



NEWS, EVENTS, & MORE FROM ONEKAMA, MICHIGAN

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President's Letter

I know it is summer when I hear the Whippoorwill outside my window every night, see the Petunias lining Main Street in the Village or take my lawn chair down to the Village Park to enjoy a great night of music at the Monday Night Concerts in the Park.

Onekama has been a very busy place over the winter and spring. After a great deal of hard work by the Portage Lake Harbor Commission, the channel revetment project has begun. The Portage Lake Garden Club is restoring the historic fountain in the Village Park. The Portage Lake Watershed has received a SAW Grant from the MDEQ to develop a storm water management plan. The Portage Lake Association, and its many volunteers, planted 4,000 petunias. Near and Farr Friends closed out another great schedule of spring events resuming their activities in the fall. Onekama Marine hosted the Annual Shake Down Tournament and look for the new Flower Planters within the Village. They are beautiful.

All of our local restaurants; The Glenwood, One Kama Mama, Shirley's, M-22 Grill (who just celebrated their 5th year anniversary), Yellow Dog, Blue Slipper (reopened under new management), and Papa J's (who doesn't love ice cream in the Summer) are busy.

The Portage Lake Association also hosted a Potluck Picnic for all their members to thank them for all their support throughout the years. Our Annual Meeting was also held on June 18th at the picnic. There were approximately 110 people who attended. The hot dogs and brats were provided by the PLA, purchased at EZ Market (brats made fresh at EZ Market) and grilled by Papa J's. Everyone brought a dish or dessert to pass and the food was great! People enjoyed the comradery, good food and great music. A special thanks to EZ Market, Papa J's and also the PLA volunteers who made this a great picnic – Mary Jo McElroy, Dawn and Greg Bower, Bee Capper, Al Taylor, and Rich and Julie Lapinski.

During the Annual Meeting, the Portage Lake Association awarded the 2018 Distinguished Individual Award to Doug Callaway, the 2018 Distinguished Business Award to EZ Market, and the 2018 Distinguished Service Award to the Portage Lake Harbor Commission. Congratulations to all. Well deserved!

We have two great events to look forward to this summer. Please mark your calendar for Monday Night Concerts in the Park starting June 25th through August 13th and Onekama Days August 3-6th.

Businesses in Onekama will again bring you the 2nd Annual Block Party held on Thursday, July 5th. You don't want to miss it!

I hope to see you at all during the summer.

Have a Great Summer!

Julie Lapinski,
Portage Lake Association, President

Petunia Parade Celebrates 25 Years in Bloom

by Bonnie Garbrecht

Volunteers turned out in force on May 23 to begin the transformation of Onekama's Main Street from blah to beautiful with the planting of 4,000 petunias.

"The blooming petunias are always beautiful," said long-time committee member, Tammy Messner, "but what is even more beautiful for me is seeing all those volunteers digging in the dirt on a chilly spring morning. We can't thank them enough for showing up and making what could be an arduous task a fun one."

This twenty-five year strong tradition in Onekama is overseen by a twelve-member committee under the auspices of the Portage Lake Association. Of course it couldn't happen without donors and vendors making significant contributions as well. Larsen Landscaping's in-kind donation of tilling, raking, and providing weed control makes planting much easier for all involved.

While petunias line the north side of the street, beautiful new planters adorn the south side at strategic spots this year thanks, in large part, to donations made to the "Kim Matthews Memorial Fund."

An avid gardener, Kim passed away unexpectedly on February 5, 2016 at the age of 57. The PLA Petunia Parade Committee was deeply humbled to be the recipient of monetary gifts made in her honor, and wishes to thank her husband, Gerry and family for making this addition to the "parade route" possible.

Speaking of parades, special 25th Anniversary activities will include a Silver Car for Petunia Parade Honorees and a special Silver Anniversary Banner in this year's Onekama Days Grand Parade on Sunday, August 5.

Special 25th Anniversary T-shirts have been designed for the occasion, and may be ordered through Anchored Designs in downtown Onekama. Available in uni-sex sizes from S-3X, the shirts cost from \$14.84 to \$16.96 depending upon the size. Call Ashlie at 231-889-0035 to order yours today.

Everyone who has ever been involved in the Petunia Parade is invited to show up on the Village Park on Sunday, August 5 at 12:30 pm for a group picture and to walk behind the banner-festooned water cart and silver car in the parade. Refreshments and special recognitions will occur at the Fair Grounds following the parade.



HOLD THE DATE!!

Join the Petunia Parade Committee as they walk in the Onekama Days parade on Sunday, August 5, 2018. Meet at the Onekama Village Park at 12 noon for a group photo. A short reception with refreshments after the parade at Manistee County Fairgrounds.

All volunteers, donors, and vendors are welcome!

