

# PENTWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER- AUGUST 2020

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May your troubles be less... May your blessings be more... May nothing but happiness come through your door

... And if it does, make sure it's wearing a mask!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY LYNNE CAVAZOS

### A Silver Lining to the Cloud

The fast spreading Coronavirus has certainly turned our world upside down and disrupted everyone's daily routines. I would like to share with you some positive outcomes from our staying at home and practicing social distancing to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19. The following outcomes were shared by Debbie Haski-Leventhal from the Macquarie Business School in Sydney, Australia.

#### 1. The Environment

Carbon emissions are down globally and with manufacturing and air travel grinding to a halt, the planet has had a chance to rejuvenate. Wildlife is reappearing in major cities and the biodiversity is slowly starting to return in various parts of the world.

#### 2. Peace

The United Nations called an end to all wars in the face of COVID-19 as the world confronts a common enemy: "It's time to put armed conflict on lockdown," stated Secretary-General António Guterres.

#### 3. Connectedness

People all around the world are finding new ways to address the need for interconnectedness by using a variety of social media platforms to connect. There is a huge wave of formal and informal volunteering where people use their skills and abilities to help.

#### 4. Innovation

COVID-19 is a major market disruptor that has led to unprecedented levels of innovation. Due to the lockdown, so many businesses have had to reinvent themselves with a new '*business as unusual*' philosophy.

## 5. Corporate Responsibility

Coronavirus is driving a new wave of corporate social responsibility (CSR). The global pandemic has become a litmus test for how seriously companies are taking their CSR and their work with key stakeholders: the community, employees, consumers and the environment. Companies are donating money, food and medical equipment to support people affected by the coronavirus.

## 6. Reimagined Education

A massive transformation in education has taken place: many teachers are digitizing the classroom, offering online education, using educational games and tasks to promote self-led learning. We are globally involved in one of the largest-scale experiments in changing education at all levels.

Home-schooling is becoming the new way of learning, exposing many parents to what their children know and do.

## 7. Gratitude

COVID-19 is giving us a new sense of appreciation and gratefulness. It has offered us a new perspective on everything we have taken for granted for so long. We have learned to value and thank health workers who are at the frontline of this crisis. This sense of gratefulness can also help us develop our resilience and overcome the crisis in the long-term.

*Her outcomes are helpful reminders that it is up to us to make changes in ourselves and our system to continue with the positive environmental impact, peace, connectedness, innovation, corporate responsibility, reimagined education and gratitude.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Social Committee Report: Lynne Cavazos

The PLA Strawberry Social, the major fundraiser for PLA, was cancelled this year due to concerns about the importance of social distancing on the Village Green and the cancellation of the joint concert with the Scottville Clown Band and Pentwater Civic Band.

We felt it would be difficult to attract large numbers of “strawberry shortcake eaters” to the Village Green without having the joint concert and the challenges of ensuring that everyone would be safe.

Thank you to all the PLA members who volunteered to help with the Strawberry Social this year. We hope to host this annual event again next year during Pentwater’s Homecoming Celebration.

### Website: George Richey

The PLA Website is being updated daily during this summer’s Youth Fishing Tournament. Go to the PLA website, [www.pentwaterlakeassociation.com](http://www.pentwaterlakeassociation.com), and open the “Tournament Photos for 2020” site to see the variety of fish pictures being submitted. We have also added a 1999 “River Management Plan” report for the South Branch of



the Pentwater River under the “Information” tab. Open the “Link to Full Report Here” tab at the bottom of the Report cover sheet to see the full report.

