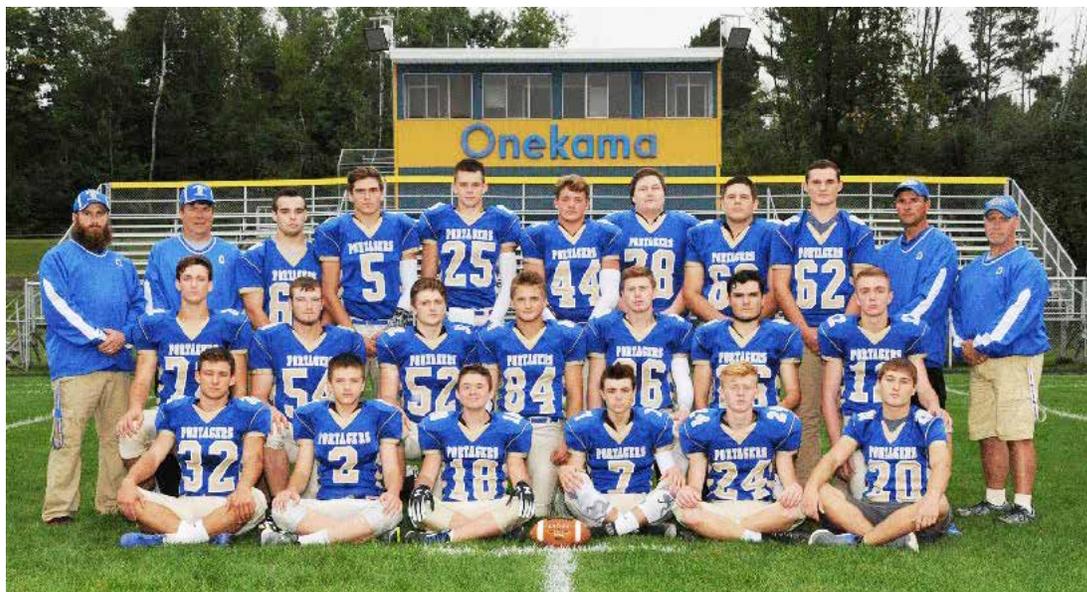
John Neph

Assistant Coaches:

Jason Torrey,
Justin Sedelmaier,
Ben Mauntler and
Randy Teichman

Team:

02 Scott Hauswirth
05 Ben Acton
07 Luke Mauntler
12 Ben Johnson
18 Connor Trowbridge
20 Dean Sturgeon
24 Nick Goss
25 Taylor Bennett
32 Aaron Powers
36 Matt Mallison
44 Wade Sedlar
52 Jay Sturgeon
54 Wyatt Lawson
60 Dalron Gray
62 Austin Harper
66 Jose Lugo
68 Anthony March
72 Ben Falk
78 Ethan Nickelson
84 Rylan Clarke



PORTAGERS HAVE HISTORIC SEASON!

The Portagers had a 10-3 record and received a state runner-up trophy. They had the most successful season in school history, dating back to 1964, when the program began. The final game was played in Marquette in the Northern Michigan University Superior Dome. The team came up just a little short, losing to Rapid River Rockets 30-18. While this was the Portagers first trip to the finals, it was Rapid River's third. The community got behind the team and many lawns sported signs supporting the Portagers. A group of fans rented a bus and made the 300+ mile trip to show their support. Well done team and community!



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Summary of the Draft Minutes for the Village of Onekama Council Meeting 12/19/18

ZONING: Deputy Zoning Administrator Burger reported receiving a request, (from the owner of the food truck parked at the Blue Slipper) for waste water service. It was the consensus of the council to deny hooking into the village sewer due to this is a temp customer and the village has no ordinance to deal with temp users. Now in conjunction with this (the food truck) the owners of the Blue Slipper were found to be in violation of Article 10/subsection 1011 regarding accessory buildings. They will be notified by mail to apply for a permit for a temp. trailer on their property. This letter is on file with the clerk.

Bed And Breakfast/update

Owners are working with the village on a sign permit.

ZA Vacancy –still looking.

SEWER:

--wet wells were cleaned out.

--sewer committee will meet to discuss the equivalents for the new Bed and Breakfast in the Village.

--New connection/Cutlip-8745 Fourth Ave.

Update discussed under old business.

STREETS:

--met with Kevin Hughes regarding repairs to Baker St. (school hill). Village is considering reworking the village portion of Baker as one of the 2019 street repair projects. The school will use money from the millage to repair their portion.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

PARKS:

--boat ramp was removed for the season but will need some welding repair before the spring.