Petunia Parade 25th Anniversary T-shirt



Unisex Royal Blue T-Shirt with silver anniversary pocket size logo. Size Small-3xl (add \$2.00 for size 2xl-3xl) \$14.00+tax

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Qty:	Size: (S-XL \$14.84 & 2XL-3XL \$16.96)	Total:

Drop form off to Anchored Designs downtown Onekama or mail with payment to: Anchored Designs

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Onekama, Michigan 49675

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SUMMARY of the PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION June 21, 2018

Simons reported that the Lake Manager surveyed the lake on June 19, 2018 and also at that time treated milfoil in the Easy Street area. Jim also said that the Township is testing additional areas of Portage Lake for e-coli this year. English passed out reports, from the Michigan Outdoor News, that addressed the grass carp and the bigheaded and silver carp issues concerning the Great Lakes. Grass Carp have been found in Lake Erie and its tributaries. Five bighead or silver carp have been found in the Great Lakes system. Three fish were found in Lake Erie and two in tributaries with access to southern Lake Michigan. Indiana has constructed an earthen berm at the 756 acre Eagle Marsh which allows water flow but hinders carp movement. The article also stated that carp require rich sources of nutrients, and the closer the fish get to metropolitan Chicago the cleaner – and less hospitable they'll find the waters. At the present time the carp are being harvested for dog food and fertilizer. Burger reported that over Memorial Day weekend there was a boat wash in the Village park launch area. The bathrooms are complete except for floor coating, partitions and faucets, but they are open and may be used. The Village has also begun e-coli testing at the swim beach. Brooks reported that the work on the channel is progressing smoothly and they are working from 7:00am to 7:00pm Monday thru Friday. May reported that the Corps has received an additional appropriation of \$52 million which means they received \$158 million this year. This additional money was used for 24 harbors with 20 of these being recreational harbors. Blue reported that Vince Magnini and Felicia Fairchild, of the Michigan Port Collaborative, met with local people on May 14th. They were impressed with the response to their survey. There were 1,300 responses to a local survey that

Work continues on the channel. Dredging is in progress.

helped in completing the MPC survey. Denny said that the number 1 priority was a streetscape for Onekama. He also said that this year there are 50 cruise ships operating on the Great Lakes and next year they expect an additional 18. These ships carry 20 to 400 passengers. Blue believes these ships will be an asset to the economy of the Great Lakes and could benefit Onekama in the future. The MPA people will be revisiting Onekama in the near future. Jim reported that the lighthouse base, at the DNR launch site, is in need of painting. It was suggested that we have a work session to take care of this problem. He also reviewed the recent PLA meeting where the Harbor Commission was awarded the Distinguished Organization Service Award for our work on obtaining funding for the rebuilding of the Portage Lake Channel Structure with improvements.

ATTENTION MICHIGAN BOATERS!

The Onekama Harbor Commission, in conjunction with the Michigan Port Collaborative and the Institute for Service Research would like your help. Money allocation to the Michigan Harbor system will be more and more determined by the economic impact the investment has on the entire community and not just marinas and charter fishing. Visiting our harbors also impacts lodging, dining, shopping and other activities. Have you visited a Michigan port/harbor community in the past two years? If so, will you please take 5 minutes to complete this survey needed for our economic impact study? Thank you for your help!

Al Taylor

Past President, Portage Lake Association

Use this link to get to the survey:

https://isrteam.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_djo45bpFulgWu2x



*Female Athletes of the Year:
Elizabeth Domres, Zoe Morley, Colleen McCarthy.
Male Athlete of the Year: Jacob Mauntler*



Finding the perfect summer view, one that conjures a sense of zen and relaxation, can be an exhausting challenge for even the most seasoned Michigan landscape hunter. At the Portage Point Inn Eddie's Pool & Beach Club, you'll be able to direct your energy and time toward rest and relaxation, not the stress of finding it.

With a brand new, saltwater, infinity edge pool that melts straight into the beautiful Portage Lake horizon, a saltwater bubbling spa, and our signature atmosphere, the only downside is not having found it earlier.

Here is the website for more information:

<http://www.portagepointresort.com/eddies-pool-beach-club/>

Men Dig Gardening and Art Coming Soon to a Garden Near You

While the Portage Lake Garden Club may have been considered a “women’s” club for many years, this year a new image is emerging. “We knew that there were many men in our area who create, plant, and maintain their own gardens,” says Faye Backie, former Club President of the fifty-plus member organization. “When we decided to host a garden walk this year after an eight year hiatus, we thought it would be great fun to feature some of these gardens, as well as some significant male artists in our area.”

And thus the idea for this year’s event took shape. Six local men have stepped forward to offer the community a glimpse of their gardens which are scattered in and around the Onekama and Portage Lake area. In addition to the Garden Clubs’s own butterfly, native plants, and rain gardens located behind Farr Center, the self-guided tour will include two gardens located off of Portage Point Drive, one near Red Park, two on Milarch Road, and one more in the village.

