

Pentwater Lake Association Newsletter

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President's Message by Patrick Hooyman

Taking Care of Pentwater Lake

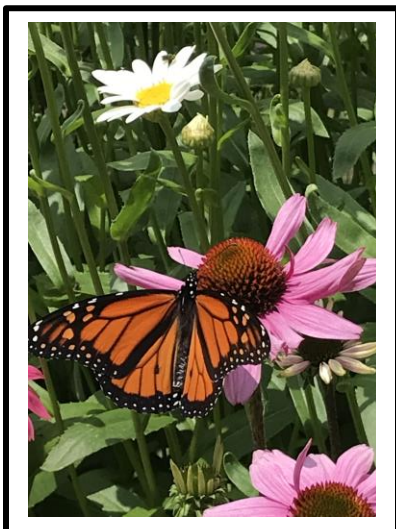
We are fortunate here on Pentwater Lake for many reasons. The lake is a beautiful place to enjoy with friends and family, and many of our members have done this for generations. Those of us who are relatively recent here find the atmosphere to be warm and welcoming. I am a relative newcomer having first visited in 1988 and I have always been amazed at the strength of the community involvement and pride. The Pentwater Lake Association (PLA) is an important part of that involvement, and all our members play a role in maintaining and striving to improve our beautiful lake and watershed.

As an organization, we hope to enable all of us to be good stewards of the lake and watershed and pass it on to future generations in even better condition. Part of this is education, part is monitoring water quality, some is working together in meeting some of the challenges the lake faces.

These challenges include invasive species of plants and animals, high water levels and historically hardened areas of shoreline. The PLA has volunteers attempting to address these issues and many others. I am looking forward to working with all our members in keeping this wonderful place even more wonderful together.

Finally, I want to recognize Lynne Cavazos and George Richey for the years of dedication they have given as leaders of the Association Board. These are indeed big shoes to fill, and we look forward to their continued involvement in the PLA.

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Committee Reports

SOCIAL COMMITTEE by Lynne Cavazos

PLA Strawberry Shortcake Social

Thursday, August 12, 6 PM - 9 PM (or when sold out) on the Village Green, Pentwater

The annual Strawberry Shortcake Social is the major fund raiser for the Pentwater Lake Association. Come and enjoy this delicious treat beginning at 6 PM while the crowd gathers for the special concert of combined Scottville Clown Band and our own Pentwater Civic Band. The Cost is \$4.00 per Shortcake (biscuit, strawberries, ice cream and whipped cream). Water for \$1.00 is also available.

Thank you to the PLA Board and PLA members for your support of this fund-raising event.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE by Rich Pugsley

We would like to welcome new members Stan and Janice Rokita. As of our July 19th board meeting there are 189 paid members for the 21-22 season. There are 44 members from last year who we are still hoping will join for this year. For people who do not renew their membership this will be their last newsletter and they will neither receive nor be included in the new Directory.

The membership form can be downloaded from the PLA website at:

<https://www.pentwaterlakeassociation.com/membership-application>

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE by Joe Primozich

Two surprises faced us when looking for the new bald eagle nest in early May. The old one was abandoned from last year even though two chicks were hatched from it. First the nest was moved a half mile up stream at the back end of the marsh in the biggest white pine tree in that area. Secondly, it is the biggest nest (10 feet across) made so far by this pair of eagles we refer to as the Pentwater Eagles. Two new fledglings left the nest for their inaugural flight in mid-July.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE by Betty Pleva

Dr. Scott Karaptian, Pentwater School Superintendent, and art teacher, Carrie Jeruzal, present Water Safety Posters made by 2nd and 5th graders to Betty Pleva. PLA awarded gift certificates from Ludington's Dairy Queen and Pentwater's Cosmic Candy to reward the students. (See sample posters on p. 13 and back cover.)



PLA 25th Annual Meeting Summary, June 25, 2021 – Held at Park Place

A social hour was followed by dinner prior to the meeting at 7:00pm. Lynne Cavazos, Board President, welcomed everyone who attended in person (55 persons) and on Zoom (5 persons). Cavazos thanked those who provided the food: Jill Palmer from the Antler Bar for boxed dinners and Brian Prescott from Green Isaacs for boxed desserts. She also thanked Claudia Ressel-Hodan for the technical assistance, Caroline Denlar for help with program details, and Sarah Kraner, Park Place Manager.

The business meeting followed.