FARR CENTER:

--committee met and power door installation was discussed. Around \$700. has been donated as of this date with another possible donation forth coming. The committee decided to lock the front door as of Jan1 and direct persons to use door by the library near Treasurers door (this is where the power door is being installed) for feedback with regard to using this entrance.

--Schwing thanked the Garden Club (for the decorated tree), Becky Kline (Holiday Village) and Ruth Hudson (office, hallway and bathroom decorations) for all the holiday decorations in Farr Center. Thank- you ladies.

CEMETERY:

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TOWNSHIP REPORT: minutes on line

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sewer Connection/Cutlip-8745 Fourth Ave.

--it was decided that due to the distance from the property to our sewer line Burger moved, Drumm supported to grant Mr. Cutlip an exception of connecting and to allow him to install a septic field.

M/C.

--Village Truck/replacement

Village was offered \$14000. for trade in. Paper work for the purchase is still being worked out.

---Historical Marker/Park Fountain

Miller moved, Drumm supported to approve the marker as long as all the specs provided at the November meeting are followed. M/C.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreational Marijuana Ordinance: Opt Out

--received generic ordinance form from the MML for opting out. Ordinance is being reworked and will be on the agenda in Jan. but will be placed in everyone’s mail box prior to meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Public Comment:

Schwing would like to set up an apt. with Fleis and Vandenbrink regarding info on grants for road construction.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

President Franz informed the Board of the two upcoming budget work sessions, Tues Jan 22 and Tues Jan 29 at 3p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson

The Lions have determined that they will not be pursuing a new pavilion at this time.

Summary of Onekama Township Board Meeting DRAFT minutes from 11/5/18

FIRE/RESCUE: November recorded 19 EMS runs, 1 M.A. to Dickson Twp and 1 M.A. to Bear Lake, 9 Fire Runs, 3 Meeting. The First Grade Students came down for Fire Prevention and learned a lot along with having a lot of fun. The Department verbally presented a grant request with the revenue sharing for 4 SCBA bottles and a thermal imaging camera. CPR training for EMS is scheduled. JAWS training is scheduled for November. In January, Onekama is hosting an Ice Water Rescue class through the Fire Fighters Association. Truck 102 has to go back up to Traverse City to fix additional problems found when up for the recall.

ROADS: Cooley Bridge is slated to open December 1.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The Commission is looking at the sign ordinance.

MTA: The next MTA meeting will be March 27, 2019. Red Bridge is open. There is a firm from Kalamazoo studying how to improve the Medical Care Facility. The Airport Authority commitment from the State for \$330,000 to purchase property east end of Airport was discussed. The Land Bank is up and running.

PARKS & REC: The asphalt at North Point Park has been sealed and winterizing has been done. Work continues on the 5 year plan. The Kayak launch is delayed until Spring 2019. The Committee is also looking at getting possible decking/path out to the water at Eagle View Wetlands Park.

PLA: Three new board members have been added. The PLA is questioning whether or not to have the fireworks during Onekama Days, 2019, as it is too expensive.

WATERSHED/INVASIVES: Mary Reed reported that the 10 year plan reduction is in discussion. A recommendation is forth coming from the group. Public Hearings, Resolutions, and Permits will be needed in early 2019. There was more Ecoli testing completed in October. The watershed continues to update the plan and goals.

TWO LAKE SEWER AUTHORITY: The Authority is establishing a bank account.

NEW BUSINESS: Al Taylor reported that the Fair Board is in discussion with the PLA regarding Onekama Days.

Summary of the Portage Lake Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes 10/18/18

Work on up-dating the Watershed Plan is continuing and that less than 4 acres of Phragmites was treated this fall.

The Bathhouse, in the park, is locked for the winter. It is mostly complete with two or three little items left on the punch list. The Onekama Lions Club is looking into building a new pavilion in the park. The Lions are finalizing the planning and will begin a fund raising effort to make this happen.

The work on the channel is slowing down. The installation of the sheet piling, on the North side has stopped for the winter and the installation of the wave attenuator continues on the South side.

Steve attended the Army Corps of Engineers workshop on Permits and Processes: Working in Michigan Waters that was held on September 12th at the Charlevoix Public Library. He reported that it was mostly geared to contractors and consultants and that it was stressed that permits had to be obtained from the Corps and the DNR when working near waterways. The process for obtaining these permits takes approximately 60 days.

Congress has passed the appropriations bill with \$1.54 billion to the Corps. This 85% of the total Harbor Maintenance Receipts. The Corps has until the end of November to indicate where this money will be spent next year.

The Michigan Port Collaborative will be meeting in early November to discuss the study which Onekama is part of. Both the Village and Township have approved the Onekama Economic Sustainability Committee. Al Taylor and Dan Behring are co-chairs of this committee and are in the process of selecting people to be on the committee. Look for information on the Onekama website in the coming months.

