



# Pentwater Lake Association

## October 2019

### President's Message

By Lynne Cavazos

First, a special "Thank You!" to Amanda Dodge, Editor of the PTW magazine, for giving PLA the opportunity each week to highlight the projects and activities of the Pentwater Lake Association.

Throughout this past summer, I wrote short articles for the PTW magazine that provided information and helpful hints to residents and visitors that would promote boating and swimming safety and enhance the health and well being of the lake and shoreline.

The following is a summary of the PTW articles for 2019:

**June 13:** Clean, Drain, Dry and Dispose

**July 4:** Life Jacket Loaner Stations – sponsored by PLA and "Rules to Follow that Promote Safety and Courtesy on the Lake and Shoreline"

**July 11:** Pentwater Lake Association – Overview of Youth Fishing Tourney

**July 18:** Life Jackets Save Lives – But Only if They are Worn

**July 25:** Pentwater Lake Landing Blitz

**Aug. 1:** Everything You Need to Know about Water Safety

**Aug. 8:** Responsibility for Vessel Wake Zones for Boaters on Pentwater Lake

**Aug. 15:** The Pentwater Lake Association is Always Open to New Members

**Aug. 22:** 2019 Big Fish Winners of the Youth Fishing Tournament

### Reminder: Mission of the Pentwater Lake Association

The Pentwater Lake Association is a non-profit domestic corporation organized exclusively for education and conservation purposes. Our goal is to promote a community feeling among residents as we maintain and improve the quality of the environment. PLA also collaborates with other citizen groups and governmental units to support programs that enhance public health, safety and welfare of the residents.

We plan to have an article in each PTW magazine in the 2020 season to support the mission of PLA. I hope that members and our summer visitors found the articles informative and helpful.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Membership**

We welcome new members – permanent and summer residents - to join the Pentwater Lake Association (PLA). You do not need to live on the lake to be an active and supportive member of the Association.

Our lake is a valuable and irreplaceable asset to our entire community. The modest \$30 cost of annual membership is a very meaningful investment in the future health of our lake, as well as in our Village.

If you are currently a member, tell your friends, neighbors, and family members about the exciting and forward-looking programs that PLA is pursuing to keep Pentwater Lake healthy. We need everyone's participation and support.

For more information about the Pentwater Lake Association's mission and to obtain a membership form, please visit the PLA website at: [www.pentwaterlakeassociation.com](http://www.pentwaterlakeassociation.com)

### **PLA Website**

By George Richey

If you haven't looked at our website recently, you might want to take a peek at it: ([pentwaterlakeassociation.com](http://pentwaterlakeassociation.com)).

We have added 43 pictures of youth and their fish that were entered in the 2019 Youth Fishing Tournament. We are also on Facebook, but could use some help in updating and posting new items.

If you are interested in helping us keep Facebook current, please contact George Richey at [georg421@charter.net](mailto:georg421@charter.net), or 231-301-3668.

Also, let us know if you have some great pictures around the lake that we could add to our website and our Facebook Page.

## **Natural Resources**

By Joe Primozych

### **"Pentwater Otters"**

High water brings more wet zones and that means more areas for otter to roam and play in. A family group of 3 yearlings was seen playing on a fallen tree in the river this spring. Could they have been playing the game, "Tag! You're It"? Maybe. But because of their sleek body and being great swimmers, they most likely were after their next meal.

Trappers consider the otter the apex aquatic predator of lakes and streams. At up to 30 pounds, they easily prey on mink, muskrat, and large fish. Duck hunters fear that an adult otter could ride on the back of a swimming dog to try to drown it as the otter may consider the dog a threat.

The year old otter pup pictured in the photo is about 10 pounds. The young otter will move on to new territory when pushed out as mom starts a new family. This search for a new home territory may mean going overland to cross a ridge and then down to a new pond or waterway, bringing otters into the upper reaches of the Pentwater Watershed.



1 year old otter sunning on a west end dock in June.

## **Harvesting of Starry Stonewort on Pentwater Lake**

By Joe Primozych

On August 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>, the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board tried a third method to control and manage the invasive plant Starry Stonewort on the shores of our lake. The target was mats of the algae that were 3 feet thick or more. Six loads were planned for removal each day. Each load was between 2 to 4 tons of vegetation! The harvester unloaded at the township launch on the west side of the lake and the vegetation was dumped on a DEQ approved field. Once dried, the field was plowed and the plants were used as green manure. The fact that this invasive plant is chemical resistant makes it especially hard to control. Last fall, the PLIB tried suction harvesting by a DASH unit. But this method proved to be too costly for regular use. The August removal was the first of two harvestings planned for this year. The next one will be in late September. If you have any questions contact PLIB chairperson, Joe Primozych.