### **Treasurer’s Report: George Richey**

The PLA’s Annual Treasurer’s Report was created, summarizing the cash receipts and disbursements for 12 months ending May 31, 2020. We received \$12,723 and disbursed \$11,532 in that 12-month period of time, ending with a cash balance on hand of \$19,649. The major contributions to funds received were Member Dues, the 2019 Strawberry Social and various donations. The major disbursements were the 2019 Annual Membership

Meeting, water quality testing, the 2019 Strawberry Social and Newsletter and Membership Directory printing and mailing. As of July 20, 2020, our cash on hand is \$18,901.18. If you would like to see more details of the Annual Treasurer’s Report, please go to the PLA’S website at [www.pentwaterlakeassociation.com](http://www.pentwaterlakeassociation.com) and open the tab “Annual Treasurer’s Report”.

See Membership Committee Report on page 6

### **Natural Resources: Joe Primozych**

#### **An Eagle’s Lesson During Hard Times**

The eagle pair nesting in the upper reaches of the Pentwater River this March fell on hard times. Not only did storms rock their tree top nest, it broke the tree in half and threw the nest to the ground. Upon inspecting the broken nest, eggshells were found on the ground among the nest debris. The three-month effort to rebuild the nest and lay eggs for this year’s family came to a shattering halt. Do you give up on your family planning or rebuild at a new site? In just over two weeks’ time this is what happened.

The pair of eagles began looking for a new site and chose one not so open and sheltered by the westerly winds. Next, they began their stick hunt. They would fly the edge of the tree line and hit dead

branches with both feet to break them off the tree. If the branch was not rotten enough, they would be flipped over and would be hanging upside down for a few seconds before releasing themselves to fly upside down and then recover and continue their stick hunt for rebuilding a nest. Once they had enough sticks, they lined the nest with dead grasses that would be a dry lining for the eggs to rest in. Ovulation took about 24 hours and the shelled egg was set into the nest. Today the nest has two chicks and so as the story goes, Never Give Up. The parents are hunting constantly now to feed their family as they had planned to do all along. The two chicks will soon be out of the nest to learn how to fly.

***DID YOU KNOW? An average sized eagle’s nest will measure 6-8’ in diameter and weigh several hundred lbs. when wet!!***

Here is our queen eagle on her Pentwater nest in June.



## Charles Mears' Gift to Pentwater by Joe Primozich

Two Pentwater Lake Association members undertook lake shore clean up on June 8 after the June 3 rain/wind storm this year. Tom Walters and Joe Primozich did not know they would become owners of a historical piece with ties to the lumbering time of Charles Mears. Tom, a retired forester, provided the boat and trailer that would be used to remove two dock sections and then a 20' log. The debris was resting by the shore of Jim McGregor in Calico Bay along the newly reworked shoreline road into town. With tow ropes, the log was brought into the road commission dock and launch site on the south side of the lake. Then a boat trailer was submerged into the lake, and the log was floated above it, while at the same time the trailer was raised out of the water with the log. From there the log was taken to a site upriver and was chained to a tree. When the trailer was pulled out from under it, they realized just what they had. The log had two brands on the end of it, which meant one thing--- it had to be old. At least, the log dated back to about the time of 1895 to 1900.

At the time of Charles Mears' death, 1895, the last logs were being dropped off to the roll-a-ways used on the north and south branches of the Pentwater River. Evidence of both of these roll-a-ways can still be seen and are sites of erosion that impact those areas of the river today. At the turn of the century the placement of the Long Bridge Road, with a bridge over the river, signaled the end of bringing logs in to the lumber mills in town by water through spring runoffs. The forests had been cut over, and the virgin timber was gone. The era of lumbering virgin forests was coming to an end in Oceana County.

