



# NEWS, EVENTS, & MORE FROM ONEKAMA, MICHIGAN

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## *President's Letter*

Spring has returned to Northern Michigan and here in Onekama we are not only looking forward to the return of warmer weather but also family, friends and annual events sponsored by the Portage Lake Association.

The PLA kicks off the Spring/Summer Season with the Petunia Parade. The planting of petunias takes place on May 27th, along Main Street in the Village of Onekama. Volunteers spend the morning and afternoon planting so all of us can enjoy them every day throughout the summer. A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who do this every year!!!

SAVE THE DATE. The Portage Lake Association's Annual Fundraiser is BACK. This year the PLA will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner on Friday, May 29th, at the Portage Point Inn. "The Murder Mystery Company" from Grand Rapids, Michigan will provide the entertainment. The audience can participate as little or as much as they want! A Specialty Small Plates Buffett will be served by Lahey's Pub. There will be a cash bar and Two Slices Catering will provide the delicious dessert. A Silent Auction will take place during the evening with FANTASTIC items to bid on! For more information, you can check PLA Facebook 1,-Onekama, Michigan or call Kevin Wolverton - Inn at the Alpine 231-889-4241. This is your chance for a fun night out with family, friends and neighbors! DON'T MISS IT.

Monday Night Concerts in the Park return on June 29th with Miriam Pico and David Chown. Please check our website [www.onekama.info](http://www.onekama.info) for more information on all of our events.

Onekama Days is August 7th – August 10th. The PLA Pig Out for School Projects/Scholarships and Craft Beer Tasting returns on SATURDAY, August 8th. More information on Onekama Days to come.

There is a lot happening in the Spring and Summer months here in Onekama! Come and enjoy the fun!!!

Julie Lapinski  
President, Portage Lake Association

### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:**

The newsletter was compiled before it was obvious that we had a pandemic on our hands. Let's hope as the days and weeks go by, our community will be able to get back to whatever the new normal will be. In the meantime, I'm grateful to live in a community where everyone is caring, supportive and looking for ways to help. I also look at the Facebook feed from my old hood in Chicago and see the good side of humanity. Stay home for as long as the experts tell us too and keep up the good work of caring for each other. Please check our website <https://www.onekama.info> and Facebook page for up to date news.

*Jean Capper*



## Ashley Bradford

### *A person you should know*

Growing up in Onekama and having deep roots in the community is what sparked my interest in opening a business here. I may not have realized it as a child but as an adult you come to understand what a hidden gem Onekama truly is. Over the past five years owning and operating Anchored Designs I have made so many great new friends and met so many amazing people.

My family has been in the retail business so I feel like it has always been in my blood. I grew up playing store with my sisters and eventually I would work with my dad and aunts sorting merchandise and stocking shelves at our family's store. In 2003 I graduated from Onekama School and a short time later married another Onekama native, Nathan Bradford. Almost every weekend while I was away at college we would drive home to enjoy the lake and outdoors and knew that we wanted to raise our family in Onekama. When Nathan got the chance at a teaching job at our alma mater, we jumped at the opportunity! Fast forward and we now have three children that attend Onekama School.

Starting a business was done on a whim when a family friend was selling her clothing decorating equipment. What started as a part time hobby with mostly small t-shirt orders while being a stay at home mom has grown into a gift shop with something for everyone. This year my business will be moving to 4857

Main Street, right next to the hardware store and across the street from Patina and Yellow Dog, with the new name, Anchored Designs Boutique. This is an exciting time as we work hard to get the new space remodeled and ready for opening. You can expect more boutique clothing, jewelry and accessories, Michigan made products, and gifts. An opening date is uncertain right now with all that is going on in the world but you can follow my Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with the renovation and opening!

*Welcome to the Neighborhood!*



*Future home of  
Anchored Designs*





**PLA FUNDRAISER IS BACK!  
PRESENTING "HOLLYWOOD WHO  
DUNNIT MURDER MYSTERY" DINNER  
MAY 29, 2020**

Spring is in the air and with that comes the Portage Lake Association's Annual Spring Fundraiser. The Portage Lake Association will be hosting a brand new and exciting event for the PLA's first big fundraising event of the year.