- Current Board members were introduced; past Presidents and the newsletter editor were acknowledged.
- Minutes from the annual meeting from 2019 and the treasurer's report were approved. Brief committee reports were given.
- Two new Board members for the 2021-2024 term were elected – Dr. Ross Feltes and Joan Menke-Schaenzer. PLA Board officers elected at the Board's May meeting were announced. Pat Hooyman is President, Tom Walter is Vice President, Rich Pugsley is Treasurer, and Beth Provencal is Secretary.
- Retiring Board members are Lynne Cavazos, Betty Pleva, and George Richey. Pat Hooyman invited a grateful round of applause for the leadership Lynne Cavazos has provided and the many new programs initiated during her term as President.

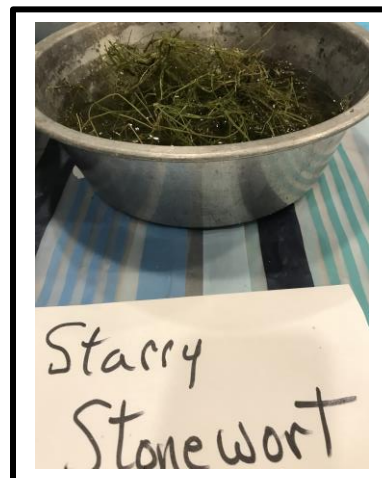
Guest Presentation

Joe Primozich introduced Emily Newman, a Master's Program student at Grand Valley State University who has done research on the growth of **starry stonewort** in Pentwater Lake and Muskegon Lake last summer and this summer. She used a power point program with many underwater photos that documented her research work in which she looked at the growth patterns of starry stonewort in several different locations on our lake. She noted how the growth of the invasive was inhibited by the diversity of other plant life at one location. After a Q&A session, she thanked the PLA for their support of her research and for their hard work to keep our lake healthy.

FIRST Annual State of the Lake Report

A new educational tool was formulated this year to inform the PLA members of the health of the lake. Joe Primozich introduced a document that graded the health of the lake in several categories and indicated Pentwater Lake is at risk in some categories. These are the areas we want to work toward improvement, and we can check our progress year by year with the document chart.

Several examples of invasive vegetative species were on display and available for PLA members to examine and become familiar with.



Score the Shore Comes to Pentwater Lake by Tom Walter

As you may know the Pentwater Lake Association (PLA) collaborates with many organizations to learn about our lake and what others are doing to manage their lake. Michigan Lakes and Streams Association (MLSA) is one of them.

These various groups have collaborated in the development of the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). The CLMP is a statewide program that has established standards for measuring the water quality of the lakes in our state. They also organize, store, and report the data for all the lakes that participate in the voluntary effort. We, in the PLA, have been collecting, and reporting to CLMP, water quality data for many years now. That data can be found here: <https://micorps.net/lake-monitoring/individual-lake-reports/>

One area we have yet to voluntarily participate in is a monitoring program called Score the Shore. Score the Shore is a standardized system, used across the state, that observes and records the condition, use, and vegetation, terrestrial and aquatic, of a lake's shoreline. The purpose is to see how we are doing, how we are doing compared to others, and if there may be opportunity for improvement. Federal, State, and local governments decide what is permissible. Those decisions are not up to us.

To get this done the shoreline gets measured and divided into 1000' foot segments using mapping programs and a Global Positioning System (GPS) to record starting and ending points of the sections. After the sections have been identified a team of 3 will take a boat ride and go through the survey process. The idea is to have surveyors reach a consensus on the estimates. Among things to be estimated are the percent of a section that has seawall, rock or perhaps remains native. The number of buildings and dock and lift combinations will be counted. The percentage of terrestrial shoreline vegetation as well as aquatic emergent and submergent vegetation will be noted. Large wood in the water, more than 4" diameter, will also be looked at. When finished the data will be collated and sent to the MLSA. The following website has some documents about data sheets, the procedure, and a fact sheet. It provides a much more detailed description of what will be done and the benefits: <https://micorps.net/lake-monitoring/clmp-documents/>

So that is a project we have going on this summer. I think we will get some interesting information. We will find out how many miles of shoreline we have. We will find out how many miles of shoreline are natural shoreline. We will also learn what role large wood plays in providing aquatic habitat. This information can then be compared to other lakes and to rate the health of our lake. The Natural Resources and Water Committee leaders along with volunteers will be learning how this is done. It will not be too hard and only needs to be done every 2 or 3 years. See you out there.