What story could this log tell? Tom Walter's son-in-law started unraveling the pieces. He found three things out by using the end of the log. 1) The log was 190 years old with an error of +/- 5 years. This was found out by counting the growth rings of the tree. 2) The Z brand was registered to Henry B. Aulds in 1876 in Kent, Ottawa, and Montcalm counties. So apparently he and his crews were hired to harvest Mears' timber and get logs to the mill. 3) The 2 brand is a series mark. The significance of this is not known at the time of writing this article. If the tree was cut in 1895 and brought to the roll-a-way, it never made it past the marsh for one reason or another. Considering that, the tree then started life somewhere between 1685 to 1700, east of Pentwater. The last piece of the puzzle was provided by Mike Flynn's brother-in-law who had a tremendous Pentwater post card collection. Joe Primozich remembered seeing a postcard with a horse drawn wagon of hemlock bark from east of town. The bark was cut and placed in bundles and sold for tanning purposes. On the log are axe marks in circular patterns around the log. This is done in 4 foot spaces. So this must be a hemlock log left after the bark was harvested.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) was contacted to see if the log belonged to the state as it just showed up after the storm, floating down the lake from the river and marsh area. The record-high water levels have raised submerged timber from their entrapped resting beds. EGLE stated that the log







belongs to those who recovered it, as it floated into the lake and was not taken from the bottom. Tom Walter and Joe Primozich have contacted the Pentwater Historical Society and will donate it to them for display. So thanks, Charles Mears, for giving us a relic of the past, so we can gain insight as to how logging operations existed in settling early Pentwater.

*Tom Walter with the log on his trailer.*

## Lake Michigan Shoreline - Private Ownership vs Public Usage by AnnaMae Bush

It is tempting to use the beach south of the channel, especially when social distancing is very challenging on the beach of Mears State Park. But there are laws that govern how the public can use privately owned lake property. The State of Michigan holds the Great Lakes in trust for use by the public. The public can boat, swim, fish, sail, and enjoy the water as they wish. They may even walk along the shoreline on privately owned property as long as they stay within the *ordinary* high-water mark. However, the public is not entitled to use the beach any way they wish. No sunbathing on towels, use of chairs, bringing a cooler, umbrella, toys, or wagons for transporting children are legally permissible. One party actually beached their pontoon boat and got out a grill and chairs to have a cookout!

In Pentwater the private Oceana Beach Association property truthfully extends into the channel. The Village had to get an easement to construct the wooden walkway to the concrete sidewalk from the northernmost members who own that property. The Army Corp of Engineers had to get permission from

the Association to widen the channel. It is fact, not fiction, that the beach is privately owned.

The one issue that is not resolved by the State of Michigan Supreme Court is how to define the “*ordinary* high-water mark.” Observing the hundred+ feet of sand outlined by debris that winter and spring storms created this past year, one can say that certainly is *no ordinary* high-water mark. The court members split on how to define that elusive water mark. But one certainty is this: walking in the water or on wet sand is perfectly legal. Wet sand delineates the current high-water mark. Walking noticeably beyond the wet sand is trespassing on private property. Be thoughtful. Be courteous. It works both ways.



## *"For the Love of the Lake"*



### **Launch Blitz**

Cooperating with the State of Michigan, the PLA conducted a Launch Blitz at all 3 Pentwater launches on Saturday July 11 from 10:00 to 3:00. The state's goal for the annual state-wide blitz is to inform Michigan boaters of the laws in place to prevent transfers of invasive species from one body of water to another. The PLA uses the opportunity to also distribute information on our life jackets stands, the wake zone bullseye chart, the specific invasive species in Pentwater Lake and PLA membership. Last year we talked to over 100 people and it was well received. This year seven volunteers worked from 10am to 3pm and contacted 130 people with 63 different watercrafts that included speed boats, fishing boats, jet skis, pontoons, kayaks, and paddle boats.

Thanks to **Rich Pugsley** who organized our participation and reported results to the DNR. In response to Rich's report, Kevin Walters from the DNR wrote, "Based on the feedback I've received from other landing blitz locations, it sounds like yours was one of the most productive." *[Pictured: Board members Janet Strahan and Lynne Cavazos]*



**Three New Information Stations:** *Board members Tom Walter, Rich Pugsley, and Joe Primozich* at one of three they installed at the boat launches. Special thanks to Rich for the construction. This project is one of many paid for with member dues.

### **Membership Committee Update: Rich Pugsley**

Thank you to the 233 members who have renewed their PLA membership for 2020. This allows us to continue to do good things for the lake.