This year's event will be ...dah, dah, dahhhh... A Murder Mystery Dinner! An evening filled with fun, suspense and entertainment. Dress your best and join the fun for a quintessential "whodunit" thriller at the historic Portage Point Inn and Resort. You'll enter into a night of mystery, intrigue and murder you are surely never to forget. The Murder Mystery Co. from Grand Rapids, Michigan will provide the entertainment. A Specialty Small Plate Buffet will be served by Lacey's Pub and there will be a cash bar. Two Slices Catering will be providing the delicious dessert.

Tickets are available in advance on the PLA Facebook page (1, -Onekama, Michigan) or - Inn at The Alpine - 8127 Chippewa Hwy (US 31), Bear Lake, Michigan. The cost of the tickets is \$50.00/person in advance and \$60.00/person at the door. The first 25 people to purchase an event ticket will also receive a "Free Drink Ticket"!

SO, SAVE THE DATE - MAY 29, 2020, grab your friends and join us for what will be THE EVENT of the year!

If you would like more information, please contact Kevin Wolverton - 231-889-4281 - [kevin@alpinemotorlodge.com](mailto:kevin@alpinemotorlodge.com) or Julie Lapinski - 269-832-2392 - [julielapinski@gmail.com](mailto:julielapinski@gmail.com).

## Give Bees A Chance!!

Are you an amateur gardener or photographer who would like to showcase your talents at a judged show this summer? The Portage Lake Garden Club, Inc. will sponsor a National Garden Club (NGC) Standard Flower Show on Thursday, July 23, 2020. The show is free and open to the public from 12:30 PM to 6 PM. It will be held at the Farr Center, 5283 Main Street, Onekama, MI 49675. The theme is pollinators, and the show name is Give Bees A Chance!!

The five Divisions of the flower show are HORTICULTURE (specimens of plants), DESIGNS (table settings, petite floral designs, and creative floral designs), EDUCATION (informative poster presentations), YOUTH (flower arrangements by children), BOTANICAL ARTS ARTISTIC CRAFTS (decorated garden hats, watering cans, and mason bee houses), and PHOTOGRAPHY (photos of subject matter furthering the objectives of NGC).

Entries for HORTICULTURE or PHOTOGRAPHY are open to any amateur. Entries for DESIGN or ARTISTIC CRAFTS are limited to members of garden clubs affiliated with Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

For more information contact the Show Chairman Mary Jo McElroy at [maryjomcelroy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryjomcelroy@sbcglobal.net) or 614-325-1717. We would love to see you and your passions at the show!



## Portage Lake Association's Monday Night Concerts in the Park Summer 2020

The Portage Lake Association (PLA) is proud to announce its Monday Night Concerts for the upcoming summer. Concerts will be held in Onekama's Village Park on M-22 on Monday evenings June 29 through August 17 from 7 to 9 PM; concerts are free and open to the public, and all are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs, picnic baskets and the whole family to enjoy these treats for a summers evening.

Following Independence Day, our July 6 concert will feature the rocking blues-based sounds of the Schrock Brothers Band featuring Madcat. They are a Michigan based family trio comprised of brothers Andrew and Jasen Schrock, with their father Mark "Papa" Schrock. Nothing quite like two brothers singing together but toss in their dad and you've got harmony magic!

Monday, July 13 we bring back a recreation of the excitement of Elvis Presley, at the hands of Tribute Artist Jake Slater. Jake is a National and International award winning Elvis Tribute Artist that has performed all over Michigan, across the country, and as well as Canada.

On July 20, zydeco brings on the good times with K. Jones & the Benzie Playboys, whose Cajun-seasoned tunes will have you clapping and dancing the night away. They are bringing the roots sound of southwest Louisiana's Creole, Cajun, and Zydeco scene to the Great Lakes area.

A new local talent makes his debut July 27 at the Monday Night Concerts --Ben Traverse, who entertains with old-time folk songs and stories. He is a classically trained guitarist, singer, and multi-instrumentalist with deep roots in Northern Michigan.

August 3 brings our friends Peter, Paul & Mary Remembered (Jim Hawley, Doc & Donna Probes) for an evening of our old favorites brought back to life for us to enjoy. Reviving many of the beloved hits such as "Puff the Magic Dragon, If I Had a Hammer, Blowin' in the Wind," and a host of others, these seasoned musicians dish up a smooth blend of authentic harmonies and 1960's nostalgia.