Photo courtesy of Dick Toner

## **European Frog bit Found in Two locations Near Lake Michigan:**

River and lake users are reminded to clean, drain and dry boats and gear. The Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy has confirmed the presence of European Frogbit, a prohibited invasive aquatic plant, in Michigan's lower Grand River immediately upstream of Grand Haven in Ottawa County and in Pentwater Lake in Oceana County.



European Frogbit was first detected in southeast Michigan in 1996 and has since spread along the coastal areas of lakes Erie and Huron up to the eastern Upper Peninsula. In 2016, the plant, which resembles a miniature water lily with leaves about the size of a quarter, was discovered in Reeds and Fisk lakes in East Grand Rapids, the westernmost known point of detection in the U.S. until now.

## **IMPACT OF HIGH WATER LEVELS**

As of the last week in August, water levels had decreased a few inches. Heavy rains could reverse the trend, but we can hope levels continue to go down. Regardless, the record high levels have left their mark for residents on and away from the lakefront. Many seawalls have been breached. On both north and south sides of the lake, some riparians have installed 2x10 boards backed by sandbags across the front of their properties to try and keep the lake from encroaching on their lawns. One landowner posted a sign to boaters: "Slow down, or we drown!" Village residents a block away from the lake have also been impacted. Fred McHugh on Green Street reports he and his neighbors have not seen their sidewalks all summer until the last week of August. "I've bagged more fish this summer than ever before!" he claims with a laugh, "...dead ones, that is." Some weeks the stench was overpowering before the garbage truck retrieved the bags on Monday. Multiple orange cones can be seen along the walkway on the north side of the channel. The cones warn passersby of the large sink holes that have appeared on properties lining the sidewalk. Some homeowners have attempted to fill the sinkholes with rocks. A Village Department of Works employee explains it is the responsibility of the Army Core of Engineers to fill the sinkholes, but they have not yet done so. Limited availability of boat slips and docks in downtown marinas, as well as docks of individual lakefront owners, continue to impact boat owners. Diminished beach size, however, has not dampened the enthusiasm of swimmers at Mears State Park.



Sink holes on properties along north channel pier.



## Reworking Long Bridge Road - By Joe Primozich



Drilling pilot holes for new road construction



Tar & gravel trucks reconditioning the bridge & it's south approach.

Since the May closing of a portion of Long Bridge Road, this will be a report on the first activities to bring it back from closure. Below are listed the Road Commissions first two activities to reopen Long Bridge Road: The first step to improving Long Bridge Road was taken on July 31.

Four pieces of equipment showed up and moved the south barriers to Long Bridge.

Then the reconditioning of the road and bridge began. Once the bridge and southern road approach to the bridge were cleaned, the liquid tar was laid, followed by a layer of stone.

A second step occurred on August 6 when the barriers were removed and a drilling rig came on to the north approach of Long Bridge Road.

The eight day process to find bedrock involved drilling holes from 30 feet to over 67 feet. These two practices are both standard for the Road Commission before going ahead with final construction and reopening of Long Bridge Road from Monroe next year.

Included are pictures of the drilling rig in progress and the county trucks spreading stone for the top covering to the reconditioned south approach and bridge itself.

Things are changing quickly between Road Commission meetings. Readers are urged to follow updates on the Pentwater Township Website.



## **2019 Big Fish Winners-Youth Fishing Tournament**

The Pentwater Lake Youth Fishing Tournament, sponsored by the Pentwater Lake Association, was a major success for the many young girls and boys who participated. The 2019 tournament ran June 15<sup>th</sup> - August 11<sup>th</sup> with all fish being caught in Pentwater Lake from the Long Bridge to the Western end of the channel pier.