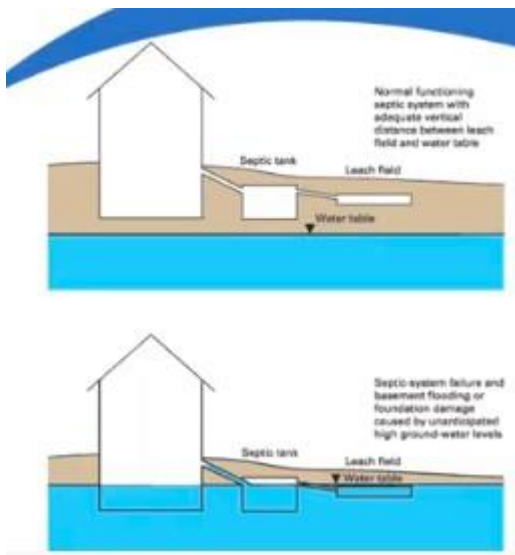
We will be sending out reminders to past members who have not yet renewed. Renewal by the end of September will keep your name in the directory and keep the newsletters coming.

People who enjoy the lake should consider becoming members. Talk to your friends. This is an excellent way to help ensure the lake is a pleasure to use for everyone. New members are always welcome to join. You do not need to live on the lake to be an active and supportive member of the association. The application is available on the Association web site. <https://www.pentwaterlakeassociation.com/membership-application>

## Septic, Well Water, and Sump Pumps with High Water Contributed by Rich Pugsley

High Water can cause problems with your shoreline and low areas of your house. It can also cause problems with your septic system, well water and sump pumps. Here are some things to consider. *This information is summarized from a webinar presented by Jennifer McKay for the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association and is available online.*

The Lake Michigan water level is high, the soil is saturated and the ground water table is higher. Add to this the effect of the higher Lake Michigan levels on the back water of the rivers and you have several conditions for water problems.



### Septic Systems Problem Signs

- sinks or toilets backing up or draining slowly
- wet areas, lush grass, or foul odors around the drain field
- noticeable algae and plant growth or a distinctly colored patch of bottom sediment along the shoreline near the drain field

### Septic System Actions

- (Pentwater Sewer System) call 911
- (Private) immediately call the local health department
- Pump out the septic tank
- Reduce water use
- Fence off wet area around the drain field to minimize contact with the wastewater
- Determine a long-term fix



### Drinking Water Wells

- Casing should extend 12 inches above the ground
- Extend casing if needed
- Install watertight cap on well head
- If water reaches or covers top of well casing, assume well is contaminated
- Have well disinfected and tested by local health department

**Sump Pumps** If you are on the Pentwater sewer system your sump pump should not empty into the sewer line. The system is not designed to handle a continuously running sump pump.

## Calendar of Events

**Aug 13-16 Celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Pentwater Homecoming !** This year's theme: Discover Pentwater, Come for a day, a week a life. Sponsors: Shelby State Bank & Gale's Agency.

- **Pentwater Lake Youth Fishing Tournament** – hosted by the Pentwater Lake Association (ends 8/16/20.) Visit [www.pentwaterlakeassociation.org](http://www.pentwaterlakeassociation.org) for details.
- **Sand Sculpture Funfest** – hosted by the Service Club. The contest ends on 8/15/20. Visit [www.serviceclub.org](http://www.serviceclub.org) for details.
- August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> - **Beach Yoga** hosted by Kalon Arts and Yoga. Meet at Charles Mears State Park. Bring Towel and Water. Cost to participate \$10.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> – **Storytelling at Storybook Village**. Children can enjoy at 1:00 PM.
- August 15<sup>th</sup> **Art Audrey Annual Horseshoe Tournament - 10 AM** at Audrey Horseshoe Pits. Contact Dennis Veine at 231-869-4169 to participate.
- August 15<sup>th</sup> - **Celebrate in the Street** – 10AM – 5PM Walk on Hancock Street to visit local shops and eat at local restaurants to celebrate Pentwater's downtown.
- August 15<sup>th</sup> - **Light up Pentwater** - Light your sparklers and wave glow sticks to light up Pentwater at dusk.