Examples of
Natural
shoreline

Tom's article gives a lot of food for thought. We love the lake for what it provides to us – a beautiful view, a source for fishing, multiple opportunities for recreation. But do we love the lake enough to give back to it? To improve the health of the lake are we willing to increase the natural shoreline, provide habitat for fish, avoid use of chemicals, etc? Did you know a permit is needed to remove large wood from the lake unless it is tethered to your land? Ed.

Seagulls – Fact or Fiction by AnnaMae Bush

In Pentwater we live with the sight and sound of seagulls year-round, but most of us probably know little about them. Someone told me the older the gulls get, the darker their feathers are. I decided some research would be appropriate and discovered some interesting facts. Consider the following statements and whether they are true or false. The answers can be found in the article below.

1. Seagulls mate for life.
2. Bread is a normal part of the seagull diet.
3. Seagulls live mostly in North America.
4. Seagulls vary in size from 12" – 18" long.
5. Seagulls are very clever.
6. Seagulls can drink both fresh and salt water.
7. Seagulls make good parents.

I gleaned my information from onekindplanet.org/animal/seagull and want to share the most surprising facts from that source. There is a great deal of diversity among gulls that range in size from 11.4" to 29.9". The largest species is the Great Black-beaked Gull. Gulls live around the globe and their diet consists of fish, rodents and seeds, although they surely come swooping in to eat the bread tossed for ducks in the channel. Life span differs by species with 10-15 years for some and 30 years or longer for Ring-billed Gulls.



Seagulls have some special equipment. An extra claw on their lower leg enables them to roost securely on high ledges even in windy conditions. A special pair of glands above their eyes is designed to flush out salt through their bills, enabling them to drink both fresh and salt water. Very few animals have that ability.

Many behaviors confirm their intelligence. They "have a complex and highly developed repertoire for communication which includes a range of vocalizations and body movements." Many have learned to absorb heat that rises from paved bridges by hovering above and thereby conserving their energy. One group behavior they pass on is stamping their feet to mimic the sound of rainfall to bring a meal of earthworms to the surface. Their feeding habits also include following field ploughs for the grubs and other food turned up by the ploughs, and dropping hard-shelled sea food on rocks to make the protected food accessible.

Seagulls mate for life and share the work of guarding the eggs and feeding and protecting their chicks. Mating begins in February and results in an average of three eggs that hatch in May – July. Gulls also share communal responsibilities. Young gulls associate in flocks which are watched over by a few designated male adults. In these flocks the young not only enjoy play, but also learn skills needed to survive as independent adults. The groups remain intact until they are old enough to breed. "It takes a village" – even in the world of animals.

It is amazing how much complexity lies beneath the surface when one looks closely at any aspect of nature. Although there is surely much more to learn about seagulls, this brief research has given me a new-found respect for them.

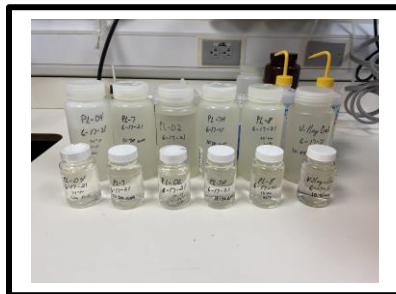
Water Testing by Beth Provencal

I simply had no idea....

Being newer to the area (since January 2019) I have been taken by the beauty of Pentwater Lake. For my husband Jack and me, it is our year-round home and we love it! It is not that I have taken the condition of our lake for granted. I just had no idea there was a group of people truly dedicated to the health of our lake – the Pentwater Lake Association (PLA). I joined this admirable group of volunteers in May of 2020 and have not stopped being amazed and grateful for all they do.

One small example is the testing of our waters. Four times per year, multiple samples of water are collected from multiple sites in Pentwater Lake, then immediately refrigerated and delivered within 2 hours to the GVSU Annis Center in Muskegon for testing of phosphorus, nitrogen and E.Coli among other things. The technician, Brian Scull, knows many of us by name as he has been there for the past 20 years. The information collected is used for treatment of issues and is reported in our annual State of the Lake Report, submitted by Joe Primozich.

The PLA works closely with the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board (PLIB) for various issues that occur in our lake. The level of integrity and caring of this group is remarkable. I had no idea and thought maybe you did not either! If interested in joining or seeing what else PLA does, visit a Board meeting every 3rd Monday of the month. Check our website for location, time, and previous Minutes. We do water testing and so much more! Photos included are from the June 17, 2021 collection done by Tom Walter, Rich Pugsley and Joe Primozich.