Monday August 10 will see our local supergroup, Awesome Distraction, a trio from Manistee, back to

charm us with their tuneful energy. Originally formed in 2011 by Nick Veine and Kyle Garber from Manistee, they have continued to impress audiences with their harmonies and musicianship. Their beautiful songwriting and superb harmonies have a sound that really brings people their knees. Rounding out the trio is fellow Manistee native, Chloe Pepera; her voice, with a power and tone well beyond her years, has truly been an awesome addition to Awesome Distraction.

Our final concert on August 17 will feature a long-time college favorite from East Lansing, making his debut in Onekama, Wally Pleasant. Wally was born in Detroit, Michigan, the son of college students. Wally started mimicking his favorite rockers in the mirror with a cardboard guitar. Then, on his 14th birthday, his parents offered to pay for his guitar lessons. Soon he began writing his own songs, with such early classics as "Who Ate My Soup" and "Ouch."

So with this fantastic lineup for your summertime entertainment, come enjoy the special Monday Night Concerts in the Park! All concerts are on Monday evenings, from June 29 until August 17th, from 7 to 9 PM, in the Onekama Village Park, on M22, along the shores of beautiful Portage Lake. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, family and friends and enjoy an evening of live music. The concerts are free and open to the public and donations are encouraged and accepted. Rain alternative location is the Onekama Consolidated School. Come and enjoy the fun!







## ***Portage Lake Association***

# **Summer 2020**

# **MONDAY NIGHT**

# **CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

- June 29**    **Miriam Pico and David Chown**  
Pop, Light Rock, Show Tunes & Blues, Masterfully Done
- July 6**    **Schrock Brothers featuring Madcat**  
Roots-Blues-Jazz-Rock family band, with  
Grammy-winner Peter Madcat Ruth on Harmonica
- July 13**    **Elvis Tribute by Jake Slater**  
You'll know that it's true, ELVIS LIVES!
- July 20**    **Benzie Playboys**  
Authentic Cajun Music to Make You Clap and Dance
- July 27**    **Ben Traverse**  
Folk Roots in the Past, Forward Thinking and Fully Present
- August 3**    **Peter, Paul & Mary Remembered**  
Jim Hawley, Doc & Donna Probes re-create folk magic
- August 10**    **Awesome Distraction**  
Acoustic Sound with Beautifully Blended Voices
- August 17**    **Wally Pleasant**  
An authentic Everyman Folk Singer sharing Wit and Wisdom

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](http://www.onekama.info)

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

\*Rain Venue: Onekama Consolidated School Auditorium

## PORTAGAE LAKE WATERSHED FOREVER

The best news of this long winter season has been the news of the initial review and approval of the Portage Lake Watershed Management Plan by Greg Goudy of Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE, formerly known as DEQ). The management plan is an update of the original and was created, like the original, to offer useful information on and guidance for monitoring and management of our lake and watershed over the next ten years.

The entire approval process moves forward from this point toward final approval from the state and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA).

Currently the draft version of the plan is available for viewing on our website <http://portagelakewatershed.com>. It is organized into eight chapters listing physical and natural features of the lake and watershed; local programs, projects and planning efforts; watershed conditions; information of the impact that the implementation of the former 2008 watershed plan had on our water health and ecosystem and, of course, the plan for managing the watershed plan going forward into the next ten years.

It features a wealth of data gathered over the past ten years through the efforts of local citizens in concert

with local agencies that serves as a guide going forward to meet ongoing and upcoming efforts to protect and maintain our water quality.

Aside from the management plan's central purpose as a guide, it will be extremely helpful in any future grant-seeking efforts that we will need to make.

The successful production of a plan that maps out the next ten years of guardianship of the lake and watershed is a perfect point to use here to discuss this year's membership drive, urging you to renew your membership in the PLWF when you receive this year's solicitation, and to encourage you to bring some newcomers to our community into our group.

We have carried on the stewardship of our local waters thanks to the hard work of a number of local volunteers, governments and agencies. The PLWF and its corps of volunteers has a proud history of working to protect our precious ecosystem. Your membership in the PLWF is your personal commitment to our water quality and our community.

