



# NEWSLETTER

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## *Portage Lake Association President's Letter April 2013*

Spring is here and summer is soon to be upon us. We had quite a February, with over 55" of snow, most of which will help the lake levels. The Portage Lake Association continues to work and prepare for upcoming events. This is our busiest time of year and we utilize over 300 volunteers for the upcoming spring and summer events. The Petunia volunteers are getting ready to start their efforts and get Main Street planted for summer. **June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013**, is the date of our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund Raiser. Mark the date and plan to attend for a fun-filled evening. We are looking at some new ideas to add to the event, and may have some on-line auctions for those that cannot attend the event. Our Monday Night Concert series is set, and it promises to be a good series. We have also increased our participation with the Onekama Lions and are working with them on several Onekama Days events, including a fife and drum band for the parade and the spectacular fireworks. We also plan to have our Pig Out for Scholarships Pig Roast on August 2<sup>nd</sup> along with a beer tasting at the fairgrounds. All of these events will have more details on the [www.onekama.info](http://www.onekama.info) web site and stay in touch with us via our two FaceBook pages - 1. Onekama Michigan and the Portage Lake Association.

You will also see more changes to the web site, with expanded access to events both locally and in the region. In fact, if you go to the web site and look at the homepage, you will see a section for regional events and if you go there, you can see what is happening in Traverse City, Leland, Cadillac, Manistee, Ludington and other nearby locations. You will also see a new section for Onekama Days; and we will have up to date fishing reports available from the DNR as well as the Manistee County Sports Fishing Association. Both the regional events and the fishing report section have been popular pages visited since we added them in 2012. Also there will be added a section under the township page for the Portage Lake Harbor Commission reports including updates on the dredging and harbor repairs.

PLA members will receive a presidents letter in the mail in the next month that will include a ballot for Citizen of the Year voting, a Monday Night Concert in the Park Program Card, a Petunia donation envelope, fundraiser event order form and a membership renewal. If you are not already a PLA member, a form is included in this newsletter. Join and be part of the fun!

*Enjoy the newsletter, and I hope to see everyone at our many community events!*



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***Portage Lake Association***  
***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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*I am a New Member* \_\_\_\_\_ *I am a Renewing Member* \_\_\_\_\_ *I would like to volunteer, please contact me* \_\_\_\_\_

***Make checks payable to: Portage Lake Association • \$30 for one year family membership***  
***Mail Payments to: Portage Lake Association, P.O. Box 493, Onekama, MI 49675***

## VILLAGE INFORMATION and NEWS

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CLERK – Ruth Hudson - TREASURER Nikki Jach

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**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETS 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Farr Center

**Remaining 2013 meeting dates:** April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18. Meetings are subject to change with notice.

**NEW ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** We are pleased to welcome our new Zoning Administrator, **Bob Hall**. He has considerable experience and is currently working with other communities as well as ours. Bob's hours are Wednesday 9 am to 2 pm. Some of Bob's responsibilities include working with an Ad Hoc zoning ordinance committee where his vast experience will be extremely helpful. Welcome Bob!

**FARR CENTER** It's never too early to think about special events like reunions, graduations, birthday parties etc. so remember that the Farr Center is available to you when you need it. As this is a community building, there is no charge for meetings and events for Jr. Clio, Onekama Guild, Portage Lake Garden Club, PLA, Senior Lunch, school related activities and governmental meetings. We are also available for various other meetings. Please see our Village Clerk Ruth Hudson. Below are the current rental rates:

*1-30 persons - \$55.00*

*31-75 persons - \$80.00*

*76-100 persons - \$130.00*

### VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS and their COMMITTEE assignments

*Rod Hudson, President*

*Rudi Milasich, President Pro-Tem*

*Ralph Drumm, Street Administrator*

*Streets: Drumm and Roger Burger*

*Sewer: Rod Hudson, Rick Gulch and Wayne Miller*

*Farr Center: Alice Hendricks, Drumm and Miller*

*Parks: Drumm, Gulch and Miller*

*Cemetery: Burger*

*Community Parks and Recreation: Burger*

*Personnel: Hudson, Hendricks and Milasich*

### LAKE SHORE CARE

Portage Lake is very important to our community. While gardening weather is a bit in the future, consider seriously these suggestions about the **care and maintenance of property on the lake shore...** living by the water carries a responsibility.