Over 50 youth were involved in this year's summer fishing contest. The top finishers caught in Pentwater Lake were:

Silver Bass - 8.5" Shelby Lawrence  
 Perch - 10" Hudson Chambers and Noah Deboni  
 Crappie - 14" Arica Russell  
 Small Mouth Bass - 7.8" Ashlyn Lawrence  
 Catfish - 21" Audrey Aerts  
 Sucker - 18" Alec Peterson  
 Bullhead - 18" Garrett Jones  
 Sheepshead - 22" Kai Kruger  
 Northern Pike - 28.8" Brogan McGinley  
 Sunfish - 8.8" Noah Zost  
 Bluegill - 7.8" Caeley Aerts and Lilly Madden  
 Rock Bass - 10" Reese Brush and Hudson Chambers  
 Large Mouth Bass - 14.5" Noah Deboni  
 Bowfin - 25.3" Isaac Elledge and 25" Carson Crowlay

The three lake species not caught and entered were carp, walleye, and gar pike.

During our second annual Youth Fishing Tournament, the youth were from several states including the winners from Texas, Florida, and Arizona.

No registration was required as entry only involved a text picture of the fish on a ruler for length and validation of catch for location and youth I.D. Since 2008, when Milt Pugsley noted there were no panfish being caught dockside in the lake, the PLA has been working with the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board to bring back the panfish numbers. The most caught registered fish this year were bluegills and sunfish, indicating the lake fishery for panfish is on its way back! The DNR regional fishery biologist, Mark Tonello from Cadillac, has noted our success and has complimented us on our management program.

Please see the PLA Website for pictures and additional information about the winners:

**[pentwaterlakeassociation.com](http://pentwaterlakeassociation.com)**

2019 Big Fish Winners pictures to the right...

## **PENTWATER EVENTS \***

### **Calendar of Events - 2019**

#### **Oct. 5-6**

Fall Volunteer Weekend – Mears State Park – 9 AM

#### **Oct. 11-12**

Oktoberfest: Classic Car/ Hot Rod Show, Games, Auction, Chili Cook off & Streusel Bake-off

#### **Oct. 12**

COVE Home Tour – 10 AM - 4 PM

#### **Oct. 26**

Spooktacular Parade—Lineup 12:30 PM Charlie's Marina

#### **Oct. 16**

Recycling Center Closes 6PM until April 2020

#### **Oct. 27**

Halloween on the Village Green Noon – 1 PM

#### **Nov. 30**

Small Business Saturday – Shop your Local Merchants

#### **Nov. 30**

Festival of Lights Weekend-Village Green – 5 PM  
 Tree lighting and the Arrival of Santa

#### **Dec. 7**

Christmas Craft Fair - Pentwater School Gym - 9AM-3PM

#### **Dec. 8**

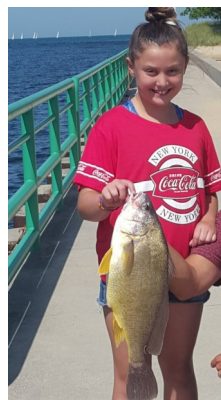
COVE Holiday Tea "Cottages Clubhouse" - 1:30– 4 PM  
 (Reservations required—Lynne Cavazos 231-869-5939)

*\* Check [www.pentwater.org](http://www.pentwater.org)  
 (231-869-4150)*

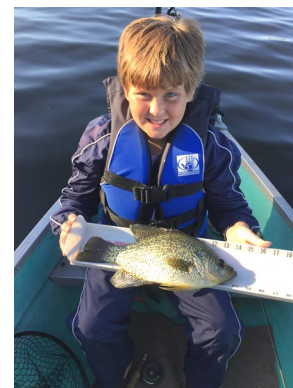
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## **2019 Big Fish Winners-Youth Fishing Tournament**

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Kai Kruger with 22" Sheepshead