There are lakes in Michigan that are struggling to achieve the level of health that our lake has been recognized for; there are some lakes that have lost that struggle. The PLWF has dedicated itself to the guardianship of our waters, at the scientific levels with monitoring tools and data, at the loss prevention level with education on, monitoring of, and treatment for the threat of invasive organisms and pollutants and at the in-



formation level with publications like our Watershed Management Plan, meetings and planned educational events and alliances with other water quality agencies like ours.

The greater Onekama community is considered a valuable part of that metric for our organization, so please renew your membership and watch for a number of planned events, including our Annual Fundraiser.

Other news this quarter includes the attendance of two council members, Sharon Marie and Fran Wallace, at a "Swimmers Itch" educational forum offered by the Fresh Water Alliance in February. The half-day symposium was full of information regarding causes of swimmers itch and suggestions for lowering risks of exposure during the recreational season.

The PLWF will be active in distributing educational information on Swimmers Itch causes and best prevention methods as the open water season approaches.

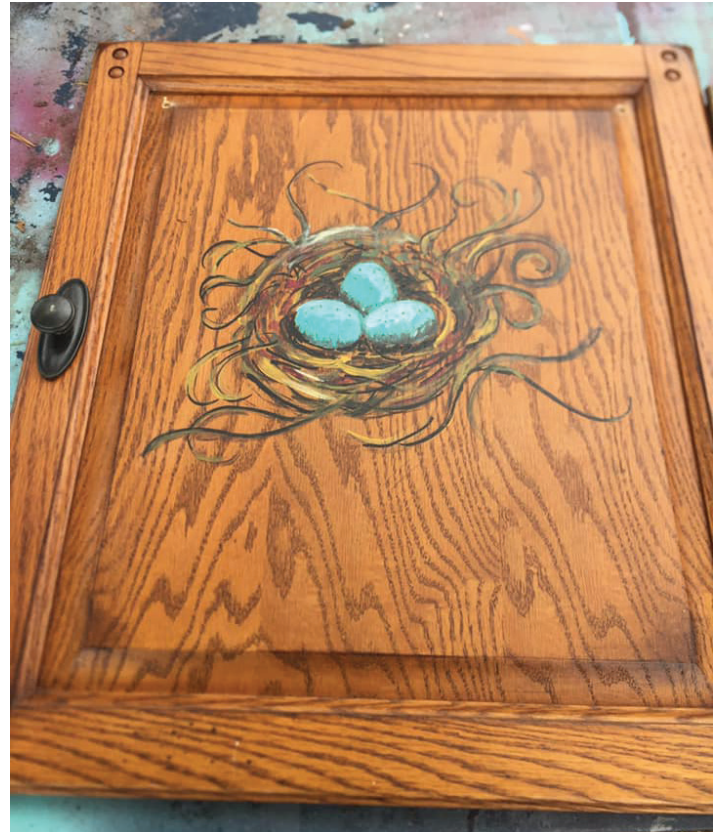
In additional news the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) will be on Portage Lake soon to sample for Walleye. This is an ongoing program between the two agencies that helps monitor the health of lakes and streams and of fish populations in our area.

As the rest of our community, the PLWF regular course of business is beginning to feel the impact of the greater pandemic of the coronavirus known as Covid-19. The virus is considered to be in the early stages of its predicted severity and communities are beginning to respond with safe, common sense measures for safety and health.

It has already resulted in school closures and meeting cancellations in our immediate area. The PLWF is in the middle of following suit with considerations of meeting cancellations and rescheduling of events underway. It is, at this stage, impossible to say how far into the future our events will be affected. We will do our best to keep you all informed.

In the meantime, please know that we consider every member of our community a treasured part of our quality of life here in the Onekama area. Stay safe. Follow health guidelines and safe, common sense practices. Keep a neighborly eye out for each other.

And let's press on with hopes for a better season ahead.



## **ALERT:**

***Community project that can be done at home.***

**Yellow Dog Cafe & Patina are continuing the ART WALL MURAL project for our garden!**

Art is being created on old materials--cupboard doors, screens, windows, cutting boards, trays etc.--you know how we love up cycling! If you need something to paint on, Patina is supplying FREE "canvases" to be found on our front porch. Please take what best suits your creative vision.