Boom and Bust with Frogbit By Joe Primozich

The newest aquatic invasive plant to enter the Pentwater Lake system is frogbit. It is growing in areas of the marsh owned by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Environment, Great Lakes Energy (EGLE) has managed it this year by spraying herbicide on the floating mats of frogbit. This was step one and has been used twice so far this summer to control floating frogbit from getting into our lake. The plan drawn up last year had a step two to it. A boom for collecting floating frogbit was to be deployed this year on the upper side of Longbridge. The Pentwater Lake Improvement Board would be responsible for the unloading of the frogbit from the boom. This year as the water dropped 18" or more, people could get under the bridge with kayaks and boats. Now that the river is navigable, EGLE is not releasing the boom to be utilized across the river. As water levels seem to be dropping the chance to use the boom is disappearing. You could say that the use of the boom is no longer reasonable and is a bust. On the lake we are thus left with lifting and drying our frogbit.

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Invasive Weed Launch Blitz held on July 17 – by Rich Pugsley

The third annual invasive weed launch blitz was held on Saturday, July 17th at all 3 Pentwater Lake and River boat ramps. The blitz is a program of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to disseminate information on invasive weeds and the new state laws about keeping boats CLEAN, DRAINED, and DRY. The most common occurrence of new invasive weed introduction into a lake is through boat launches. This is how Pentwater Lake received our two most troublesome weeds, Starry Stonewort, and European Frogbit. The Pentwater Lake Improvement Board spends \$60,000 a year to control these weeds and the state is spending additional money.

Eight volunteers from the PLA manned the three launches from 9:00 until 4:00. For the first time this year the MSU portable boat wash was present. Also, for the first time the Paddle-Stewards program was presented to kayakers. This is an online class that teaches kayakers how to clean their kayaks and identify and report invasive weeds. More information is available at

<https://www.michiganseagrant.org/educational-programs/mi-paddle-stewards/>

Collectively volunteers spoke with 222 people. There were 48 powerboats/pontoon boats, 1 sailboat, 51 kayaks/paddle boards/canoes, and 10 jet skis.



The boat wash crew washed 5 boats. Two of these boats had Starry Stonewort on them. If 40% of the boats leaving Pentwater Lake have Starry on them, it is clear why CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY is so important. The western states require boat inspections *prior* to launching a boat. Hopefully, Michigan will not need to go this far, but if we do not all do our job to keep our boats clean it is what we may face in the future. Permanent boat wash stations at our launches should be considered.

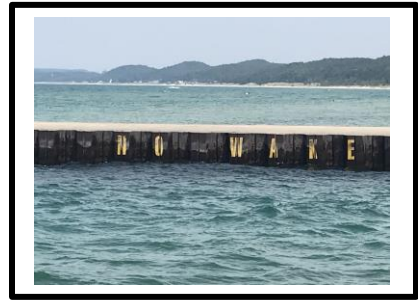
The PLA Board would like to thank the volunteers: Joe Primozich, Tom and Marsha Walter, Lynn Cavazos, Janet Strahan, Christina Bos, Joan Schaenzer, Rich Pugsley, and Dan Selahowski. Thanks also to the DNR Conservation Officers who supported the event: Troy VanGeldren, Mica Hintz, and Ben Shivley.

The Summer Youth Fishing Tournament By Joe Primozich

This is the 4th year for the Youth Fishing Tournament. What is the measure of success of having the tournament you might ask? It is when the kids 16 and under can get outdoors and be excited about being successful in catching fish. The fish caught so far this year are larger in several of the 17 types of fish the lake has. Three of the youth have gotten fish big enough to earn the DNR Master Angler Award. This is led by a 21.5" smallmouth bass and two dogfish bigger than 27 ". The tournament is over at midnight on Sunday, August 15. Seventeen trophies will be awarded on Monday, August 16. No one has gotten a trout or salmon yet in the tournaments.

NO WAKE zones by AnnaMae Bush

How important are NO WAKE zones? The disastrous possibilities of ignoring NO WAKE restrictions were graphically illustrated in the Pentwater channel in June. A large cruiser sped down the channel toward Lake Michigan and created a huge wake that bounced from wall to wall. It swiftly overturned a canoe with two occupants who had tried to reach the channel wall. The canoeists safely reached a ladder but were unable to right their canoe. It required a team of several bystanders to lift the water-heavy canoe up straight and then dump the water out. Prescription sunglasses and a new I-phone were lost to the channel depths. As the drama played out, the cruiser sped away without so much as the captain turning around.