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| Aug 18-23  | Oceana County Fair - Hart Fairgrounds  |
| Aug 22-23  | PSA (Pentwater Sportfishing Association) - Super Mini Tournament   |
| Aug 28-29  | Annual Merchants' Pentwater Sidewalk Sale  |
| Aug. 28    | PSA - End of Big Fish Contest  |
| Sept 5     | <u>Brews &amp; Beats</u> - Craft Beer, Wine and Cider Festival. <b>POSTPONED</b> until 5/21/21<br>PSA - Bannick's Lines Down Derby |
| Sept 11-12 | Glow in the Park Luminous Trail – State Park at Dusk -Tentative  |
| Sept 24    | Harvest Day – Pentwater Farmer's Market – Village Green 10-1pm   |
| Sept 26-27 | Fall Fest Arts & Crafts Fair on the Village Green  |
| Oct 3-4    | Fall Volunteer Weekend – Mears State Park – 9am - Tentative  |
| Oct 10     | Oktoberfest: Classic Car and Hot Rod Show<br>Stout Stumble 5K - Saturday morning<br>Entertainment Tent - Village Green             |
| Oct 31     | Halloween on the Village Green & Merchant Trick-or-Treating  |
| Oct 31     | Recycling Center Closes at 6 pm today until April 2021   |

### Weekly Repeat Events:

- Pentwater Farmer's Market (Monday & Thursday) 6/1 - 9/7 - Village Green 10AM - 1:00 PM
- Comedy Night - (Tuesday) 6/9 - 9/15 - Village Pub at 9 PM



We recommend that you check the following websites and Facebook pages to find up-to-date information about other events.

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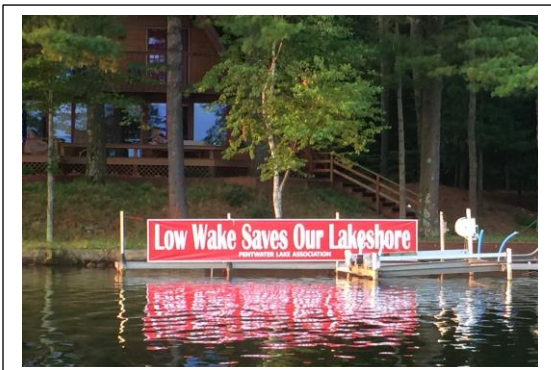
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**Secondary Sources:**

- Pentwater Chamber Office Website: [www.pentwater.org](http://www.pentwater.org)
- Pentwater Exchange Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Pentwater-Exchange](https://www.facebook.com/Pentwater-Exchange)
- Pentwater Township: [www.pentwatertwp.org](http://www.pentwatertwp.org)
- Pentwater Township Library: [www.pentwaterlibrary.org](http://www.pentwaterlibrary.org)

## NO WAKE LOW WAKE by AnnaMae Bush

You may recall in our last issue we reported on the legal authority given to local entities to make temporary changes in speed limits on lakes. This legislation was in response to shoreline damages inflicted by high water levels and wave action caused by storm winds or vehicles traveling on the lake. It is a lengthy process to make such changes and the level of support for making Pentwater Lake entirely a No-Wake zone is questionable. However, the PLA Board felt it was important to remind boaters that their speed and wake impact our shoreline. Many riparians have had extensive damage to their shorelines, their docks, and their homes. The board voted to provide funding to install signage that would encourage boaters, jet skiers, and other high-speed vehicles to keep their speed levels down. We hope this modest effort will be helpful. Currently signs are posted at the public boat launch on Lake Street and near the Big Bayou in Rich Pugsley's yard. We plan to install one or two more signs.