“The gardens are extremely diverse and interesting,” says Garden Walk Publicity Chair, Bonnie Garbrecht. “They include one garden 29 years in the making, another homeowner’s boggy spot turned into a garden featuring a unique water feature, a lush, shade-filled oasis with many unusual plant species and pieces of garden art on Andy’s Point, a lavender and herb labyrinth, and an unbelievably impressive fruit and vegetable garden.”

As if this were not enough, ticket-holders will also be able to enjoy the artwork of four prominent area artists during their tour: Jamey Barnard, Les Scruggs, Andrew Jagniecki, and Marty Kuriger will all have pieces on display that day. \$10 admission tickets for the 10 am to 4 pm event on Thursday, July 12, are available at the Yellow Dog Cafe, EZMarket, McBeth & Co., Goody’s Juice and Java in Manistee or at the Farr Center on the day of the event.

All proceeds will be used toward the PLGC’s big project of renovating the historical fountain in the Village Park.

For people not wanting to drive, Dial-A-Ride has generously agreed to dedicate one free bus to transport walk goers from site to site in a continuous loop from the Farr Center. Attendees are also invited to shop at the Unique Boutique featuring many items handcrafted by club members for this special occasion.

The PLGC, Inc. wishes to thank West Shore Bank and EZ Market for serving as major sponsors for this event as well as Pleasanton Valley Greenhouses, Onekama Hardware, Larsen’s Landscaping, and Jason Thompson Landscaping for helping to sponsor individual gardens.

PLA HONORS 2018 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

The Portage Lake Association has honored the hard work and efforts of The Onekama EZ Market, The Portage Lake Harbor Commission and Mr. Doug Callaway with their annual Distinguished Service Awards during the association's Annual Meeting and community picnic on June 18, 2018. The awards are meant to recognize the efforts of businesses, organizations and individuals whose efforts over time contribute to making Onekama a better place in which to live, work and play.

Mr. Doug Callaway received the Distinguished Individual Service Award. The award citation called him a quiet, behind-the-scenes worker on multiple projects throughout the Onekama community, freely giving of his time, expertise and equipment to accomplish things that have truly made the area *a better place in which to live, play and work*. A long-time resident of Onekama, his quiet volunteerism spans many years and many projects. His unselfish attitude and time commitment over the years reflect a deep and strong dedication to the community.

Blarney Castle's Onekama EZ Market was recognized with the 2018 Distinguished Business Award. Not only did the EZ Market come to the rescue when Onekama was without a grocery store, the new facility has brightened the community with a gleaming structure filled with a tremendous variety of items, many of which are necessities, but, also, many of which simply make our lives more enjoyable. Truly, everyone benefits from the new EZ Market whether they are a local who lives here year-round, a seasonal resident or a visitor to Onekama passing through on their way to other points.



The Portage Lake Association also chose to present a Distinguished Organization Service Award to the Portage Lake Harbor Commission which has been hard at work since 2007 to improve the channel connecting Portage Lake to Lake Michigan. Designated as a *Harbor of Refuge*, the channel into Portage Lake has been in need of dredging and repairs to its aging seawall. Recently the US Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$4.2M dollar contract to effect needed



repairs. It is estimated that this will have an \$18M dollar economic impact on the community. It is very likely that without the hard work of the Portage Lake Harbor Commission and their advocacy for these important projects, repairs to the channel might not have come to fruition. Members of the Portage Lake Harbor Commission are: Jim Mrozinski, Denny Blue, Chuck May, Roger Burger, Frank English, Jim Simons and Steve Brooks.



Open for play!

9 hole Putt Putt Golf at Pappa J's Ice Cream and Eatery. Just one more reason to enjoy summer in Onekama



CCPL Promotes Responsible Growth

When you think of Portage Lake and Onekama...what comes to mind? A one-of-a-kind lake with great recreational uses like beautiful sandy beaches, swimming, boating and fishing AND direct water access to Lake Michigan? Classic “up north” neighborhoods with family cottages and safe, quiet streets? The historic Portage Point Inn?

We think of all of these and want to protect and preserve all of what makes this area special. That’s why we formed **Concerned Citizens of Portage Lake (CCPL)**, a nonprofit group dedicated to protecting the water quality of Portage Lake and its surrounding watershed and to protecting the aesthetic quality of the community and neighborhoods around Portage Lake. Our group includes nearly 125 people who have made financial contributions to this important work. We believe growth in this unique and special area must be balanced in a way that:

1. **Protects Portage Lake**
2. **Preserves the Portage Point Neighborhood**
3. **Permits the Inn to be Improved and Updated**

We think **the Lake, the Neighborhood and the Inn are ALL important**. That’s why we hired environmental, planning, and appraisal experts and environmental attorneys who told us:

- The expanded marina, with its gas dock, will likely cause shoreline erosion, pollute the lake, pollute groundwater and near-shore soils, and pose a risk of damaging fuel spills.
- The project creates safety concerns on the narrow roads in the neighborhood, safety issues on the water due to increased boat traffic and shoreline wake action. It will interfere with recreational use of the west end of Portage Lake and fishing near the Portage Point Inn.
- The Boat Barn will endanger the wetlands on the Ballfields, particularly with light industrial uses.
- As a very large commercial building which exceeds existing zoning standards, the Boat Barn would be incompatible with the quiet, residential neighborhood and harm property owners and guests.
- The Inn has outstanding septic issues which should be addressed before further development.

