

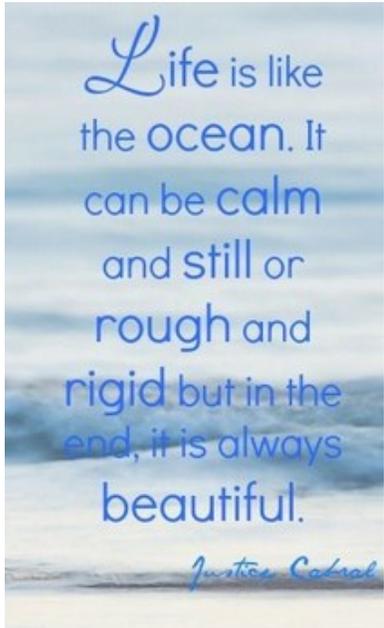
Pentwater Lake Association

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President's Message By Lynne Cavazos

Refresh – Revitalize – Renew

The coming of spring for Michigan residents is a glorious and most welcome time of year. The snow, sleet, and ice have moved on, the trees are beginning to get new leaves, flowers are in bloom or ready to bud, and robins are making their arrival back to the area. Everything feels refreshed and we all feel revitalized and renewed.

For the Pentwater Lake Association (PLA), this spring is also a time to: Refresh, Revitalize, Renew.

Refresh: The PLA website has a new look and will offer members, and other visitors, access to our past newsletters, the Pentwater Lake Guidebook, links of interest, our photo gallery, and highlights of upcoming events.

A special thank you to Claudia Ressel-Hodan and George Richey for their work on refreshing and revamping the PLA website. Be sure to check it out at the web address: pentwaterlakeassociation.com

The PLA newsletter has also been refreshed with updates from PLA committees, new informative articles about the Village of Pentwater, and explanations about the most critical issues facing the health of Pentwater Lake. It also includes an exciting page created by a team of high school students from Erika Fatura's "Green Schools Club." Their page highlights the work students are doing to ensure that Pentwater School maintains its "Evergreen Status."

Revitalize: Our mission is to operate as a community organization for the Pentwater Lake area and to operate in a manner designed to promote a community feeling among residents, preserve and improve the quality of the environment, and to work with all citizens and governmental units to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of the residents.

The PLA is working closely with the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board on a new initiative to help curb the spread of invasive species by experimenting with mechanical harvesting of nuisance vegetation. We also work closely with representatives from the DNR and DEQ, the local Sports Fishermen's Association, the Harbor Master, the Marine Manager and our county Marine Deputy.

Renew: Once again it is time to renew your membership to PLA and to invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to join as well. Everyone is invited to join the Pentwater Lake Association – you just need to have a "love for the lake." A special thank you to Malcolm McCaleb (Mac), membership chair of PLA, for his dedication and focus on increasing our membership and to Ron Beeber and Amy LaBarge for their interest in attracting and encouraging more Pentwater Yacht Club members to join PLA. The Pentwater Lake Association and Pentwater Yacht Club share a common goal to "protect & care for Pentwater Lake."

PLA Social Committee Report

By Lynne Cavazos

The Pentwater Lake Association Annual Meeting and Social Gathering will be held Friday, June 22, 2018 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at St. Vincent Church Hall.

This year we are expanding the Social Hour to give members an opportunity to meet new PLA members and spend time reminiscing with friends who are returning for the summer. Throughout the Social Hour and evening, delicious and plentiful hors d'oeuvres will be served along with a variety of tasty desserts. Coffee, tea and punch will be provided. We encourage you to bring other drinks of your choice. (There will not be a full dinner.) We will have a short business meeting followed by a presentation by this year's guest speaker, Suzie Knoll, Executive Director of the Oceana County Conservation District. Individual invitations will be sent out in May. **SAVE the DATE!**

Membership Committee Report

By Mac McCaleb

The increase in membership achieved last year is, fortunately, carrying over into 2018. This is very timely, as the PLA is partnering with the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board to implement a program designed to minimize the use of chemicals to control both invasive and nuisance aquatic vegetation. This initiative necessitates the acquisition of equipment to mechanically harvest massive amounts of vegetation. Mechanical harvesting is also significantly more labor intensive than the application of chemicals.