### **Repairs to Monroe Road** by Mike Peters

As you travel on Monroe Road you cannot help but notice the white barriers at three locations. These structures were designed and installed at the direction of Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) which has used this design at other locations to keep water from crossing roadways. The system consists of a wide white plastic sheet and 3-foot square bags which are filled with sand and placed on the plastic sheet. The plastic sheet is then wrapped over the bags and is held in place by placing orange sandbags on top. This work was accomplished by the Oceana County Road Commission which MDOT

contracts with for road maintenance. At the lowest elevation of each of the three locations concrete drainage structures were buried on each side of the road and were connected by a pipe. Within these structures, which collect water from the road, are automatic electric pumps which discharge collected water to Pentwater Lake. This portion of the project was performed by a contractor from Muskegon who had prior experience. The barriers will remain in place until lake levels recede and no longer threaten Monroe Road. The system is operational and has performed as expected!

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### **Jim Schramm, A Man For All Watersheds** by Joe Primozech

You have probably heard the phrase, *A Man for All Seasons*. Jim Schramm could be referred to as *A Man For All Watersheds*, a title earned by all the rivers and streams work he has done for the west side of the state and the history he has had with the Pentwater Lake Association. Jim was the person who originally obtained the 501-3C status for the PLA, which enables the PLA to receive donations for managing the Pentwater Lake resources. In return, the donor can claim this as a tax deduction. Thank you, Jim and Dorothy, for being members since the first days of the PLA.

Jim liked the area enough back in 1969 that he purchased his home site before he was headed to Vietnam. Upon returning, he worked from his Lansing law office from 1978 until 1992. From that point on, it has been all Pentwater as he and his wife Dorothy created the home they live in today at the west end of the Little Bayou. We are so glad that you chose Pentwater.

Jim's career is filled with several leadership roles. 1) Twenty years as President of the Great Lakes Council. 2) Thirty years as attorney for Fly Fishers International. 3) Twenty – five years as Executive Director Legal Counsel for relicensing Muskegon, Croton, Hart, and Bond Falls dams. 4) Involved in removal of a dam upstream on the Manistee River. 5) As a member of the Michigan Hydro Relicensing Council, Jim recently sat in on the relicensing of the Ludington Pumped Storage Plant. Jim said that this site has less impact on local watersheds than an electric generating river dam plant. In the meetings, Jim also represented the Pentwater community and the DNR fishing interests with a request for grants to enhance the local natural spawning rock reefs for trout and salmon. With help from Pentwater fishermen the DNR recognized these areas north of Summit Park along Lake Michigan shores. Our water resources are better off due to Jim's stewardship. So again, thanks Jim for being here in Pentwater and being part of the PLA.

## Flotsam and Damage Containment

by Tom Walter

What's flotsam? Flotsam is debris, found in the water, that was not deliberately placed there. This has become an issue on the Great Lakes and in our community. It is everywhere. It will damage your boat, your dock and any other waterfront property it comes in contact with. You can see it jammed in the rocks around the pier heads in Pentwater. Take a ride and look at it all along the bluffs on Lake Michigan north of Summit Township Park. Huge amounts of wood. Have you seen it piled up along Long Bridge Road? It can be plastic, buoys, boat bumpers, dock sections, stairways, lumber, and logs. Sure, some of it is a natural occurrence due to erosion. Like the big stump and log on the bottom of the Pentwater Channel or those up on the rocks on the pier. Most of it is not natural. A little effort from us all would be a big help here. Look at your lakefront to see what is in danger of getting lost to the lake. There is some ready to go in. Take better care of it. Please prevent flotsam. To protect other boaters, clearly mark submerged docks. If you see some flotsam trash pick it up. Dispose of it if you can but get it out of the water. Secure your lakeside property and equipment. Don't overdo it by digging up slab wood or old logs on the bottom. That wouldn't be legal. Let's all have empathy for those losing structures to the big lake. Ask for help having flotsam removed or having losses prevented. A little awareness and participation can make a difference in this crazy world we live in right now. Maybe you will prevent an unwelcome boat motor repair or a nail in the foot that will only add to the craziness. The winds of November come stealing. Be prepared.