Arica Russell—14" crappie



## **Spectacular Weather for the Strawberry Social and the Music Festivities**

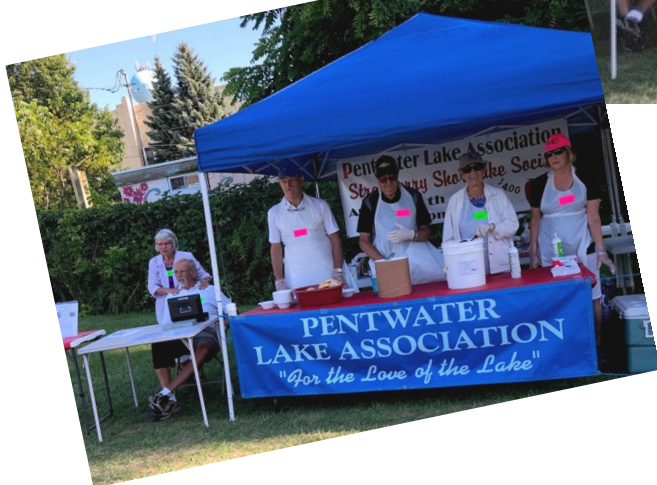
We had an ideal evening for the annual Strawberry Shortcake Social and the joint concert featuring the Pentwater Civic Band and the Scottville Clown Band. The Strawberry Social, always held on the first evening of Pentwater's Homecoming, is the major fund raiser for PLA. In addition to selling over 500 shortcakes throughout the evening, we also provided strawberry shortcakes for dessert at the Thursday Night Dinner at the Pentwater Yacht Club (PYC). With the help of Amy LaBarge, Ron Beeber, and Mac McCaleb donations were collected from PYC members and friends to support our fundraising efforts. With help from the strawberry social volunteers and donations from PYC, we netted \$1,406. The funds are used to monitor and maintain the health and welfare of Pentwater Lake, support local projects to enhance everyone's enjoyment of Pentwater Lake, and to provide members with our quarterly newsletter and annual PLA Directory.

## **Thank You to Our Strawberry Social Volunteers**

A special thank you to all of the PLA members who volunteers who helped with the Strawberry Social. We appreciate support from members and hope it is an enjoyable way to support PLA while visiting with friends and visitors who enjoy the tasty strawberry shortcake treat.

Lynne Cavazos, Social Chair; Caroline Denlar, dedicated member; George Richey, PLA Treasurer; and Sara Woodmansee, PYC Chef worked together to organize the event this year. A special "Thank You!" to the Centenarian Methodist Church in Pentwater for allowing us to store the strawberries, ice cream, and whip cream at the church prior to the event.

Thank you to all of our volunteers: Anna Mae and Peter Bush, Judy and Terry Coburn, Cathy and Jack Orman, Valerie and Fred McHugh, Rhonda and Norm Shotwell, John Faas, Bernie Platte, Jean and Rich Pugsley, Joan and Ron Gooding, Claudia Ressel-Hodan, Carol McVicker, Maureen and Dean Gustafson, Betty Pleva, Mac McCaleb, Joe Primozych, Pat Hooyman.



## **Annual Pentwater Octoberfest: Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Come and celebrate Octoberfest and enjoy all of the activities.: Pumpkin and Face Painting, COVE Home Tour, Classic Car & Hot Rod Show, Chili Cook-off, Corn Hole Tournament, Ring Toss, Stein Hoisting, Raffle, MSU on the Big Screen, Polka Dance Contest, Live Polka Band, and Vintage Snowmobile Show.

Classic Car Show: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Vintage Snowmobile Show: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

COVE Home Tour and Raffle: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

## **Spooktacular Weekend & Halloween - Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Comedy night, Costume Contest, Halloween on the Green, Trick or Treating with Merchants,  
Pub Crawl and Haunted Activities.

Trick or Treat with Merchants: October 26<sup>th</sup> Noon – 2:00 PM

Halloween on the Green: October 26<sup>th</sup> starting at Noon

Costume Contest on the Green: October 26<sup>th</sup> 12:30 PM

Pentwater Village Trick -or- Treating- October 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Pentwater Fire Department – Cider & Donuts- (486 E. Park St.) October 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



## **Upcoming November & December Events**

### **Santa Celebrates Christmas in the Village - November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Santa arrives, merchant open houses, free horse drawn carriage rides,  
Christmas menus and specials.

Santa's Arrival on the Village Green at 5:00 PM

### **Merchant Open Houses - November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Come in and enjoy refreshments, food, and in store specials.

Shop Local – Support Your Local Merchants!

### **Christmas in the Village - December 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

Enjoy the festive atmosphere within the shops, art galleries, and restaurants.  
Refreshments and in-store sales will make your shopping experience special.

Support your Local Businesses!