The Light Structure's base still requires painting. A handout indicated that for every federal dollar spent on Great Lakes Restoration Initiative projects from the program launched in 2010 thru 2016 will produce an additional \$3.35 of additional economic activity in the Great Lakes region through 2036.

New business...May brought up the fact that we should find ways to keep good relations with the Corps and the Coast Guard.



Portage Lake Association

Summer 2019

MONDAY NIGHT

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

- July 1** **Schrock Brothers with Madcat**
Roots-Blues-Jazz-Rock family band, featuring
Grammy-winner Peter Madcat Ruth on Harmonica
- July 8** **the Rough & Tumble**
Americana-Folk Duo for the Faint of Heart/Strong of Will
- July 15** **Miriam Pico and David Chown**
Pop, Light Rock, Show Tunes & Blues, Masterfully Done
- July 22** **Scottville Clown Band**
Millions of Smiles from the Famous Clown Band
- July 29** **Elvis Tribute by Jake Slater** You'll know that it's
true, ELVIS LIVES!
- August 5** **Awesome Distraction**
Acoustic Sound with Beautifully Blended Voices
- August 12** **Benzie Playboys**
Authentic Cajun Music to Make You Clap and Dance
- August 19** **Jim Hawley Recalls: *music of Elton John & Billy
Joel*** by Our Favorite Traverse City Troubadour

Concerts start at 7 PM in the **Onekama Village Park*** and are **free**

Donations are welcome & encouraged

Bring Lawn Chairs, blankets, picnic baskets, children, etc.

Visit our website: www.onekama.info

and on **FaceBook**, *1,- Onekama, Michigan*

***Rain Venue: Onekama Consolidated School Auditorium**

The PLA's Committee for Monday Night Concerts in the Park are busy planning for their summer series in 2019. The plan is to continue the series in the Onekama Village Park on Monday evenings, from 5 to 7 PM. Check out the poster for a listing of all the concerts, some old favorites and some new soon to be old favorites.

2019 Portage Lake Association Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Heads

<u>Type</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
Officer	President	Julie Lapinski
Officer	Past President	Al Taylor
Officer	Vice President	Kevin Wolverton
Officer	Treasurer	Evie McNeil
Officer	Secretary	Mary Jo McElroy
Board Member	3 year (in 3 rd year)	Nikki Torrey
Board Member	3 year (in 2 nd year)	Susan Halloran
Board Member	2 year (in 2 nd year)	Frank English
Board Member	1 year (in 1 st year)	Justin Sedelmaier
Board Member	3 year (in 1 st year)	Jon Phillips
Board Member	2 year (in 2 nd year)	John Wemlinger
Board Member	1 year (in 1 st year)	Debby Major
Board Member	2 year (in 1 st year)	Jean Capper
Board Member	1 year (in 1 st year)	David Maylen
Board Member	2 year (in 1 st year)	Shelli Johnson
Committee Head	Petunias CoChair	Jon Phillips
Committee Head	Petunias CoChair	Mary Jo McElroy
Committee Head	Fall Festival CoChair	Debby Major
Committee Head	Fall Festival CoChair	Susan Halloran
Committee Head	Xmas Lights and Banners	Justin Sedelmaier
Committee Head	Lake Information	Mary Reed
Committee Head	Concerts in the Park	Steve Szilvagy
Committee Head	Onekama Days	Al Taylor
Committee Head	Pig Out for OCS	Mary Jo McElroy
Committee Head	Beer Tasting at	Steve Szilvagy
Committee Head	Fireworks	Paul Mueller
Committee Head	Car Show	Frank English
Committee Head	Membership	Faye Backie
Committee Head	Publicity	Faye Backie
Committee Head	Web Site, FB Publicity	Al Taylor
Committee Head	Scholarships, School Proj	Roz Jaffee
Committee Head	Distinguished citizen	John Wemlinger
Committee Head	Christmas In Onekama	Pat Pomaranski
Committee Head	Craft Show	Pat Pomaranski
Committee Head	Celebration of Lights Tree,	Justin Sedelmaier
Committee Head	Celebration of Lights	Susan Barnard
Committee Head	Chili Cook-off	Jeff Sternberger
Committee Head	Near and Farr Friends	Mary Fairgrieve
Committee Head	Newsletter Editor	Jean Capper
Committee Head	Fundraising CoChair	Al Taylor
Committee Head	Fundraising CoChair	Julie Lapinski
Committee Head	Welcome CoChair	Julie Lapinski
Committee Head	Welcome CoChair	Mary Jo McElroy