Warn boaters and swimmers of submerged docks or any other objects that could cause boat damage or personal injury. Mark with balloons or floating bumper pads, flags or any other obvious object.



Flotsam on the south pier.

## News Bytes by AnnaMae Bush

### Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Here is some info about 6 new businesses:

**Green Isaac's Coffee & Tea**, located at 240 S. Hancock Street across from The Green, is a year-round shop offering coffee, craft tea, vintage sodas, baked goods, breakfast tacos, sandwiches and salads. (Baking done on site.) Along with food and beverages, Green Isaac's provides a hospitable atmosphere where owner Brian Prescott hopes customers will enjoy spending time. The Prescotts are moving to Pentwater, excited to become members of the community. Check out their "Rocks in the Sand" cookies and ask about the origin of the shop's name! 231-819-1773



**The Bear Den – Custom Wood Burning/Signs, Décor and More**, at 500 S. Hancock Street, is owned by Trent and Sara Witteveen who grew up in Oceana County. Sara does all the wood burning and the store is full of varied examples of her work. In addition to custom wood art and signs, the store offers canvas prints of photographs taken in Pentwater, glassware and apparel. 231-869-3147



**Studio 161**, located at 161 S. Hancock Street, is owned by Laura Muirhead. Here you can find one of a kind handmade artisan pottery, creative change

kits, Laura's published books, gifts and prints as well as artistic workshops. Laura says, "My goal for Studio 161 is to be a creative space for myself. I plan to offer workshops and retreats for women to use art and creativity to help them grow in positive ways in their own lives." 231-869-3050

**Bri's Pies** is found at 35 E. Lowell Street, formerly the site of Sunshine Pizza. It is now under new management and owned by Brian Rowden. A year-round business, the shop opens at 4pm to provide a wide variety of unique pizzas, subs, salads and frozen fruit juice treats. Great reviews online for food and service. Closed Sunday. Call orders to 869-3444.

**Painted Frog Studio**, 42 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Michele Anscombe's studio is half of the space in a building shared with Cheri Petri across from The Green. Michele is a local artist and art instructor. She offers a full summer schedule of classes for youths and adults in a variety of mediums. She has drop-in activities and can provide private parties with art projects included. For schedule and fees check [www.anscombeart.com](http://www.anscombeart.com) or call 810-623-9021.

**Port View Beer and Wine**, 560 S. Hancock Street, is owned by locals Ryan and Lissa Williams. Although the sign says "Local Beer and Wine Market" they have beer and wine from all over the world. Specialties include mead, gluten-free beer, Fit Vine (the only wine approved by Weight Watchers) and



Cupcake Lighthearted that comes in at 80 calories a glass! Beverages are available at all price points. Thoughtfully laid out, the store displays wine-related gifts including stoppers, can cozies, and glassware with Port View's logo of a sailboat in a wineglass. 616-617-7984



Two familiar stores have moved to new locations:

**Mangoes**, a small boutique with affordable and stylish women's clothing and accessories is now found at 482 S. Hancock, next door to Jilly's. Owner Kayla Cameron says "All our items are trendy and no more than \$50." 203-822-4745

**Fair Trade**, a store with crafts from around the world, has moved two doors away to 145 S. Hancock Street, next to Birch Michigan. New owners Deb Palmer (a former employee) and daughter Jacki Kruger are happy to be carrying on the mission of providing income to third world populations. 269-716-7786

### **Village Green Web Cams**

New webcams, brought to you by the Downtown Development Authority, have been installed on the Village Green for your viewing pleasure! Watch live streams from two different angles, view the blue skies, beautiful water and wonderful atmosphere that Pentwater has to offer. To enjoy the views of the Village Green, please visit our web cams below.