We have shared these concerns extensively – with the Inn’s developer directly, with the Onekama Planning Commission and with Onekama Township officials. We had hoped that alternatives and modifications to the plan could help address our concerns. That did not happen. Because **once the marina is expanded and the boat barn is built, the damage to the Lake and to the Neighborhood will be irreparable, CCPL was forced to take legal action**. We do note that soon after filing our legal action, options to revise the plan and move the Boat Barn and the Boat Launch to a location on Andy’s Point near the public boat launch began to be explored. We have been waiting to hear the specifics.

Supporters of the developer’s plan for the Inn argue that in order to “save the Inn” we have to accept irreparable harm to Portage Lake and to the Portage Point Neighborhood. We say, let’s not settle for bad tradeoffs. We are ready and want to work on a plan which **1) Protects Portage Lake, 2) Preserves the Portage Point Neighborhood AND 3) Permits the Inn to be Improved and Updated**.

If you agree, please join nearly 125 of your neighbors who have already contributed to this important effort. We are a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Please mail your donation to CCPL, PO Box 323, Onekama, MI 49675.

Concerned Citizens of Portage Lake

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**Seventh grade students from
Onekama School gather on the porch
of the Portage Point Inn.**

Seventh graders visit the Portage Point Inn for high tea, as an extension to their study of the novel *The View From Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg. Upon arrival, students were greeted by Mariada Gezon, property manager for the Inn. Next, they were given a tour of the newly-renovated dining room, viewed historic photographs, and learned about the history of the Portage Point Inn from Jeff Sternberger. It was then time for tea, and a time to connect with their classmates in a new — and “novel” — way, with a beautiful backdrop on a gorgeous May afternoon.



McBeth’s IS NOT moving!

During the summer there will be a pop-up “McBeth Home” in the old EZ mart building.
Hours are anticipated to be on
Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

**VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
Summary of Draft Council
Meeting Minutes May 16, 2018**

The Village Tax Millage was set at 7.0. The Zoning report is on file with the clerk. Ken Burda has been re-appointed for a 3 year term, ending January 2021, as the chairperson of the Zoning Board of Directors. Alfred Reitman is appointed to the planning commission. Irrigation started May 1st and repairs have been made to #2 pivot at the sit4. 4985 Dock Street has been removed from the amount of sewer payments due, because the building is being taken down. The Village Streets have been swept with 9 truckloads of debris removed. The Village is waiting for reimbursement for the repair of the storm drain on Spring St. caused by a contractor for Charter. 3rd Street, north of the Catholic Church up to the village limit should start by the end of May. Work continues to upgrades to the bathhouse in the park and is coming in under budget. Received communication from the garden club with regard to the fountain project. They are asking the village for help with the maintenance and electricity. Village is asking for cost figures before committing. Becky Kline-(secretary) reported that they have \$1000.00 tagged to be used for upgrading of the water system in cemetery #1. She also reported that they have received complaints regarding the dead trees that need attention. Village is aware and will be setting money aside when it becomes available to address the trees in question.

NEW BUSINESS: -- Village can grant, at its discretion, a variance for requests during special events. The village council may solely, at their discretion, grant a variance of the time limits of this ordinance, for a specific event located at a designated village park or the Farr Center..

--Wendel Brooks. Very frustrated with the process of applying for a variance. He says the permitting process is broken. He offered to purchase the alley involved in the variance but no check was accepted or a decision made at this time. Council will research for the June meeting.

--Mr. & Mrs. Kalis/ordinance request. Seeking relief from the village for vacation rentals. Would like an ordinance created banning vacation rentals in the Village due to problems they have encountered with renters in homes next to them. This will be discussed under old business in June.



New to Onekama - Starting July 6th and happening the first Friday of the month from July to October. Located on M-22 next to Anchored Designs in the Village of Onekama.

Calling all crafters, flea marketers, artisans, musicians, growers, food vendors, anyone and everyone! Whether it is one time or the whole season, join us to grow our community by participating in an event that will bring people into our town

Contact Ashley at (231) 889-0035 or Bonnie at (231) 508-5008



Blarney Castle proceeds with demolition of the gas and diesel tanks, pumps and pipelines from the Spirit and EZ Mart locations in Onekama.

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.

**SUMMARY OF ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP
BOARD REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018, 9:00 AM**

Jeff Dontz updated the Board on the recent Planning Commission Meeting. Dontz also reported on Launch Manistee and the potential to working with the Manistee County Community Foundation.