It is in the best interest of a lake shoreline to keep it natural. Cutting grasses and aquatic plants depletes the natural screening of toxins that enter the water and invite unwanted waterfowl to the property.

Listed below are some reminders of how you can help keep our lake clean:

*Plant low maintenance native trees/shrubs to reduce erosion and absorb runoff; prune trees - don't remove them; keep solid surfaces to a minimum (use porous materials for walks and drives)*

*Redirect runoff away from the water's edge; leave grass about 3" high (it retains moisture)*

*Start a buffer – leave some grass uncut and unfertilized along the water's edge*

*Soften or naturalize your shoreline with grasses, aquatic plants, deep rooting native plants; let imported sand erode away naturally and allow native plants to establish*

*Consider a pipe, cantilever or floating dock; avoid treated wood*

*Properly maintain your septic system*

*Baking soda and vinegar are great cleaning products.*

**Those of us who do not live on the lake** - we have a responsibility as well!! Consider the fertilizer you use on your lawn, and what ends up on your driveway from your automobile, snow mobile, lawn mower etc.... it could be a pollutant! We all need to take care of our valuable resource- our lake water!!



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The  
Two-Lake  
Town

## ONEKAMA FITNESS CLASSES - SPRING SESSION

*Spring 2013 Onekama Consolidated Schools Continuing Education Fitness classes begin Monday, April 1.*

\* Zumba will be offered for the first time in Onekama. So "Ditch the Workout and Join the Party." If you like Latin beats and having fun in your workout, Zumba is the ticket. Two classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. and again from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m.

\* The popular Indoor Cycling classes continue and meet Monday, Wednesday and Tuesday, Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For those who like to see some terrain, Indoor Video cycling meets each Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Destinations include tropical islands, national parks and other scenic areas.

\* Back by popular demand, Power 60 is designed for those who want to workout early. It consists of indoor cycling, running, and core strength training in interval format to heart pumping music. Fitness trainers call this the fastest 60 minutes of your day. Power 60 meets Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 a.m.

\* If core strengthening is your goal, Core Value is the class. It incorporates core strength training, balance practice, agility and light cardio for an overall effective yet not so strenuous workout on Monday and Wednesday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

*Please call Mary Bergren at Onekama Schools at 889-4251 to reserve your place in our fitness classes.*

## GREAT LAKES FISHING CLASS BEGINS IN ONEKAMA

The annual Great Lakes Fishing Class with once again be coordinated by Manistee County Sports Fishing Association members and will begin Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Onekama Consolidated Schools. The first session will feature a state of the fishery presentation by Mark Tornello of the DNR, a report on the status of harbors and information on early spring trolling by Capt. Mark Chamura.

April 17, Chad Brady will discuss stream, steelhead, pier and shoreline fishing. Capt. Craig Kent will provide tips on maximizing small boat speed.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct courtesy boat checks on April 24<sup>th</sup> with a fish preparation presentation by Dan Zartarga and Bob Randall.

On May 1 a lure demonstration will be held, and on May 8 Scott Heintzelman of the DNR will provide tips for fishing Manistee County inland lakes.

*Cost of the five session class is \$30.*

*All ages welcome.*

***Call 231-645-9056 to enroll!***

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

It is once again time to make your nominations for Citizen of the Year. This award is given each year at the annual PLA fundraiser dinner (June 22 this year) to recognize a person, or group of people, for their outstanding contribution to the Onekama/Portage Lake Community.