We will take completed projects and apply a weatherproof finish to insure their beauty, and once enough pieces are collected, the art will be installed on the east-side of our beautiful, historic building. A gallery-garden party will be held to celebrate when the time is right and all will be invited!

### **MORE GOOD NEWS**

As Karen & I continue remodeling the store we will be setting other FREE STUFF on the porch. Help yourself to something if you can use it for a repurposing project or whatever.

Follow us on Facebook for the latest news about this and other projects! Or call/text Nikki at 312-909-0115 Be well and as always be INSPIRED...



**Summary of  
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 15, 2020**

Zoning Administrator/Mike Szokola Reported he was in the process of sending violation letter to the Blue Slipper regarding their food truck which was in violation of the zoning ordinance with regard to its current location. Mr. Szokola asked for input from the board regarding this pending action. President Franz responded that it was the sense of the council from the June 19 meeting that no action be taken at that time. Since then the trailer was moved next to the building and appears to have at least some utilities attached to the building and that it should be turned over to the zoning administrator for possible violations. Much discussion followed. The issue of utility hook-ups will be investigated by the maintenance man. Mr. Szokola reported that in his opinion, utility hook-ups may not be left on the ground, but must be buried. He will follow up with the Blue Slipper as to the violations. Mr. Szokola also questioned what their thoughts were pertaining to short term rentals. Much discussion followed. Per correspondence from village attorney 3 options were available: 1. Do nothing, current ordinance already bans them. 2. Amend current zoning to allow and 3. Create ordinance that licenses and permits them. No action was taken.

**Blue Slipper/food truck**

Maintenance person will be directed to investigate and inspect the current location and workings of the food truck to make sure they are in compliance with our ordinance. Sewer committee will meet to consider adding equivalents to the Blue Slipper if they are found to be accepting food trailer waste.

**STREETS:** Parking problem/3rd street which is hindering the snowplowing still exists. Next step will be to contact the sheriff.

**PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER :** Work will begin in the spring to repair damage to concrete from the high water levels.

**Household Hazardous Waste Program:** After some discussion, Drumm moved and Miller supported not to support the Mason-Lake Conservation district with regard to the 2020 Clean Sweep collection event on

August 15, 2020 due to the fact the money is already being collected from the Township and the Village is part of the Township. M/C.

**Summary of DRAFT VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

February 19, 2020

Appointment of new council member: Andrea Arthur will fill the vacancy on the Village board. President Franz also appointed Andrea to be the Village Rep on the Parks & Rec Committee and to be a member of the FC and Cemetery committees. Welcome to the Board, Andrea!

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Doug King, chairperson, reported that Mike Szokola (Village ZA) attended their meeting sharing information on food trucks and possible future zoning amendments regarding the Blue Slipper. President Franz reminded the Planning Commission that their priority now is the sign and fence ordinances.

**SEWER:** Trustee Burger reported that of the 26 village residents (property) that failed the smoke test only 3 properties have yet to respond to the violation letters that were sent out. After much discussion Trustee Burger moved and trustee Hudson supported to have 2nd letters sent but this time from the attorney. President Franz commented that this would be the next nonabrasive action before legal steps were taken. M/C. Miller, Schwing and Arthur opposed.

**LS#3 Upgrade:** Proposal for professional services for LS#3 improvements were given to President Franz for approval. The scope of work proposed would consist of 3 phases: design, bid and construction. Total of upgrade would be \$27,700. It was noted that this project would be funded through the Village's Repair, replacement and improvement fund and part through financing. Since the board didn't have any opportunity to review said proposal, each member will be given a copy to read and be ready to take action on in March.

**Blue Slipper/food truck:** Last month the maintenance person was directed to investigate and inspect the current location and workings of the food truck to make sure they are in compliance with our ordinance. The hose that was in question was a water supply line and the food truck waste is pumped to a holding tank and taken away and disposed of.

**STREETS:** no problems reported all is good!  
2020 Brush Pick-up: Major changes include self-dis-



posal of brush, lawn, and garden waste at 9493 Milarch Rd. Limited brush collection will be as follows: April 11, May 16, June 13, and July 18 August 15, Sept 19 and Oct 17. The complete schedule can be seen at the post office or in the village office.