June recorded 25 EMS runs (1 M.A. to Bear Lake), 5 Fire runs (1 M.A. to Bear Lake), 2 Meetings, 1 Fire/EMS Runs, and 1 Training. Congratulation to Matthew Erts for completing and passing the practical and written portions of fire testing. Matthew is now certified in Fire Fighter I & II. New Trauma Equipment has been received from Medical Control, and new protocols to be in place in July. The Department has surpassed 100 runs for 2018. Five pairs of Interior Boots have been received through the county-wide grant from Revenue Sharing. The Fire Department will be participating in the Block Party on July 5.

Ginny Martz reported that a motion for reconsideration on a final opinion and judgment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal on May 9th was filed. A week later notification was received from the Tribunal that the motion was denied. The 2018 Board of Review database was electronically submitted to the State on May 14 for the upcoming AMAR. Equalization updated the GIS maps on the Township computer on May 22. All of the PRE's and Rescind Affidavits have been processed. The database with all of those changes was submitted electronically to Equalization. Any late filings will be addressed at the July or December Boards of Review. The new BS&A program has been installed on the computer, but the program has not been initiated. Meister reported that a letter of violation was sent by Zoning Administrator Larry Thompson, to Mr. Gezon. Meister stated that the State would like to see the Assessing done at the County level vs municipality.

Mary Lou Millard. Permission letter was received to place a Glen Park sign on the property located at 8456 4th Ave. The Kayak Launch permit status is in process.

Report from Al Taylor. Concerts in the Village Park will start on June 25th. The PLA will be holding fundraisers pe-

riodically throughout the summer.

Mary Reed is the new chairperson of the Portage Lake Watershed. Plan updates continue for the committees. The rain garden at the Village has new plants and mulch and is working well. A lot of effort has been put into it. The PLM will be performing the survey on Portage Lake. The District Health Department #10 Agreement for Surface Water Sampling for 2018 was signed and returned to Reed. The Ecoli Testing will start June 13.

Meister reported that he attended the Court Hearing on June 4, 2018. The items that were put on STAY are the Marina and the Permit. The items proceeding ahead with the case are the Ball Field and Act Part 41 regarding the Septic.

DNR Audit Requirements letter: Complete and submit accordingly

Cemetery: Johnson requested clarification of the Cemetery functions, charges, responsibilities, liabilities, etc. Currently, there isn't an Ordinance. Johnson suggested that a Policy be made for future reference. A copy of the Village Ordinance will be obtained.

Fireworks Permit was received for Friday, August 3, 2018 and was approved.



Portage Point Cafe is now open!! Offering pizza, wraps, sandwiches, salads, and Moomer's homemade ice cream. Bar appetizers available and catering for small occasions. Contact 810.348.3586 for catering needs. Current Hours: 12 PM - 8 PM, closed on Sundays.

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Seasonal Clean-Up – Snow Removal – Installations

PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW!



Photo: Jeremiah Torrey, Elizabeth Domres and Roz Jaffe (Portage Lake Association). May 16, 2018 at Onekama High School Senior Honors Awards.

The Portage Lake Association believes a strong school system is vital to our community. We support the Onekama area by providing scholarships to worthy students at Onekama Consolidated Schools. Funds to support the school and its students are raised annually at PLA's "Pig Out for Scholarships Pig Roast" and the PLA Beer Tasting held the Friday night of Onekama Days.

We had excellent candidates for the 2018 scholarships. However, based upon academic record and a focus on community service efforts, the PLA Scholarship Committee selected two candidates for the one-time scholarship of \$1100 each. The awardees are:

- ELIZABETH DOMRES
- JEREMIAH TORREY

Elizabeth Domres will attend Grand Valley State University to pursue a career in animal science and agriculture. She has been an active member of Northwood Kids 4-H Club, the National Honor Society, and helped with Speed-E-Camp training.

Jeremiah Torrey will attend the University of Michigan to study electrical engineering. His community service includes the National Honor Society, mentoring younger students at Speed-E-Camp, and volunteering as a member of the Onekama HS Football team.

WEST SHORE BANK

Making a real difference

Newsflash!

West Shore Bank has purchased the PNC Bank Building in Onekama and has moved their Onekama Branch Office to that location. The move will allow for ATM, drive through and lock boxes as well as other bank services. Any questions can be directed to 231-845-3500



April thru October
Every Thursday 6:00 -
10:00PM
Manistee County
Fairgrounds
Lions' Den

Portage Lake Association (PLA) 2018 Kayak Raffle

Sundolphin Sit In Aruba 8 SS Kayak Package
 8 ft. Length, 260 lb. capacity, Red Kayak, Padded Seat Back, Storage Compartment and Lightweight Paddle with Asymmetric Blades

Winner will be drawn on August 4th, 2018
 Onekama Village Park between Noon & 2 p.m.

Need not be present to win. \$10 per Ticket, only 100 tickets available.

PLA reserves right to make changes to this package.