Nominations are accepted from any member of the community. Nominations must include the person(s) or group's name with a specific explanation of their contribution to the community. Deadline for submitting nominations is April 27<sup>th</sup> and should be sent to:

Citizen of the Year  
c/o Portage Lake Association  
PO Box 493, Onekama, MI 49675  
or [mpunches@charter.net](mailto:mpunches@charter.net)



Once the nominations have been compiled, a winner will be selected by the PLA membership, with the award presented at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> fundraiser dinner. This is your chance to give recognition to those who give back to their community to improve the quality of life for all of us. Let's **all** take this opportunity.



Nomination for Citizen of the Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions to the Onekama/Portage Lake Community: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Portage Lake Garden Club News

The Portage Lake Garden Club begins its 78th season on June 13th with a noon lunch meeting at the Farr Center. The luncheon will be catered by the Manistee Community Kitchen and will offer members and guests a chance to revive friendships and make new ones. The Club's theme for this year is **Passionate about Plants**.

The group meets the **2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 1:00pm** at the Farr Center, unless otherwise noted. New members and guests are welcome. Upcoming programs include:

**June 27 - Tips for Creating Beautiful Planters**. Teri Schmidt, co-owner of Pleasanton Valley Greenhouses, will share ideas for creating stunning planters.

**July 11 - Proper Use of Pesticides**. Monte Mayes, Ph.D., retired scientist from the Dow Chemical Company, will present a program on the proper use of common garden pesticides. Dr. Mayes is an expert in environmental toxicology and has over 50 professional publications.

**July 25 - Gorgeous Grasses**. Di Rau of Betsie River Centennial Lily Farm will give a primer about using ornamental grasses to enhance the landscape.

**August 8 - Preparing for a Flower Show**. Joan Wiperman, Club member and Master Flower Show Judge, will discuss how to prepare for and participate in a flower show.

**August 22 - Delightful Dahlias & Gardens in Arcadia**. We will meet at the home of a dahlia lover, Skip Gingrich. Take a short drive to Arcadia to see a riot of color among the 400 plus dahlias representing 100 different varieties. Our host will discuss how to grow and care for these beautiful plants. Next that day we will head to Nina Mayes' garden for a tour, a business meeting and refreshments. Ms. Mayes is a Master Gardener who is passionate about plants and enjoys painting as a hobby. Her garden reflects an artist's eye for color and texture and features a koi pond, delightful garden art and beautiful garden beds filled with daylilies, dahlias and other plants.

**September 5 - Proper Pruning: An optional Field Trip to Four Season Nursery**, 7557 Harry's Road, Traverse City (leave Onekama at 9:30 a.m.) Four Season Nursery is located three miles west of Traverse City. It has 40 acres in the rolling hills of Leelanau County with a large selection of Michigan native and non-native plants. The owner, Brian Zimmerman, a third-generation nurseryman, will give a presentation on proper pruning techniques. Then we will have a catered lunch at the nursery, followed by a tour highlighting unusual plants and a hands-on demonstration of pruning.

**September 12 - Season Wrap-up at an Energy-efficient Home**. 6:00pm at the home of Faye Backie and Steve Szilvayi. Bring your spouse and a favorite hors d'oeuvre to this award-winning, LEED certified, energy efficient home for an evening social. The group will reflect on the season past and gather ideas for the coming year.

For more information, see the web site: <http://www.onekama.info/portagelakegardenclub/index.html> or contact Margaret Punches, President, at 889-4306 or Leann Burger, Membership Chair, at 889-0026.



### SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY APRIL 26TH, 2013 ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

The Onekama Parks & Recreation Committee invites you and your neighbors to join us at North Point Park at 9AM on

April 26th to plant trees! Last year we had over 70 volunteers who planted. With that many volunteers, it doesn't take long and it's a great way to do something to benefit our community. Please join us for the fun.

As a thank you for your help, the Portage Lake Watershed will be giving a tree to all who would like one as a part of their "Plant a Tree for Water Quality" educational efforts. Trees conserve energy, reduce soil erosion, clean the air we breathe, and help protect our rivers and streams. Trees are such an important part of our environment. Literature on the benefits of trees will be available at the event.