NO WAKE ZONES are areas where watercraft vehicles are required to travel slowly enough to avoid wave action (a wake) behind them. Their purpose is to protect boats and docks in marinas from collision damage, and to give safety to boat occupants whose vehicles could be overturned by high wave action. These areas are marked by buoys that read SLOW or NO WAKE. The restrictions are in effect during the boating season, late spring to early fall. Zones are established by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) after they receive a request for NO WAKE zones and conduct a study.

Pentwater Lake has buoys to delineate NO WAKE ZONES, to mark the sailboat race courses, and to warn boaters of shallow depth areas. The buoys are placed in the spring and retrieved in the fall by cooperative efforts of the Patterson Marina and the Pentwater Sheriff Department. Until a few years ago chains were used to fasten the buoys to an anchor weight on the lake bottom. But zebra mussels attached to the chains, increasing their weight, and sometimes pulling the buoys down in the water to the point of compromised visibility. Now cables are used to avoid the zebra mussel problem. Occasionally if the cable length is shortened and the water level rises, the buoy may float and drag the anchor out of its correct location. Then the buoy must be repositioned. The only factor that would call for a change in the NO WAKE ZONE would be the addition of a new marina.



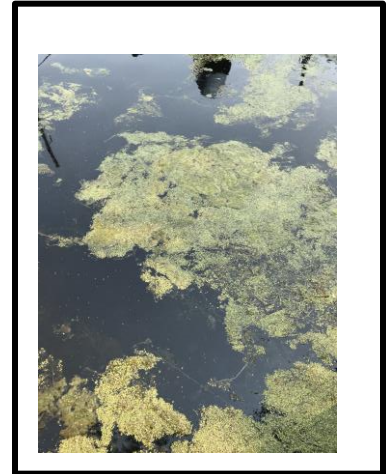
Although enforcement of the NO WAKE ZONE in Pentwater Lake is the responsibility of the Pentwater Sheriff Department and the Oceana County Marine Officer Tim Simon, Sheriff Laude Hartrum said any police officer in the state would have the authority to issue tickets. Normally Simon patrols Pentwater Lake Wednesday – Sunday, and Hartrum patrols the lake on Monday and Tuesday. Tickets are issued under the Marine Safety Act the same way auto driver tickets are issued with a court summons and a fine. Upon occasion our patrol officers have been called to Ludington to assist the Coast Guard in a situation because the Coast Guard can only enforce federal marine laws, not state or local laws.

Jet ski personal watercraft tend to gather a disproportionate number of tickets. Hartrum explained the jet motor propulsion system functions differently from inboard and outboard motors and gives the operator less control over the speed. (Explanation, not excuse.) So while traveling on the water, be attentive to NO WAKE buoys and signs and watch your wake!

At the July 19 meeting, the PLA Board considered a proposal from the Pentwater Sportfishing Association to purchase one new flashing NO WAKE buoy for the east border of the zone and to replace two amber flashers on NO WAKE buoys that are not functioning. The Board voted to share the cost equally.

The Year of Duckweed By Joe Primozich

Duckweed is everywhere on the surface in Pentwater Lake. Why this year and how did it happen to our lake? Most riparians are asking those questions. Others are wondering is this a new threat to the lake and can we swim in it? First off, duck weed is a native floating broadleaf plant of only .25 inches or less in size. It thrives in nutrient rich warm waters and the marsh, now more like a lagoon in these high waters, provides the perfect home for it. Until the water levels drop to within the banks of the river, the duckweed will still be abundant in the quiet waters of the flooded marsh. Upon a rain event like the second week of July, the rushing water moves the duckweed across our lake. The wind becomes the next factor to direct where it will end up at. My neighbor told me that if you worry about duckweed, have a cup of coffee and wait for the wind to change and it will blow away. Do not use herbicide on it as it is a waste of money and adds more nutrients to the lake bottom. Just lift it and dry it if you need to clear an area by your dock.



It is safe to swim in as frogs hide in it and bluegills feed heavily below it for zooplankton. So yes, you can swim in it and have contact with it. It is a great part of summer aquariums. Waterfowl love it for its high protein content, thus its name. It will stop algae growth below it. Filamentous algae are showing up as another plant issue on the lake now. It pulls out nitrates and phosphates from our aging lake with its nutrient rich bottom from the logging days and our 20-year history of spraying large tracts of vegetation on the lake and letting it settle to the bottom. Today's substitute is to use a harvester to load and remove the invasive plants with their nutrients and then let it dry on a farmer's field or local garden. Duckweed could be around for the next couple of years depending on the rate that our lake water levels drop. July watched the lake level off from the rains we got the first two weeks. So let's hope the rest of the year allows for a natural draw down of the lake through next year so the marsh can go back to having a river in it.