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AUGUST 2-6, 2018

ONEKAMA DAYS 2018

Tentative Schedule

THURSDAY AUGUST 2ND 6pm Lions Bingo @ *Fairgrounds*

FRIDAY AUGUST 3RD

All Day: Onekama Community Yard Sale

2-7pm Lions Arts & Crafts @*Fairgrounds*

2-6pm Onekama Farm & Flea @*4985 Main St*

3-7pm PLA Craft Beer Tasting @*Village Park*

5-7pm PLA Pig Out for Onekama School Pig Roast @*Village Park*

7-9pm Free Concert with "Feral Cats" @*Village Park*

DUSK Portage Lake Fireworks Rain date Saturday

SATURDAY AUGUST 4th

All Day: Onekama Community Yard Sale

7am Lutheran Church Doughnuts @ *Village Park*

8am-12:30pm Lions Breakfast Buffet Style with Children's Vision Screening @*Fairgrounds*

8:30am Warren Vaughan Doubles Tennis Tournament

8:30am 5K Run/Walk & 1 Mile Fun Run @ *Village Park*

9am-3pm Trinity Lutheran Farmers Market, Bake & Craft Sale

9am-2:30pm Car Show @*Village Park*

9:30am-4pm Church of the Brethren Yard Sale

10am-2pm Onekama Farm & Flea @*4985 Main St*

10am-7pm Lions Arts & Crafts @ *Fairgrounds*

11am-2pm Trinity Lutheran Salad Luncheon

12:30-4:30 Show Us Your Art and Sale @*Yellow Dog*

1-3pm Live Music with "The Three Ds" @*Fairgrounds*

2-4pm M22 Grill's Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt

3pm Wiffle Ball *on the School Lawn*

4-7pm Lions Grilled Steak Dinner @*Fairgrounds*

7pm TNT Bump n Run & Demolition Derby @*Fairgrounds*

8:30pm-12:30am Lions Dance Party with "The Ones" playing Classic Rock @ *Village Park*

SUNDAY AUGUST 5th

All Day: Onekama Community Yard Sale

8-11am Lions Breakfast Buffet Style with Children's Vision Screening @*Fairgrounds*

9am-4pm Lions Arts & Crafts @*Fairgrounds*

1pm Grand Parade *from Village Park to Dyke Street*

1-3pm Free Live Concert with John Pomeroy @*Fairgrounds*

1:30-2pm 25th Anniversary Petunia Parade Celebration @*Fairgrounds*

3:30pm Lions Raffle @*Fairgrounds*

MONDAY AUGUST 6th

7pm Concert in the Village Park: Benzie Playboys

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 Portage Lake Association
 Manistee County Fair Board
 Portage Lake Bible Camp
 Hopwoods Heating & Cooling Inc
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Grand Rental Station Manistee
 Ringel Real Estate
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 West Shore Bank
 Trinity Lutheran Church
 Snyder Shoes
 Blue Slipper Tavern

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 Yard Sale: 231.508.5008
 Bump n Run & Demo Derby:
 231.889.5566
 Lions Arts & Crafts:
 231.723.9783
 1K & 5K Race: [http://
 events.bytepro.net/
 onekama-days](http://events.bytepro.net/onekama-days)
 or 760.927.5740
 M22 Road Rally: 231.889.7133
 Tennis: 231.233.8378
 Wiffle Ball: 231.510.3398
 PLA Events: 231.889.0205
 Show Us Your Art: 231.889.7555

Portage Lake Watershed Forever

What we do here matters.

Nearly a decade ago, members of the Onekama community realized that the natural resources of the Portage Lake watershed needed protection. What resulted was the development of the Portage Lake Watershed Forever (PLWF) Plan and the creation of this watershed group. Earlier this year we announced that it was time to assess and reflect upon the accomplishments of the past ten years, to identify new community priorities and challenges, and create an updated guide for next decade of watershed stewardship. Under the guidance of the Spicer Group, all elements of the original plan are being revisited and, in some cases, revised. It may seem like a straightforward project but there are many, many factors to consider:



- Description of Watershed
- Uses, Threats, Sources, and Causes
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Description of Portage Lake Watershed
 - *Physical and Natural Features* (Location, Size, and Boundaries; Water Resources and Hydrology; Groundwater Resources; Climate/Precipitation; Topography/Elevation; Geology; Soils; Threatened, Endangered, and Species of Concern)
 - *Land Use and Land Cover* (Current Wetlands of Potential Significance; Wetland Losses; Recreation)
 - *Watershed Conditions* (Available Monitoring; Resource Data)
- Uses, Threats, Sources, and Causes (Most Likely Threats; Public Health)

Please note that PLWF will host an **Open House on August 1 from 4-6 p.m.** at the Farr Center in Onekama. The Open House will give the community an opportunity to review the draft of the updated plan and weigh in with comments, suggestions and insights. As we all have an interest in laying the groundwork to protect and maintain the watershed for the next decade, we encourage you to attend. Everyone is welcome! (There may be snacks . . .)