### **Christmas by Candlelight - December 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 PM Centenary United Methodist Church

### **Christmas Craft Fair - December 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Pentwater Public School

### **COVE Holiday Tea: Theme - COVE Carnivale**

12th Annual Holiday Tea to support COVE (Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters) will take place at the Cottages Club House from 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM. Come enjoy an afternoon of music, a fashion show by Elise, and contests and raffles to support COVE. Reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation contact Lynne Cavazos by phone at (231) 869-5939, by text at (805) 705-5846, or email: [lcavazos5939@charter.net](mailto:lcavazos5939@charter.net)



## **Pentwater Historical Society Museum Update**

By Ron Beeber

Have you checked out “Guide by Cell,” the new self-guided tour amenity at the Pentwater Historical Society Museum? If not, it’s not too late this year because the Museum at Rutledge and First Streets is still open in October on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 PM. Admission is free.

You can discover all sorts of keen information about Pentwater, and all you need is your cell phone. It's like having a Pentwater historian whispering in your ear as you walk around the Museum.

“This summer’s museum visitors have been raving about Guide by Cell,” said museum director Nancy Zielinski. “It’s an innovative and engaging way to bring information and short stories to all of our visitors. Visitors dial a local telephone number on their cell phones, just once, and keep the line open. As they browse the museum floor, they see 51 numbered artifacts, exhibits and photos. Enter any number between one and 51 on their cellphone – plus the pound key – and learn more about that topic. You can do this a couple of times, or listen to all 51 if you have the time. Each is up to a minute in length. Learn at your own pace. It’s guaranteed you’ll come away with a better appreciation for Pentwater’s rich history.”

Topics deal with shipwrecks off the shores of Pentwater, Native Americans who lived in this area, Pentwater Channel, what was manufactured in Pentwater in 1872 where daily production totaled a quarter-million, how did Birdland get its name, how many movie houses have there been in Pentwater, where was the roller rink, Pentwater Bedstead Company, and who from Pentwater fought in the Civil War?

Zielinski continued to rattle off fun questions that are answered in the Guide by Cell narratives. “What is that tower at Channel Lane Park? How did the Pentwater Ferry get across the channel, and how many years did it run? Where was the Pentwater Railroad Depot? What was called Pentwater's greatest civic improvement of the twentieth century? Where and what was The White Elephant? How many rooms did the Hotel Valeria have? What two downtown locations were first considered to become the home of the Pentwater Yacht Club? What stood on the grass parcel next to the Township and Village offices? The original Nickerson Inn had 14 guest rooms, but how many bathrooms did it have? Who was the Janet Theater named after? Where was Pentwater's first cemetery located and how was that site next used?”

For more information, see the [pentwaterhistoricalsociety.org](http://pentwaterhistoricalsociety.org) website, or the Pentwater Historical Society Museum page on Facebook.



Museum Director, Nancy Zielinski



## Pentwater Water Taxi Service

By AnnaMae Bush

The experiment to provide a water taxi service to help Village residents travel between downtown Pentwater and the south side of the lake has proven to be successful. Regular use of the taxi occurs for Farmers' Market days and for dinner at the downtown restaurants. Beginning as a free service to residents, the taxi service expanded to provide sunset cruises and historical tours in an effort to offset the expenses of the free services. As of the last week of August, the taxi service broke even with expenses.

Rande Listerman calculates that in less than a month 175 persons have taken the sunset cruise and 217 persons participated in the historical tours. The income is helping to meet some cost of staff, boat maintenance, and supplies (life jackets, flares, and first aid kit). The sunset cruise is popular with visitors and residents who have no access to a boat.

One recent cruise included a bachelorette party of eight women who had a really great time. The historical tours, led by four volunteer docents, have been widely appealing to residents, visitors, and Bed & Breakfast owners in other localities who are interested in finding activities to recommend to their customers. The docents share the same body of information, but each gives their own personal touch to the information and each has unique stories to tell about their audience.

Rather than competing with visits to the museum, the history tours provide visual support for some of the information at the museum, and specific historical sites around Pentwater Lake. The docents encourage the tour participants to learn more about the locations they see by going to the museum.

Listerman serves as one of the docents and she tells the story of having four certified recovery divers on her tour who were particularly interested in the shipwrecks referred to on the tour. She mentioned that Pentwater Chief Hartrum was also a certified recovery diver, something they had not known but quickly acted on. They contacted Hartrum and by the end of the tour, they had made arrangements to visit one of the shipwrecks with him.

## Pentwater Water Taxi Service

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Aside from cancellations caused by inclement weather, Captain Lee Price has had few breaks from the steady two-hour schedule of trips across the lake. Even though he loves boats and being on the water, his biggest challenge has been operating the taxi all the hours that have been posted.