Short Term Rentals: lots of discussion pro and con but the board did agree that the Village needs to decide one way or the other. For now, Drumm moved Burger supported to direct the Zoning Administrator to connect current short term rental holders in the Village that under current zoning this activity is not allowed. M/C. Trustee Miller, Schwing and Arthur opposed. Board instructed to give it more thought because it will be discussed at the March meeting.

## What was newsworthy in Onekama in 1960?

*On January 13, 2020, the following information (verbatim) appeared in the Manistee News Advocate about Onekama in 1960.*

### 60 YEARS AGO

#### Urge Onekama folks to plant petunias

Last summer before Main Street in Onekama was finished, a group of representatives from all organizations in the village met with representatives from Lansing and from Manistee County to discuss the problem of improving the appearance of the Village of Onekama. Two things have resulted from that meeting. First, the improvement of the Clio Club Par and the clearing out of the creek which runs through it. Second, the bordering of Main Street with a little color this coming spring. To this end it is suggested that property owners along Main Street plant petunias along the curbing wherever possible.

Fast forward to 2020 -- property owners along Main Street don't need to worry about this! On Wednesday, May 27 more than 50 adults and children will magically appear to transplant 3,420 little petunias into the ground. To get ready for that, our partner Larsen's Landscaping applied a weed killer last October and will repeat that in early May. The Larsen's landscapers will also remediate the soil by tilling natural fertilizer and fresh "dirt" so that the soil is ready to embrace these little pink, white, and magenta darlings. To make planting quicker and more uniform, several guys will use a plant auger on battery operated drills to "pre-drill" holes ten inches apart. These champion drillers from years past include Ken Franklin, Wendell Brooks, and Jim Simons. Onekama, you've come a long way with civic beautification in sixty years!

## Local Information

**BURNING PERMITS:** Visit [www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits) No burning is permitted within the Village Limits – only bonfires.

### ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP OFFICES

5435 Main Street  
PO 458  
Onekama MI 49675  
Meetings on first Tuesday at 9:00 am at the Township Office.  
Hours of Operation:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am - 2pm  
(231) 889-3308  
FAX: (231) 889-5587

### ONEKAMA VILLAGE OFFICES

5283 Main Street,  
Onekama, MI 49675  
Meetings on the third Wednesday at 7 pm at the Farr Center.  
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 9 am - 2 pm  
Phone#: (231) 889-3171  
Fax # (231) 889-342

**FARR CENTER HALL RENTAL:** please make arrangements with the clerk @ (231) 889-3171 or email: [clerk@villageofonekama.org](mailto:clerk@villageofonekama.org).

**RECYCLING:** Recycling bins (cans, plastic, glass, cardboard & paper) are now in Onekama township parking lot for your convenience. Please recycle responsibly ... no styrofoam or garbage.

*If this service is abused, it will be discontinued.*

## Summary of the draft ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD Minutes from FEBRUARY 4, 2020

County: Manistee County Medical Care Facility has a 5 year operations renewal coming up in the August Election. The County renewed a 3 year contract with Jollette Funeral Home Medical Examiner. Manistee County currently has 10 homeless veterans. Regarding the POS situation, Kalkaska rescinded and no progress or updates have been made.

There is a new contract with Homeward Bound for the next 2 years in the amount of \$41,000. A new website is coming together. The airport authority gave an update on new members. Erosion continues to be an issue around the entire Great Lakes Region. Rail relocation is ongoing. Congressman Bergman will be meeting with Dontz regarding the Airport and TSA. Floodplain administration is being worked on by all townships. Ken Falk is the new Sheriff; Brian Gutowski is the new Under Sheriff, and Jason Torrey is the new EOC. The City Logo is under discussion for new design. New forms are to be used for all fire departments requesting equipment from the 9-1-1 board.

Invasive/Species/Watershed: Sharon Marie is the chairperson for the watershed. Riparian overlay (shoreline protection) discussions are going on. High water should be in the watershed 10 year plan.

Fire/Rescue: The Department went on 9 EMS Runs (1 MA – MTFD), 1 Fire Run, 1 EMS Meeting/Training, 1 Maintenance Meeting, 1 Fire Meeting/Training, and 1 Officer's Meeting. Portage Point Inn was toured and pre-plans are being developed. Joel Faber has successfully passed EMR class and is now a licensed EMR through the State of Michigan. Congratulations to Joel! He is now taking the Fire Academy. New Accountability Boards were distributed at the last Fire Chief's/Training Officer's/Association meeting. Everyone is now on the same system.