“Conservation is the application of common sense to common problems for the common good.”

Gifford Pinchot
First Chief of the US Forest Service

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You will see the watershed from a whole new perspective.



This year, Lee and Joyce LaFleur are hosting the party at their home in the hills above Portage Lake. Their view is spectacular and reveals the lake and the countryside that we are working hard to protect.

SATURDAY, August 28, 2018

5:00—7:00

\$75/Per Person

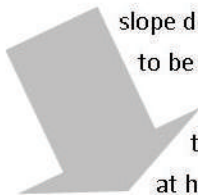
9580 Emerald Ridge Trail, Onekama

For information, please call 231-889-3781

Shoreline Protection Workshop Scheduled

“What To Do When You Don’t Know What To Do”

Owning shoreline property can sometimes feel like Gilda Radner’s “It’s Always Something!” routine. If you had a beach last week it’s nowhere to be seen today and what was a gentle slope down to the water is now a drop-off. You want to be environmentally responsible but are flummoxed about what you should do (or *not* do) to protect your shoreline. Fortunately, help is at hand.



PRESERVING AND PROTECTING OUR SHORELINE

Thursday, July 26, 2018 from 1 PM to 3 PM
Farr Center, 5283 Main Street, Onekama MI 49675

Join us for an interesting and informative presentation about the greatest threats to the overall health of Portage Lake and all Michigan lakes and streams. Julie Kirkwood with MIDEQ and Chair, Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership, will address our loss of near shore habitat, the impact of shoreline management practices, alternatives to seawalls, and where to find help.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Native plants for sale from Misty Ridge Greenhouse.