Water Taxi Update:

As of this writing, the water taxi vehicle has just returned to service after repairs. It is available for taxi service across the lake for residents and guests (no charge, but donations welcome) and for special events including historical tours, sunset tours, burial of ashes, group cruises (\$10/person). Any use of the water taxi is by reservation only. Reservations can be made by email: pentwaterwatertaxi@gmail.com The dock at the end of Manchester has been installed. Lee Price will update the "Pentwater Water Taxi" page on Facebook, posting the latest information regarding times/costs/offerings.

Family Fun at Homecoming – Sand Sculpture Contest on the Beach at Mears Aug. 13

Contest #48 will award 21 trophies to teams whose sculptures best reflect this year's Homecoming theme of "Life is Better at the Lake." Sponsored by the Pentwater Service Club, the event encourages family groups to participate. Participants are assigned to 4 different age groups and 3 different family categories. Sculptures are judged on four criteria – adherence to the theme, creativity, attention to detail, and neatness. Registration begins 8am Friday, sculpting time is 8-11am and awards program is at noon. For more details see Pentwater Sand Sculpture Contest on Facebook, or call 313.498.0155.

Calendar of Special Events: August - October

Wine & Art at Park Place - New Date and Location – August 22

The Wine & Art event will be held on a new date and new location. Come and enjoy wine tasting, appetizers and a silent auction on Sunday, August 22nd from 2 pm - 5 pm at Park Place.

The event will feature a silent auction on many items from paintings, jewelry and gift baskets to gift certificates for all kinds of goods and services. Sample over thirty different wines, along with a table full of delicious hors d'oeuvres. A special raffle is scheduled to give away a lovely hand-made quilt, a highlight of previous years' fundraisers. This year's quilt is titled "Pentwater Fireworks".

Proceeds support college scholarships for graduating seniors from the PWC Scholarship Fund. The event is hosted by the Pentwater Women's Club. Grand Sponsors: Shelby State Bank - Pentwater and West Shore Bank – Ludington. Advanced Tickets: \$25 at Port View, Jilly's Gallery, Storybook Village At the Door: \$30

Brew & Beats - A Celebration of Michigan Craft Beverage & Music, Village Green, 12-5pm, September 4

- An inaugural event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce
- Craft beer, wine and cider festival in Pentwater
- Live music - The Drew Hale Band, Yard games, and Food Trucks
- General Admission -in advance @ www.Pentwater.org for \$25, At the door - \$30

A Glow in the Park - Charles Mears State Park, September 10 and 11

Experience a magical walk in the park. September 10th and September 11th from 9 - 11 pm.

30th Annual Fall Festival – Village Green, September 25 and 26

- Arts, crafts & Antique Fair: Sept 25 (Sat) 10 am - 5 pm, & Sept 26 (Sun) 10 am - 3 pm

Pentwater Oktoberfest, October 9

Pentwater's Oktoberfest, held in October, offers a variety of activities for all ages and many interests. It is an annual fall event everyone looks forward to...don't miss the festivities on Saturday, October 9th.

- Classic Car & Hot Rod Show - 10 am
- Stout Stumble 5K Walk & Run
- COVE Home Tour 10 am - 4 pm
- Live music, seasonal beverages, yard games and food trucks
- All Day - Live Music and Oktoberfest Activities at the Village Café & Pub

Spooktacular-October 30, Saturday before Halloween

Spooktacular creates a fun, safe way for families to celebrate the holiday. Locals and visitors enjoy fun fall activities in the heart of downtown Pentwater. Activities include a costume contest for all ages, treat bags, kid games, pumpkin painting, face painting, trick or treating with the downtown merchants (12-2pm), a Parade, and a spooky scavenger hunt.

Other Dates to Remember

August 28 – Wooden Boat Show & Parade, PYC 10am-4pm

August 27-28 – Annual Merchants' Sidewalk Sale

October 2-3, Volunteer Weekend at Mears Sate Park, 9am



Spooktacular costumes.