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Monday 10:30am - 5pm

Tuesday 1:00pm - 5pm

Wednesday 12:30pm - 7pm

Thursday & Friday 10:30am - 5pm

Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm (June 10th to Aug 5th)

Branch Librarian: Gary Block

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Watershed Plan Update

“ . . . Years in the Making, Cast of Thousands! . . . ”

Cecile B. DeMille’s claim about filming “The Ten Commandments” (“Years in the Making! Cast of Thousands!”) could seem to characterize the time it is taking for us to update our ten-year-old Watershed Plan. We began over a year ago and have involved many, many members of this community, lots of meetings and plenty of thoughtful consideration. However, the end is *almost* in sight and includes some back-and-forth between us and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

PLWF’s draft was forwarded to DEQ in early December for their comments and editorial recom-

mendations. We don’t expect to hear back from them until late February after which it is our turn to review *their* notes. Then, the draft will be sent back to *them* for final review. Although the entire review process may strike some as being overly persnickety we are confident that the efforts put into this update will be well worth it. Thank goodness we weren’t making a movie!

The “Ten Commandments” cost nearly \$12,000,000. The set for the production was the largest ever built for a movie. All of the 15,000 animals used were real and there were at least 14,000 extras.

PLWF Annual Meeting

The PLWF group held its annual meeting on last month at the Portage Point Inn. Elections were held (results follow), food was eaten, beverages were consumed and a hard-fought game of Jeopardy was played. Bee Capper, who devised the game, played Alex Trebek. Her ‘answers’ flummoxed those in attendance; even Mary Reed was stumped. There were no winners but everyone had a good time.

2019 Election Results

Chair—Mary Reed
 Vice Chair— Ted Lawrence
 Treasurer—Jim Simons
 Secretary—Kathy Ervin
 Membership—Ted Lawrence
 Past Chair—Al Taylor

The **purpose** of PLWF is to engage all interests in the community . . . to ensure the wise use and enjoyment of the Portage Lake watershed for present and future generations

Council meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in the Farr Center. Everyone is invited/encouraged to attend.

Hemlock Wooly Adeligid (HWA)



You probably already know that *Hemlock*, a notably shade-tolerant, long-lived species, is an important resource for wildlife and plays an integral role in many ecological processes in forests. Dense hemlock canopies provide

deep shade, critical winter cover, food and habitat for *several* bird and mammal *species*.

The health of these trees is being threatened by Hemlock Wooly Adeligid (HWA) which have been on Michigan's "most Wanted" list for years. This invasive forest insect has killed hundreds of thousands of hemlocks (*Tsuga canadensis*) in eastern states. It threatens more than 170 million hemlock trees in Michigan forests, and if not con-



trolled, it will also kill hemlock trees in landscapes.

Hemlock wooly adelgids are tiny insects, less than 1/16 inch (1.5 mm) long, and typically a dark reddish brown or purplish black. They feed at the bases of hemlock needles, where the needles attach to the woody shoots. As the adelgids feed, they secrete white, fluffy strands of wax from pores on their body. This wax — called "ovisacs" is most obvious from late fall to early summer, especially on the undersides of shoots.

At this point, the Grand Traverse Conservation District (GTCD) and its program, Michigan Invasive Species Network (MISN) are seeking permission to survey North Point Park and Glen Park to determine if HWA is present. However, if you have hemlocks on your property, periodically check the shoots for evidence of HWA. If you suspect a tree may be infested, please collect digital images of infested shoots and the tree(s). Also, be sure to note the location of the affected tree(s). Contact Katie Grzesiak (kgresiak@gtcd.org) or the MISN at 231-941-0960.



PLWF Membership

As a member of Portage Lake Watershed Forever (PLWF), you join an active community of individuals, businesses, community groups, and local governments to protect, enhance and celebrate Portage Lake and its watershed. Please continue your support by becoming a member or renewing your membership by going online to portagelakewatershed.com/donate. Remember that your donations are **tax deductible** to the maximum extent of the law.



DO YOU LOVE THE FIREWORKS AT ONEKAMA DAYS?

The cost of putting on the show has gone up and donations have gone down. The PLA has lost some of the other sponsors and is considering whether to cancel the display all together. Vote with your donations!

Note from the Editor:

Love the newsletter? Have ideas to improve it? Ideas for the "Person you should know" feature? Feel free to send them my way- planewsed@gmail.com. *Jean Capper*



4850 MAIN ST. UPDATE

Yellow Dog will be closed from 1/27 to 4/3. Look for something new coming in April in the empty store front.

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- Petunia Planting
- Concerts in the Park
- Fireworks
- Scholarship Fund
- Other _____

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