Two Separate quotes for dual band radios are received. Per the 15-year truck cycle plan established by the Township Board, 107 is due to be replaced this year. 105 is due to be replaced next year. The process has been started with getting 107 appraised by Fire Tec Truck Sales, who we have used in the past. Avenues are being pursued through grant opportunities for dual purpose watercraft. A cadet was accepted onto the de-

partment and is eligible to participate in fire department activities.

Roads: Sohlden gave report on the 2020 Annual Meeting with MCRC Updates, Snowfall data, federal, state, and local funded projects, PASER ratings, staffing, historical data, and Capital Project request for 2020.

Parks & Recreation: Johnson to perform a title search/deed/survey/mineral rights/ownership on Glen Park.

PLA: Petunias are being scheduled for planting in May. The Lions Club and the PLA are meeting to discuss the Onekama Days Parade route.





**LARSEN'S  
LANDSCAPING**  
& LAWNCARE

Main Office: (231) 757-3850 • North Office: (231) 398-9900  
3091 N. US-31 Scottville, MI 49454 3021 Schoedel Rd, Manistee, MI 49660

Fertilization – Mowing – Seasonal Clean-up – Landscape Maintenance

Seasonal Clean-Up – Snow Removal – Installations





### FREE "JUNKIN" THERAPY

Check out the free stuff on our front porch.  
Take only what you can use and leave the rest for someone else.



#sharejunknotCOVID19

## ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

If you would like to volunteer contact:

Leslie Osborn

[foodpantry\\_2014@yahoo.com](mailto:foodpantry_2014@yahoo.com)

General Information

Donations can be given in the collection basket or sent to:

St. Joseph Community Food Pantry  
8380 Fifth Street  
Onkama, MI 49675

### 2020 Food Pantry Schedule

St. Joseph Onkama

January	24
February	28
March	27
April	24
May	22
June	26
July	24
August	28
September	25
October	23
November	20
December	18

You must show proof you are a resident of Manistee County or Thompsonville to receive food.

You **MUST** sign in to receive food.

Only one person per household/residence can shop for food each month.

**NO SMOKING ON CHURCH PROPERTY.**

No animals allowed in the building.

Fraud, unsupervised children or rudeness will not be tolerated.

*St. Joseph Onkama Food Pantry is open 4th Friday of the month, 10:00-11:15 a.m.*

### DONATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

How should we use your donation\*: Check one:

General Fund (best use / most needed project)

Petunia Planting       Concerts in the Park

Celebration of Lights     Onkama Days Fireworks

Other \_\_\_\_\_

\*Excess funds roll over to best use as determined by the PLA Board.



*Make checks payable to  
Portage Lake Assoc.  
and send along with this form to:*

**PLA  
PO Box 493  
Onkama, MI 49675**

## Community Response Fund

The Community Response Fund was activated to provide support to area nonprofit organizations, schools, and governments on the front lines serving those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Established through a cooperative effort between the Manistee County Community Foundation, United Way of Manistee County, and the Manistee County Human Services Collaborative Body, the newly established Community Response Fund provides a collective vehicle for charitable giving and supports collaborative grantmaking and programming in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### For our Donors

Like you, the Manistee County Community Foundation is closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic. As the crisis rapidly evolves, we continue to learn new information about the effect of the virus on communities across Manistee County. In response, we are working as quickly as possible to ensure the health and safety of our community by determining how we, as a

local philanthropic leader, can help most effectively. We know government will address some community needs but we are monitoring for ways that philan-



thropy can fill in the gaps.

As a donor who cares about Manistee County residents, you can support urgent, human service needs by contributing to the Community Response Fund. Help make a difference where it is needed most.

By working together, we can ensure the health and safety of our community as effectively as possible. We are thankful for your generosity and send our best wishes for your safety and health. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions about community needs or how you can help.

### Support Munson Healthcare's Response to COVID-19

We simply will not be able to face the challenges of this pandemic without the trust and assistance from our communities, and we ask for your continued help during these unsettling times.



*For More Events and information – check out [www.onekama.com](http://www.onekama.com)*