The intent was to have several captains, but Village manager Chris Brown's heart attack delayed the process of interviewing and hiring additional captains. Nevertheless, Price says he has had many delightful experiences and passengers in general have been fun.

The "regulars" and he came up with a term for themselves: "frequent floaters." Price has been flexible and generous. He goes out of his way to assure the safety of taxi users who stay in town late to hear bands at the restaurants and pubs downtown and need a midnight ride home across the lake. He enjoys piloting the boat and meeting people, and looks forward to continuing the taxi services this fall. The schedule will change after Labor Day and readers are urged to check the Village website regularly to keep track of taxi service times.

Readers may be interested to know that Pentwater and the water taxi service were included with a photo in a New York Times article called *Summer on the Swollen Great Lakes*.



Water Taxi with Lee Price at the helm.

## NEWS BYTES FROM HERE & THERE... By AnnaMae Bush

### Longbridge Closing Update

Dave Spitler is posting updates every two weeks on the Pentwater Township website. He encourages readers to go there regularly for information. Soil borings have recently taken place. The week of September 9, a Soils and Structure report goes to the County Road Commission. This report will be used in formulating a response to the situation, possibly short term (for the winter), or possibly long-term (a permanent solution). Pentwater Village is no longer expected to pay for the road repair.

Spitler also highlighted a Flood Map Information meeting to be held on September 19 at the county services building in Hart, sponsored by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Newly prepared preliminary floodplain maps were to be available, showing areas where insurance rates would be affected. Protection regulations and processes for response and recovery efforts would be explained. Digital files of the reports can be downloaded at [www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata).

Relevant Q&A:



**Q.** What is the speed limit on the detour route? There are no signs posted on the roads.

**A.** The speed limit on two-lane roads in Michigan, unless posted otherwise, is 55 mph. Even though there are some slower speeds posted for sharp curves and turns, the detour route is 55 mph.

### Hart –

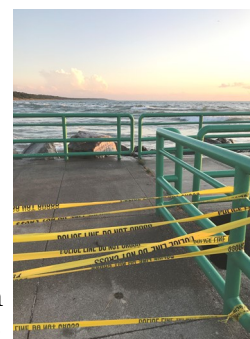
### Pentwater Trail

All the survey work has been completed and the project is now moving into the design stage. Preparation is underway for a large grant application, and the steering committee is working with Hart Public Schools and a funding sources called “Safe Routes to School”, a program that promotes safe bike travel to school for students.



### Police Department News

The Cadets hired for additional help this summer were to finish their employment and to return to school after the Labor Day week-end. They made a number of trips over the detour route this summer to install or remove caution tape on the south pier when rough weather made it risky to walk beyond the corner boundary.



Regarding the impact of the new marijuana laws, Chief Hartrum said it was less dramatic than anticipated. Although the department received some complaints about the smell of marijuana, it was not from businesses. There was no spike in bookings or arrests, nor in vehicular accidents caused by persons “under the influence.”

Hartrum expects to expand the Public Service Officers program next summer as the Cadets did more tasks and successfully met different challenges than in the past. “They were put to the test” he said. Prior to next summer, the biggest task facing the department may be moving to the new village offices wherever that will be.

### Downtown Development Authority

*[Correction to last issue: The Start of Summer Party was sponsored by the DDA.]*

Mary Schumaker is the new Chair for the DDA and Claudia Ressel-Hodan is the Vice Chair.

Downtown Pentwater will be getting a landscaping facelift when the DDA removes three trees per block downtown. Each block 1st to 5th (excluding the front of Green Street) will have four replacement Honey Locust trees and two Acer Red Maple trees on the corners. Look for this late September - early October. The goal is to help create a consistent look and a new sense of place in the area.

The DDA hired an outside company to help them promote **Christmas in the Village** by installing lights and decorations on every light pole downtown from 6<sup>th</sup> to Lowell. This new promotion program will include a fire pit, hot chocolate and snacks at the top of The Green every Saturday in December, 2-6 PM.

### **Village and Township Office News**

At a special meeting August 26, after thoughtful discussion, the Pentwater Village Council voted unanimously to leave the current building at 327 S. Hancock Street.

The Township had already decided August 14 to leave the current building. Both councils hope to find a suitable place to share space together again. Some salvageable materials from the building may be reused at the new site.

Options include remodeling an appropriate existing building large enough to accommodate both the village and township staff members, or constructing a new facility on a newly designated Brownfield District site.