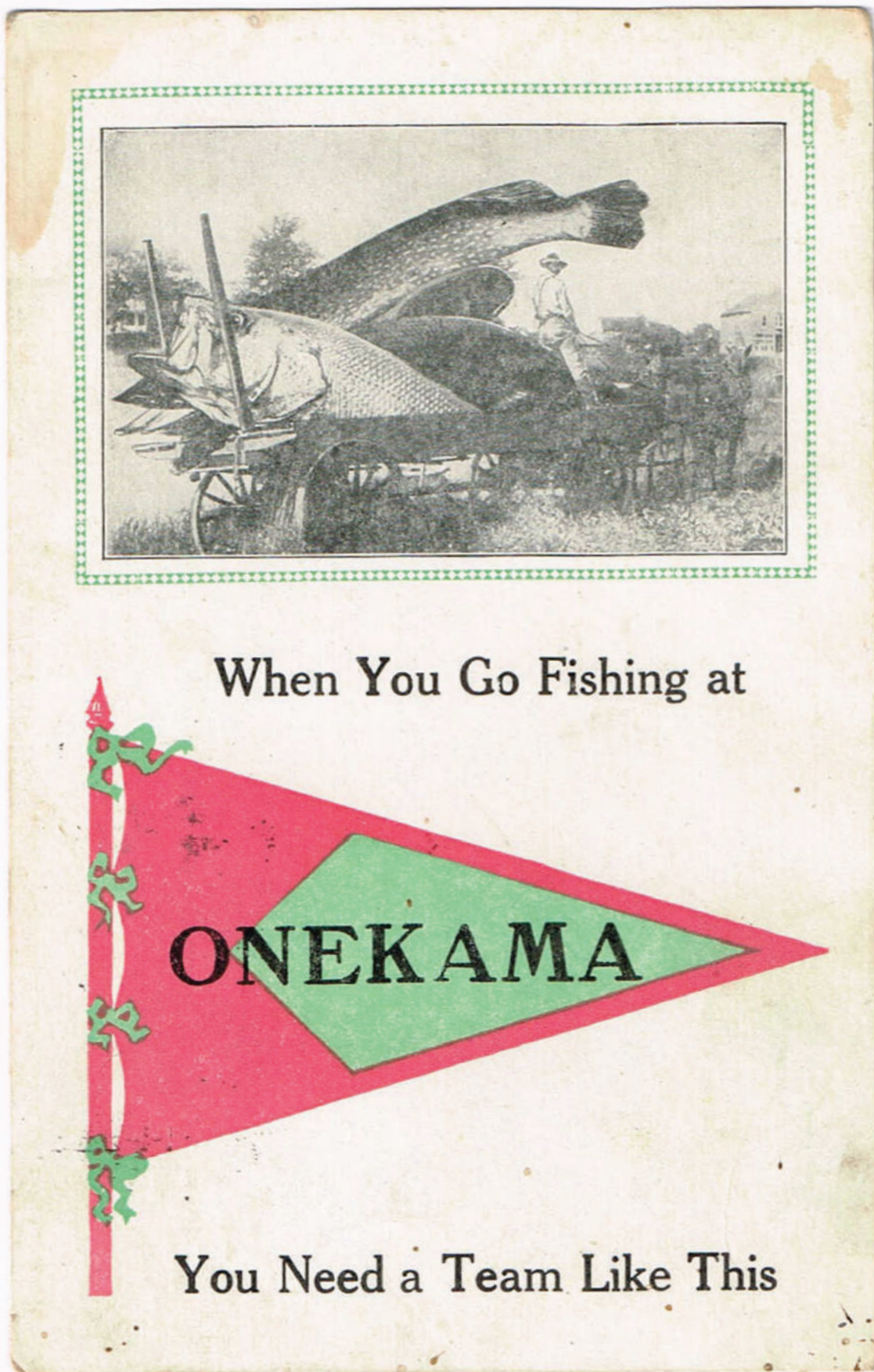


In Memorium

Pat Lawrence was generous with her time, her energy and her willingness to get to work on behalf of things she cared about. She cared about the watershed; she didn’t much care about lists (who does?) but several years ago took on the thankless task of maintaining ours. She died last month after what seemed to us to be a short illness. Pat was a little bit of a thing but she will be missed in a big way.

PLWF Council Meetings

The Portage Lake Watershed Council meets the last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 at the Farr Center in Onekama. Everyone is invited. 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



Poster from 1913 promoting fishing in Portage Lake. From the Post Card and photo collection of Mary Kuipers



I ♥ PORTAGE
POINT INN

You may have noticed “I♥PORTAGE POINT INN” yard signs popping up, and wondered what was going on. The Portage Point Inn has put together an improvement plan that would allow the Inn to become a year-round business. The end result will be a modern resort that maintains the historic look of the Portage Point Inn and provide jobs. Implementation of the plan is delayed because of lawsuits against the Portage Point Inn and Onekama Township, even though the Township Planning Commission recommended approval of a Special Use Land Permit after careful review by independent environmental and zoning experts and the Township's Board approved after nearly 2 years of discussion. Renew Onekama supports the Portage Point Inn in their efforts. Yard signs can be purchased at the Portage Point Inn lobby for \$10. They can be reached at 231-889-7500.

Please note that Renew Onekama has created a pledge campaign to assist the Onekama Township with costs resulting

from the legal defense of the lawsuits filed by the Concerned Citizens of Portage Lake. Pledges are being accepted to defray the legal costs in 2018-2019 that exceed the Township's budget. The pledges will only be fulfilled when it is clear to Renew Onekama that funds are required to defray unbudgeted legal expenses. Renew will not be planning to fulfill pledges because of expenses from the 2017-2018 budget that were planned and budgeted for. Bob Gezon and the Portage Point Inn are also responsible for certain legal costs, and pledges will not be fulfilled to pay these expenses. If activated, these donations will be payable directly to the Onekama Township General Fund.

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Show Us Your Art event at Onekama Days- Saturday, August 4

The Yellow Dog Cafe (4850 Main St.) is the location for this year's Show Us Your Art Show - and Sale. Last year was the first event to honor the memory of Evelyn Sorenson, a long time resident of Onekama who was a loyal supporter of the Portage Lake Association. The event was held at the village space next to the library where art was hung on clotheslines.

Before she died, Evelyn donated one of her tapestries to the PLA and it will be on display inside the Yellow Dog Cafe on Saturday August 4. Her work is unique for her combination of weaving and embroidery with yarns to create scenes from her artistic mind. The tapestry to be displayed depicts a sailboat at sunset on Portage Lake. She had a view of the lake from her home and frequently saw this scene. The donated tapestry is available for sale on this day to benefit the PLA.

In the yard to the east of Yellow Dog Cafe, art will be displayed for sale by any local resident who wishes to participate. The belief of Evelyn was that everyone who lived

in this beautiful place had an artist in them and should be recognized for the impact that the area has on creativity.

Artists, bring your art to the cafe's outdoor space at noon. We encourage artists to stay for the event. If however, that is not possible, and please mark art with your name, contact phone number and price.

Shoppers, please bring cash or check as you will pay the artist directly. The show and sale will begin at 12:30pm and end at 4:30pm on Saturday, August 4. Questions: call 231-889-7555 or 616-218-9075.

We look forward to seeing many art lovers there!

**Portage Lake Association (PLA) 2019 Charter Raffle
Salmon Fishing Charter on Sandpiper III with Capt. Kevin Hughes
Twilight Charter (5:30-9:30pm) out of Onekama on
36' Tiara in June, July or August 2019 for up to 6 People.**

Winner will be drawn on November 17th, 2018
at Onekama Consolidated Schools between 2-3pm.
Need not be present to win. \$10 per Ticket, only 100 tickets available.
PLA reserves right to make changes to this package.
Winner to schedule Charter with Kevin Hughes.
Lic. #R48696



Make checks payable to Portage Lake Assoc. and send along with this form to:
PLA, PO Box 493,
Onekama, MI 49675

Name _____
Address _____
Contact Phone _____
Email Address _____

Please check what this donation should be used towards:

- Membership \$30 annually Concerts in the Park Scholarship Fund
 Petunia Planting Other _____

DONATION FORM

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