Many new members are joining in response to an appeal made by the Pentwater Yacht Club to its members, informing them of the long-term benefits of reducing the use of chemicals. Others are joining in response to the results they observed last year as a pilot program of mechanical harvesting was tested.

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. Please tell your friends, neighbors, and family members about the exciting and forward-looking non-chemical program that we are pursuing. We need everyone's participation and support.

Water Quality 2017

By Tom Osborn-Water Quality chair

As many of you know, the PLA conducts water sampling of Pentwater Lake and its three tributaries every summer. We conducted our normal sampling in 2017, taking samples in early June, July, August and September at two locations in the lake proper and at the inflows of both the North Branch and South Branch of the Pentwater River and Pine Creek. Pine Creek is the small creek that passes through the village roughly from the NE to the SW, emptying into the lake at Charlie's Marina. This creek carries the discharge from the new Pentwater Wastewater Treatment Facility. Our samples were analyzed for Chlorides (Cl), Sulfates (SO4), Nitrate Nitrogen (NO3), Ammonia (NH3), Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (organic nitrogen) (TKN), Soluble Reactive Phosphorus (phosphate) (SRP), Total Phosphorus (TP), and E. coli bacteria. The samples were analyzed at Annis Water Research Laboratory, Grand Valley State University, Muskegon, MI.

In a nutshell, our results for 2017 are in line with previous years. Our lake nitrate (NO3) levels ranged from 0.25 to 0.75 mg/l while the tributaries ranged from 0.75 - 2.0 mg/l. These are pretty decent numbers. Lake total phosphorus (TP), which accounts for all phosphorus forms, whether dissolved in water, in algae cells, or attached to colloidal particles, ranged from 10 to 20 micrograms/liter, or ppb. Tributary values ranged from 10 to 50 ppb. Dissolved or "available" phosphate (SRP) was seldom found in lake samples above the lab detection limit of 5 ppb and ranged from non-detect to 26 ppb (following a rainfall event) in the tributaries. These are pretty good numbers for an important nutrient, as phosphorus is likely the limiting factor for algae blooms in the lake. The fact that the available phosphate form is seldom detected in lake samples can indicate that whenever phosphorus is made available in its phosphate form, it is immediately taken-up by algae. This also suggests that if more phosphorus is made available, then more algae would be supported. We are already besieged annually by a moderate blue-green algae bloom in mid-summer. This bloom is likely exacerbated by zebra mussels selectively filtering out the more favorable green algae, leaving little competition for the nuisance blue-green algae, which then flourishes. More available phosphorus could lead to even more serious blue-green blooms, which no one wants. We therefore continue to monitor phosphorus closely.

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The PLA also participates in the Michigan Cooperative Lake Management Program (CLMP) and submits samples for chlorophyll-a, spring phosphorus and summer phosphorus, and also takes water transparency readings (Secchi disk) numerous times over the season.

Our results for 2017 are right in line with our past results dating back to 1995. Our Secchi readings are typically 7 to 9 feet, with the exception of mid-summer (typically early August), when water clarity is typically reduced by a blue-green algae bloom. According to CLMP, our sample results lead to a Trophic State Index of 48 for 2017, slightly better than our long term average of 51. This puts us squarely on the boundary of mesotrophic and eutrophic lake classes, a finding we expected and agree with.

Our goal is to keep Pentwater Lake from tipping any further in the direction of eutrophication. Nutrient management is critical to meeting that goal.

Prospective Schooner Program

By AnnaMae Bush

Captain Lee Price is on the hunt for a schooner for which “the price is right.” Price has an ambitious vision to put Pentwater on the map with a schooner program similar to *Michigan Heritage Alliance – Sail Champion* in Traverse City and *Veterans on Deck* in Charleston, SC. These programs serve veterans suffering from PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) and children with emotional impairments. With easy access to Lake Michigan, Pentwater makes an ideal location for this type of program.

The Pentwater Schooner Program is in its early stages of formation. The participants of five counties will be involved: Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Lake, and Mason counties. Current efforts are focused on gaining non-profit status, finding a schooner, and securing funding support. Price is in dialogue with Village administrators and the Planning Commission to determine the best possible docking location.

The vision for the program is well-developed. Price says the program will function with one schooner, approximately 50’ long and with double-masts.

Prospective Schooner Program continued

He has been watching sales lists for schooners across the U.S and abroad. However, he does not think the program has to be delayed until the schooner has been purchased. He currently has smaller sloops with which the program can start. Price is confident the program will “float” with half of the program time focused on the participants, and the other half hosting day, sunset, and midnight cruises and other events to raise funds.