Village Manager Chris Brown was directed to find someone capable of researching Brownfield designation and tax credits.

If a joint committee is appointed to seek a shared facility, the Village determined that Trustees Claudia Ressel-Hodan and Jared Griffis would serve on that committee.

### **Scare on Chester Street**

There was a flurry of activity on Chester Street on Wednesday night, August 21. Sirens screamed and residents filled the street, both curious and concerned. Four fire trucks, bright lights blinking, lined the end of the street.

The cause for all the excitement was a gas leak, pinpointed to a meter near the cul-de-sac. The fire department members were required to remain on site until gas company representatives were there to repair the leak. Peace was restored after a couple of hours.

### **Vandalism on Hancock St. in Broad Daylight**

On Saturday July 6, between 11 and 11:30am, a multitude of eyewitnesses watched the breaking and entering crime unfold as the perpetrator crossed Hancock Street from the Village Green.

After nearly colliding with a shocked driver, she entered the West on Monroe store by bursting through the front window. She wandered briefly but found nothing she wanted.

Leaving behind a crowd of dazed shoppers, she continued in a drunken manner down the street to Rip Girl where she entered by way of the open door. Most customers fled. One locked the door behind to trap the culprit, but inadvertently trapped one unfortunate customer inside who was in a dressing room. "Lock the dressing room door!", she was advised.

Dan Nugent ran to the scene and opened the front door, at which point the culprit left the establishment by bursting through the front window.

At approximately five feet tall with brown hair, shattered glass and chaos in her wake, the female made her escape and eluded police who had been called to capture her.

She was a doe, obviously out of her comfort zone







## Pentwater Green Schools Club



By: Erika Fatura

The Green Schools Club is excited to announce a couple of new projects for the 2019-2020 school year. Both of these projects involve the opportunity for community involvement. The first project is "Wands for Wildlife." It involves collecting used mascara brushes to clean and send to the Appalachian Wildlife Refuge. The old mascara wands are used to remove fly eggs, larva, oil, etc. from the fur and feathers of wild animals. They work great because the bristles are close together. Donations can be sent in October and February. Collections are starting now and will end at the end of February.

For more information please visit <https://www.appalachianwild.org/wands-for-wildlife.html>.



The other project is called "Soles for Souls." It is a shoe recycling program and helps to eliminate textiles going into landfills while at the same time providing shoes for those in need. Collection boxes will be set up in the Pentwater Schools lobby. We are hoping to get this project started by October.

For more information please visit <https://soles4souls.org/get-involved/>.



For information on how to help with either of these projects or donate please contact Erika Fatura at [efatura@pentwater.k12.mi.us](mailto:efatura@pentwater.k12.mi.us) or call (231) 869-4100 x 243.

**PLA Officers**

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 Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Barb Siok  
 Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Kate Anderson

**Pentwater Township (231-869-6231)**

Township Supervisor: Dave Spitler  
 Clerk: Sue Ann Johnson  
 Treasurer: Jan Siska  
 Trustees: Mike Flynn and Dean Holub

**Pentwater Police (231-869-4630)**

**Chief:** Laude Hartrum

**Pentwater Fire (231-869-5987)**

**Chief:** Paul Smith

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**Membership Application**

Date\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ Renewal

\_\_\_\_ New Member

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Address:** Street\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** Street\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (s): Local or Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

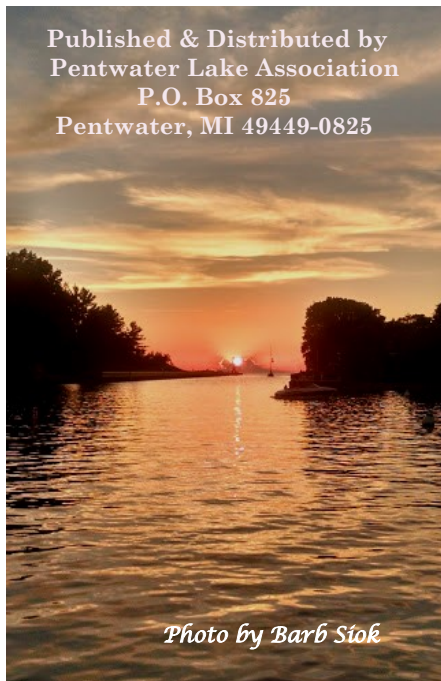
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