To help us plan for the day, please call Jon Phillips (231-889-4516) or Howard Hughes (231-889-4559) and let them know that you plan to participate.

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### STATE OF THE LAKE

This will be our 5th year of treating invasive plant species in and around our lake. We will again be doing a spring and fall survey to determine the success of our program and to achieve an "early detection/ rapid response" to any new invasives. This year we will be working with a new lake manager Bre Grabill from Professional Lake Management (PLM). We have had several years of experience with this company as our applicator and we look forward to working with them as our lake manager. We are confident that the quality of their work will meet our high standards.

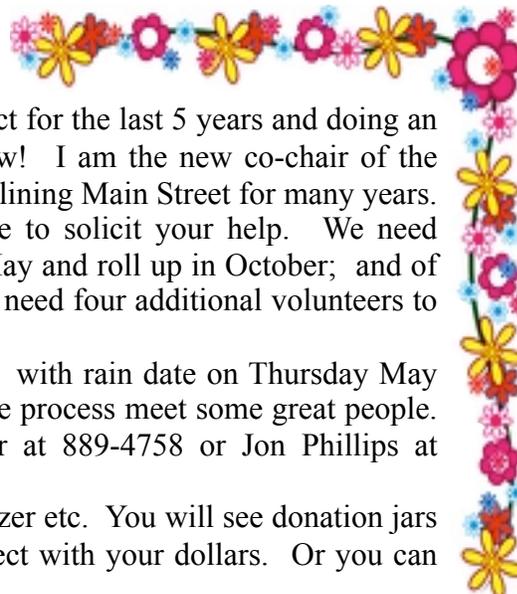
Eurasian water milfoil remains our biggest concern. Last year we did an evaluation study using different agents and concentrations. The success will be evaluated after the 2013 spring survey. We have had some surprises in the past with the discovery of the deep water, hybrid milfoil. It is hard to anticipate what to expect from last year's low water levels and high temperatures. If necessary, we will collect the final year of the SAD with the 2013 winter taxes. Intensive water monitoring will continue to immediately identify any changes that may threaten the quality of our water.

The **Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network** has recently been formed and we look forward to working with them. This organization covers the 4 counties of Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Manistee and brings organizations with similar goals together in these areas. A grant was received in 2012 and the project will target phragmites, Japanese knotweed and garlic mustard on over 3000 acres of public and private land. Their focus is to map the location of these invasives and increase awareness of residents regarding their impact on our environment. Continued monitoring of currently treated areas will be ongoing in addition to identifying any new threats.

Mary Reed, Chair, Invasive Species Committee

### PETUNIA PARADE

*Submitted by Jon Phillips*



A big thank you to Tammy Messner for being co-chair of this project for the last 5 years and doing an outstanding job for our community. She sure is a tough act to follow! I am the new co-chair of the Onekama Petunia Parade. As you know we have had beautiful flowers lining Main Street for many years. Because this flower project is all done by volunteers, we would like to solicit your help. We need committee members (only two meetings a year); people to plant in May and roll up in October; and of course people to water. Watering people work in teams of two and we need four additional volunteers to complete the teams for this year.

This year's **planting day is scheduled for Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>** with rain date on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us to help beautify the Onekama community and in the process meet some great people. To volunteer, or answer any questions, call co-chair Marilyn Acker at 889-4758 or Jon Phillips at 889-4516. Jon's email is [jphillips2939@gmail.com](mailto:jphillips2939@gmail.com).

We also need donations to purchase the petunias, weed killer, fertilizer etc. You will see donation jars in businesses around town to make it convenient to support this project with your dollars. Or you can print the attached form to mail your donation to the PLA.



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### PETUNIA PARADE 2013

*Yes, I want to contribute to this annual event to beautify Onekama!*

**My contribution amount enclosed is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please address your own envelope and Mail your contribution and this form to:  
PLA, PO Box 493, Onekama, MI 49675-0493*



## LIVING WITH CRITTERS AND PESTS

By Al Schroeder

I am the owner and operator of A.B.S. Wildlife Control Service out of Arcadia. I've been doing animal control and removal work in the West Michigan area for 6 years now. I handle everything from moles to coyotes. The PLA asked if I would be willing to write an article about pest control in our area, with focus on what individuals can do to prevent pest invasion and damage.