[Village Green Web Cam Water View](#)

[Village Green Web Cam Street View](#)

### **Village Office**

Village Manager Chris Brown reminds all of us that we should regularly check the village's OFFICIAL website, [www.pentwatervillage.org](http://www.pentwatervillage.org). It is updated daily. Wondering about the recycling schedule? How about the water taxi? Road repairs? What's on the Council's next agenda? What's the link to join the Council Zoom meeting? It is ALL on the village website. The recycling schedule has been posted on the Hancock Street marquee and it has been a running banner on the website. New and larger recycling containers were distributed about 6 weeks ago to current participants. The containers will be emptied **only once a month**, every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. The next pickups are July 27, August 24, and September 21. By the way, Chris says we are on Republic's favored list because our residents carefully clean items before recycling them. Nice compliment.

Regarding the Monroe Road detour at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street culvert near Charlie's Marina – it will remain in place as required by MDOT until no water extends beyond the shoulder white lines. There is no fix for the problem except lower water levels. The roadbed cannot be raised (it would cause problems for property owners) and the shoulders are too narrow for the sandbag barriers used elsewhere. Since MDOT is liable for the road, they insist on its closure to avoid hydroplaning or other water-related accidents. Hey, what's a couple blocks compared to last summer's 15-mile detour? Let's count our blessings.



### **Police Department**

When signage and warnings and red flags are not sufficient to keep people safe, our police officers must stretch themselves. They use their time to enforce the governor's edict to wear face masks downtown. And they monitor the channel and beaches when swimmers jump off the pier or swim beyond the marked swimming area when a red flag signifies it is risky to do so. Recently Oceana County marine officer



Tim Simon patrolled the beaches north and south of the channel to warn swimmers of a dangerous undertow. We can help by being compliant with restrictions meant for our safety.

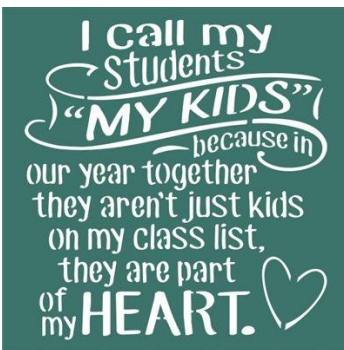
# Pentwater Green Schools Club



By: Erika Fatura, Green Schools Club Advisor

The closing of schools was a major source of stress, frustration and uncertainty. Through it all, the staff at Pentwater Schools maintained a positive attitude and immediately went to work to put supports in place for our students and families. We made personal contacts to find out what type of learning opportunities were needed for each family and started our process. The students who were able to use the internet received all of their work virtually through Google Classroom or the District Landing Page. Paper packets were put together for those students who were not able to complete online learning. A drive-through service was available every Monday and any work not picked up was delivered the following day. It was amazing to see all of the staff step up and help out wherever needed. We had people volunteer to drop off lunches to families, help with packet pick-up and deliveries, make copies for teachers, and complete locker clean-outs. Our teachers reached out to students and used many methods to check in on their social-emotional health. It was not easy, but it was clear just how much our staff cares about the health and wellbeing of our students. To say we missed them is a huge understatement.

There is a lot that needs to be established for the fall, and again we are faced with more questions than answers. One thing is certain, we will make it through and we will do so together. This includes our amazing community who stepped up, and through donations, we were able to honor our graduating seniors with yard signs, a banner in front of the school and amazing personalized banners in town. Many businesses also put together special gifts for them! We always say, "It takes a Village" and this is a great example of a time we will all have to support one another. We need to uplift, find perspective, stay positive and know that as Pentwater Falcons, we will continue to fly. It's the community, school, and families that will provide the wind beneath our wings. Fly high Falcons!



# PENTWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION

"For the Love of the Lake"

P.O. Box 825, Pentwater, MI 49449

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Crowded Mears Beach – July 23, 2020

First in the boat, then in the water. Fred was determined *not* to let the **big** one get away.