Pentwater Homecoming Schedule August 12-15th

Homecoming Sponsor – Shelby State Bank & Gale's Agency

Grand Parade Sponsor – Cosmic Candy Company

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

- 10AM – 1PM Pentwater Farmers Market Village Green
- 6PM PLA - STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE SOCIAL on Village Green
- 7:30PM LES BAILEY MEMORIAL CONCERT
- Pentwater Civic Band & The Scottville Clown Band Concert on the Village Green

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

- 8AM-12PM SAND SCULPTURE CONTEST - Charles Mears State Park.
Sponsor: Pentwater Service Club Theme: Pentwater: Life is Better at the Lake
- 1PM STORY TELLING AT STORYBOOK VILLAGE
- 1PM MASON/OCEANA COUNTY MSU ALUMNI GOLF OUTING - Lakeside Links Golf
- 8:30PM SUNSET GLOW YOGA - Charles Mears State Park, \$15 to participate

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

- 12PM PYC ENSIGN RACE- Pentwater Yacht Club
- 12PM-8PM BIG TEN PRESEASON TAILGATE PARTY - Behind Village Café
- 1PM HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT- Audrey Horseshoe Pits
- 2PM REGISTRATION AND LINE UP FOR THE GRAND PARADE
- 4PM GRAND PARADE - Grand Marshal: Claudia Ressel-Hodan
- DUSK FIREWORKS DISPLAY- Charles Mears State Park over Lake Michigan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

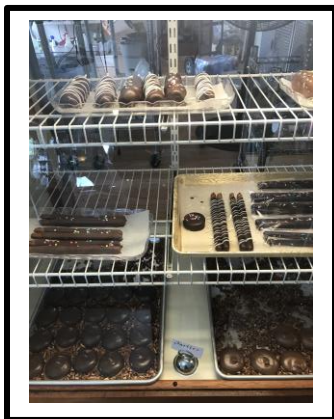
- 8AM-12PM VFW PANCAKE BREAKFAST- Pentwater VFW Hall
- WORSHIP SERVICES
 - 9AM St. James Episcopal Church
 - 9AM & 10:30AM First Baptist Church
 - 9:30AM Centenary United Methodist on the Village Green
 - 10:30AM St. Vincent's Catholic Church
- 6PM – JAZZ AT GULL LANDING
- 7PM MOVIES ON THE GREEN – MAMA MIA!



News Bytes - by AnnaMae Bush

Honeybee is the new shop located in Jilly's former location, 478 Hancock. Owner Becky Dozhier opened a store in Muskegon a year ago and followed with a second store in Pentwater. It is a store with a story. Her products are chosen to support women-owned businesses that in turn promote social causes. Proceeds from the skin care products she sells support neglected farm animals. She has a variety of note cards and stationery, multiple options in hand-made jewelry, organic baby clothing, and a line of men's clothing made from recycled water bottles. An unbelievably soft fabric with UV protection forms the men's shorts, shirts, and swim trunks – even the swim trunks lining is a soft stretchy fabric instead of the usual netting. Dozhier intends to be open year-round, although the current hours, 10am-5pm daily, will likely be abbreviated after Labor Day. She invites locals and visitors to “shop with a purpose”, to purchase quality products and support good causes simultaneously. Stop in, call 231-955-0027 or check out the website: shophoneybee.online.

Chocolate Cove, 412 South Hancock, offers heavenly scents and flavors to the chocaholic. Proprietor Joel Martin began his career as a chocolatier in 1971 making fudge at May's Candy Shop on Mackinaw Island. Following his time on the Island, he travelled and worked in a variety of locations before setting up a shop called Chocolate Cove in Silver Lake.



He worked there for 22 years and then became a partner in Fudge & Frosting – the store in Pentwater that existed for 4 years in the location of his current re-established enterprise,

Chocolate Cove. Fudge, fine candies, and gelato are

the edible prizes. The glass case shelves are full of beautiful delicacies. But the wall art is also eye-catching. Photos and paintings of ships, fancy seashells, and models of half-hulls of sailboats are displayed in abundance. Martin is a cheerful educator, eager to share his knowledge about making fudge and other chocolates. See CHOCOLATECOVE2003@YAHOO.COM for more info. The shop will be open through Labor Day.

The Mason Jar, *All that matters is what's inside [double meaning]*, 560 S. Hancock Unit 5, is a Mother-Daughter partnership for Teresa Kloack and Christy Shimaitis. They own stores in Grand Rapids and Pentwater. It is a business that grew out of adversity. When Christy was critically ill with cancer, it was the dream that anchored her and gave her hope for the future. She and Teresa spent hours planning The Mason Jar in meticulous detail. The space is packed with countless gift ideas in home décor, custom furniture and signs, and gourmet food products. Want a special chef apron, oven mits, hot pan holders, drinking glasses, grilling utensils, herbs or spices? Check this place out. Free popcorn and a real COKE drink dispenser add value. Future craft workshops are planned. Call 231-869-3156 for



additional information.