In this article I'm going to explain about the animals in our community and how we can co-exist with them. It doesn't matter whether you live- in the city or in a rural setting... animals are everywhere. The thing we have to know is - how do we live with them? What can we do, what we shouldn't do, and where do we draw the line?

Animals need food, shelter and water to survive and raise their young. Once we realize that we are providing the critters some or all of these things, we either live with the critters or we need to change the environment so they no longer are pests. Let's talk about the common pests in the area and how to recognize them and/or what they do.

Top of the list of complaints are skunks. They are a pretty basic animal and most of us are aware of their smell. Skunks can be a nuisance for a number of reasons. Most of us know someone who has had a pet sprayed by a skunk. It is a bad experience for the owner and the pet. Another reason skunks are a nuisance is the fact that if they want to live under our decks, sheds or under our houses. If this happens, we need to remove these animals and seal up the entries so no other skunks can get back in. Another problem with skunks is the "grubbing" in the yards that makes the yard look awful. Raccoons are another critter that digs in the yards. Both these animals are looking for food. If you see little like "firecracker" holes in your grass, this is usually skunks. If you see whole chunks of turf pulled up, this is raccoons. Worms and grubs are one of the favorite foods of both these animals. Putting an insect control pesticide on our yards to reduce the grubs is a start in the battle to keep your yards looking good. Be sure that you do this at the right time - check with a lawn specialist for what and when to apply.

Next on the list would be raccoons. They can cause great damage inside and outside the house. They look for open entries into houses or sheds like chimneys or vent areas. Once inside the attic, they will make toilet areas and you cannot mistake the piles of feces that raccoons leave. If they have been inside for a long period of time you will have to have a professional cleaning service come out and do a clean-out. Raccoons carry nasty diseases, one of which is Round Ringworms. This is very contagious bug that can be transferred to humans. Raccoons get into houses to winter or to have their babies. If they are in your attic you will hear them as they are pretty vocal little animals. They are cute, but don't be fooled. They are still wild animals, and mother will protect her babies. Don't try and get them out yourself. Unless you're qualified in handling angry mommas, get someone to come and do it for you. Once you get them out, you have to make sure to seal up their entry so they don't come back again.

Another problem animal is squirrels. They can wreak havoc if they get inside the walls of your home. The noise you hear in your walls at night most times is either squirrels or chipmunks. If they can find a way into your house, they will. Once inside they will store food, raise a family and make your nights miserable. Once squirrels have taking up residence in your home, you must get them out before sealing up their entries. Sealing up the house with any animal still inside is going to be bad for the animal and bad for the home owner.

Other pests in the area are moles, chipmunks, mice, bats and black bears. Common signs of their presence are tunnels in the yard (moles), wood trim and door seals chewed through (mice and chipmunks), bird feeders and garbage cans broken into and torn apart (bears and raccoons) and feces in the yard or in your house. Noises are another clue. For example, scratching in the walls could be mice, squirrels, rats or some other animals. If you hear chirping with the scratching, you could have a family of raccoons or squirrels in the walls and ceiling. Bats make noises, mostly during the day on warm summer days. All of these animals are looking for food, shelter, water or nesting areas.

So, in summary, if you remove the item(s) that attract the pests to your yard or house, you have a better chance of living with them but not living with the damage and problems they cause. If you have bird feeders out in your yard, you are giving the raccoons, bears and squirrels food. Take your feeders down in the spring and summer time. When bears are migrating through the area in early spring and late fall, take your feeders down at night. Make sure your attic vents, chimneys and crawl spaces are adequately covered to prevent access. Put grub control on your lawn at the right time to prevent skunk and raccoon lawn damage. Be sure your weather stripping along doors is good, and that you protect furnace and other vents so mice don't find their way into your house. Keep your bird food sealed in your garage. Doing these things will go a long way to preventing pest problems and all of these can be done by the homeowner. If all else fails, call a registered pest control person and they can help remove the pests and help you understand how to prevent a recurrence of the problem. A.B.S. Wildlife Control can be reached at 231-889-7029 or visit the website at [www.manisteewildlifecontrol.com](http://www.manisteewildlifecontrol.com)

### PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED FOREVER

The watershed council has been busy this winter developing plans for 2013. ciBioBase equipment was evaluated and approved for purchase and will be used this summer to provide us with the most updated technology to monitor plant location and density. We will be coordinating the data we obtain with our equipment with the ciBioBase data from the lake manager's surveys. This will give us an ongoing look at our lake plant location and densities throughout the growing season. We are enthusiastic about working together with our new lake manager to optimize the benefits of this new equipment and technology.

The council continues to work on developing educational events for this summer and programs about what's happening in our watershed. Be sure to watch for information as we prepare for our annual fundraiser!

## ONEKAMA MARINE, INC. 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY !



The year was 1963 when Onekama Marine was officially incorporated. The Mrozinski family from Holland, Michigan began building its business which today consists of (4) on water marinas; three on beautiful Portage Lake and one on the River in nearby Manistee. Additionally an LLC called Lake Michigan Yacht Sales (LMYS) is located at Bay Harbor in Petoskey run by Jim's son Matt who is third generation and manages a marine store and sells boats at that location. Onekama Marine has been proud to service the people of Portage Lake and Lake Michigan for the last Half Century and is the oldest continually operating family owned marina on the Great Lakes!

In 2005 Onekama Marine was awarded a "Top 100 Dealer" rating of all marinas in the United States. With 642 marinas in competition, they were amazed to be awarded #66 in the standings. This award is based upon business ethics, customer satisfaction surveys and testimony, community involvement, support of local youth and leadership in the marine field. This annual award is an honor in the boat business.

The Mrozinski family have been boaters from their beginning and in the 70's even manufactured a 22' sailboat called "The Portager". All members of the family had boat building and repair experience. In the early days, local farmers brought farm implements to the marina for either fiberglass or welding repairs on a regular basis. As the business grew, jobs were created and the marina's reputation began. Onekama Marine feels fortunate to have located in an area where boating has grown steadily and where local residents have supported its growth. Many "Old Friends" of Portage are now 3<sup>rd</sup> generation customers and still trust their boats to Onekama Marine.

Additionally the management feels fortunate to have assembled an outstanding group of service personnel with technicians attending service schools each year. The professional office and yard staff places strong emphasis on customer satisfaction and outstanding service. Most customers are on first name basis and all are sincerely appreciated by the personnel of Onekama Marine. Employees have been a key to the marina's success and work as a team. Onekama Marine feels it has the finest group of marine professionals in the area and are fortunate to have these skilled members in its family.

Over the years Onekama Marine has sold several different boat brands and can service any marine engine, transmission or outboard currently in use. They offer all services and products required to keep your boat running smoothly and have facilities to summer dock over 200 boats while winter storing over 350 boats in their (11) storage buildings.

Onekama Marine strongly supports area schools, local youth and participate in community events and various citizens organizations. They were instrumental in the formation of the Portage Lake Association. The Onekama Marine Scholarship Fund (for High School students) was established nine years ago. This progressive scholarship is run through West Shore Community College and supports students from our area. They are proud to give back to the community through this scholarship. In addition they support a program for the blind children of Michigan featuring education, outings and camping events.

Over the years Onekama Marine has participated in boat shows from Ludington and Traverse City to Manistee, and even in Florida, selling quality products to quality customers. Currently they are representing the fine lines of Premier Pontoon Boats and Evinrude motors as well as Riviera Yachts (built in Australia) and Rampage Sport Fishing Yachts manufactured in Wisconsin.

With over (20) employees Onekama Marine and Lake Michigan Yacht Sales are proud to provide jobs in the beautiful towns of Onekama and Petoskey and to serve the coastline communities of Lake Michigan. They appreciate the opportunity to serve their boating customers in our area. As they carry on their business, they look forward to new generations of marina operations and preserving their history of providing the finest service and products to the boaters of Onekama and Coastline of Lake Michigan!

You are invited to stop in to see them this summer and to celebrate Onekama Marine's 50 Year Anniversary!



**Don't Miss!!!**  
**Bye Bye Birdie**  
at Onekama School Cafetorium  
April 19, 20 and 21

The Onekama/Bear Lake/KND Co-Operative Drama Program is busy getting ready to bring down the house with their production of Bye Bye Birdie! This classic musical, featuring memorable songs like "Put On A Happy Face" and "Kids," will be performed at the Onekama School Cafetorium on April 19th and 20th at 7:30pm, and on April 21st at 2pm.

The cast includes many familiar faces, such as sophomore Tucker Laws as Albert Peterson and senior Claire Harvey as Rose Alvarez. There are also several fresh faces in this year's production, including junior Alex Barto as the hilarious Mr. MacAfee and senior Andres Salazar as the rockstar Conrad Birdie.

Tickets will be sold at the door and in advance at each high school office during the week before the show. This is going to be one production you won't want to miss!



Portage Lake Association

Summer 2013

MONDAY NIGHT

# Concerts in the Park

- July 1** **Jim Hawley**  
Pop, Light Rock and Patriotic Music
- July 8** **Madcat Midnight Blues Journey**  
Blues-Jazz quartet, featuring Grammy-winner Peter 'Madcat' Ruth on Harmonica
- July 15** **True Falsettos**  
Hot Jazz and Swing Styles of the 30's and 40's
- July 22** **Cherry Blossom Ramblers - Family Band** with Gospel Songs you will Love!
- July 29** **Drive South - Mary Sue Wilkinson and Roger Brown** play American Roots Music
- Aug. 5** **The Nephews**  
Michigan Folk Music from Local Favorites
- Aug. 12** **An Dro - World Music** blending traditional and original melodies.
- Aug. 19** **Waterline**  
60s and 70's Rock and the Band's Originals

All concerts are in the **Onekama Village Park**.  
Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. and are free to the public.

Donations are welcome and encouraged (watch for the Bucket Brigade).

Bring lawn chairs, or blankets, picnic baskets, children, etc.

For more information on each band, visit our Website at

[www.onekama.info](http://www.onekama.info) or our Facebook pages at 1,  
Onekama, MI and Portage Lake Association  
near the concert date.



## ONEKAMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Onekama High School will graduate a class of 30 on Sunday, May 19, 2013.

The commencement ceremony will begin at 2:00pm and will feature the Onekama High School Band.

The graduates are as follows: Emily Barnard, Elizabeth Bergren, Emily Bergren, Brandon Bohannon, John Curtin, Joseph Eno, Kaylan Fitch, Jessa Gauthier, Austin Greiner, Claire Harvey, Derek Hobart, Sierra Hull, Ashley Irwin, Josh Jacobs, Martina Karlsdotter, Amelia Kmiecik, Kelly Koon, Sarah Macpherson, Quinn Matthews, Austin Olson, Diego Ponce, Bryce Reckow, Jessica Roider, Andres Salazar, Mikayla Sandberg, Emalee Schultz, Parker Sternberger, Wyatt Szpliet, Ziyi "CoCo" Wang, and Hunter Wilburn. Becky Cunningham and Curtis McKenney, students in the ASM Tech program at West Shore Community College, will also walk with the Class of 2013.

**Class Colors: Purple and Silver**

**Class Flower: White Rose**

**Class Song: "Daylight"- Maroon 5**

**Class Quote: "Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."**

**- Robert Brault**



The valedictorians for the Class of 2013 are *Emily Barnard, Elizabeth Bergren, and Claire Harvey*.  
The salutatorians are *Kelly Koon and Kaylan Fitch*.

The class advisors are *Scott McKenney, Karry Gauthier, and Nikki Torrey*.



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