EnerGfitness is a reincarnation of RISE, offering classes in Yoga, Zumba, Pilates, ballet, core strength, Drum fit, and other creative methods of exercising. The building was purchased by Gabby Peterson and remodeled into a new studio with a mirrored wall and barre. The class schedule is very full, and available online at MINDBODY! More info? Reach

Gabby at 231-830-7037 or
gabypeterson09@gmail.com

Liberty Family Farm, long a dinner destination for those who love farm fresh food, now uses space at 145 Hancock. On Saturdays and Sundays they offer fresh baked goods, sandwiches and quiche.

More Downtown Changes: Fair Trade moved between Gull's Landing and Chocolate Cove, House of Flavors and Dari Crème are under new ownership, Bonz is remodeled, and Craze Home has now opened the second floor of its building.

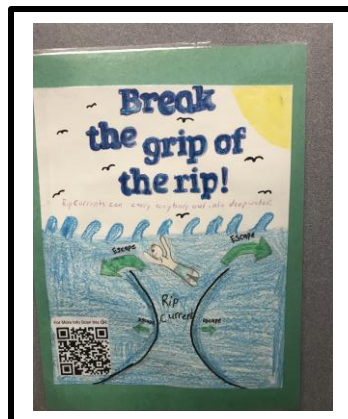
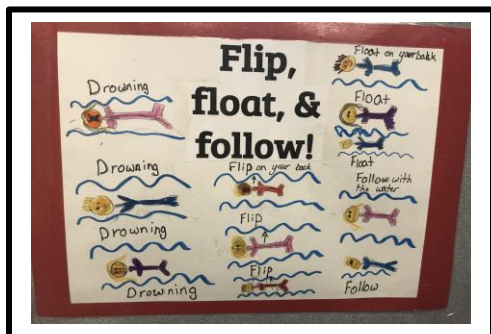
Help Wanted: Many of the downtown businesses, especially the restaurants, need good help. If you know any hardworking young people looking for employment, advise them to check out Pentwater's opportunities. There can be no better place to enjoy their non-working hours!!

North End Park: The Village has worked hard on North Park improvements and Recreation Director Kate Anderson has done a tremendous job to make the changes as inclusive as possible for young and old and differently abled. The adult fitness apparatus offers more than 20 stations for upper body and lower body workouts on ropes, rings, and climbing equipment. Signage directs users to an online location on their phones for guidance in the various ways to use the equipment. There is a musical circle particularly appropriate for children who have impaired sight or hearing. Sounds and vibration are incorporated into the equipment. Soon the basketball court and one tennis court will be resurfaced. This fall the second tennis court will become two pickle ball courts. Completing phase 1 will require \$12-15k of funding. Then work will pause before phase 2 begins.

North End Park Equipment



Water Safety Posters by 2nd and 5th Graders at Pentwater





Pentwater Green Schools Club



By Erika Fatura, Green Schools Club Advisor

Students from Mason and Oceana counties participated in an Agriscience Everywhere camp mid-July. It was a fantastic opportunity sponsored by the West Shore ESD. We were able to use the West Michigan Research Station as our classroom, which is an amazing facility! Students made edible soil models, tried many kinds of milk, dreamed of engineering the perfect apple, made pet spider plants, and assembled glow in the dark terrariums! We were also so lucky to be able to learn from many area experts about the technology and advancements in agriculture. Thank you to Peterson Farms, Country Dairy, Gourmet Mushrooms, the Soil Conservation District, West Shore Career and Technical Education (CTE), Fleming Farms, and Clarence Rudet who did a whole lesson on honeybees and extracting honey.



Students from Pentwater and Shelby putting together their glow in the dark terrariums.



Pentwater students Sam, Logan and Abram showing off their plant pets!



Allie, Rosie and Janie building their terrariums.

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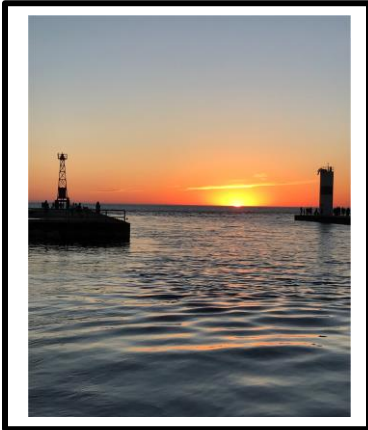
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