Collaboration is very important to potential funding sources. Price sees the Pentwater Schooner Program partnering with the Maritime Museum in Ludington, with the veterans’ facilities in the participating counties, and with Pentwater’s junior sailing program run by Bill and Sue Bainton. (see article on page 5)

Price developed his vision for this program from a lifetime of experience, education, and service. His boating experience began in 1970 and he began racing in 1981, with multiple wins in prestigious races. He has several licenses and certifications. Price has his BA in Psychology/Sociology and an MA in Educational Leadership. His employment experience includes serving as executive director of a community mental health center, and working with Bill Bluhm, while Bill was the Superintendent of the Oceana Intermediate School District.

It is a noble cause to serve our veterans and our children. Serving them through a sailing program is an opportunity not many communities can provide. Pentwater is surely in a unique position to take on the challenge. If you would like to get involved as a volunteer or as a board member for the program, or if you simply have questions or ideas, you are urged to contact Lee Price by email at captainleeprice@gmail.com, or by phone at (419) 376-3277.

Watch for an update in our next newsletter.



Best Catch Report for Pentwater Lake

By Joe Primozych

These Fish were reported caught over the last three months in frozen Pentwater Lake.

- 12.5 “perch at 40 feet mid lake
- 18 “ walleye caught off south launch in 20 feet
- 8.5# pike speared on ice at east end of lake
- 8 ” bluegill iced at mid lake
- 12 “ crappie caught on minnows at midlake
- 10 “ rock bass caught on the north point midlake

The steelhead was 17.5# caught at the bridge
12 “ bullhead at the bridge

Winter Fest Perch Derby

By Joe Primozych

The 8th Annual Ryan Williams Perch Derby was held February 17th, ten days before the shoreline ice melted on Pentwater Lake. The weather was kind with light wind, yet near freezing conditions. This was the largest turnout with 62 adults and 14 kids registered. Over 200 people were on the ice. Top perch for \$100 went to Bill Briggs of Pentwater with a 12.2 inch fish. The kids trophy winners with 5 best perch were Bobby Rice with a total of 47.75 inches, Draven Scovil with 46.5, and Levi Cooley with 45.5. Five adult total prizes were \$350. st: Gary Faucher at 53.45 inches, for \$150; 2nd: Gabe Johnson 52.75, and 3rd: Bill Briggs at 52.25 for \$100 each. The award ceremony was held at the Boathouse Bar and Grill at 4 PM. A roaring crowd celebrated Olympic style with the youth when they won their trophies. It was the day's high-light.

Natural Resources Committee Report

By Joe Primozych

The eagles lost their nesting tree and nest last year. They moved up river or to the east of their last location on Wayne Road on the south branch of the Pentwater River. The nest was spotted April 10 with the mother sitting in the nest. She gave the impression of being down on the eggs. She has to incubate the eggs for 35 days. Good luck to the next area eagle family!

Many loons have rested on our lake this past month, with a daily high of 15.

Pentwater Lake Youth Fishing Tournament

June 15 to August 15, 2018

Sponsored by the Pentwater Lake Association. All youth 16 years old and younger are eligible to participate without registering. All state fishing rules and regulations are to be followed. To enter the tourney, send a text photo of the fish on a ruler or measuring tape. Measure the fish from the tip of the nose (or lower jaw) to tip of the tail in a straight line. Do not measure in a curve around the body from nose to tail. Measure each fish to the closest 1/8 inch. Tail and jaw should be pinched together.

Catch, measure, and release is encouraged. In case of a tie, the earliest registered fish receives the trophy. Indicate the name and age of the person who caught the fish and a contact person and number to confirm the entry. Longest fish for each species will be listed on line at pentwaterlakeassociation.com. The fish must be caught in Pentwater Lake within the boundaries set from the Long Bridge to the western end of the pier of the channel. The tourney ends on August 15 and by August 17th the winners will be confirmed on the PLA website and winners can pick up their trophies at the downtown Pentwater store, The Glove, run by Dan Nugent, located on Hancock Street.

The list of fish species is as follows and found on page 36 of the fishing guide; Yellow Perch, Rock Bass, Small Mouth Bass, Large Mouth Bass, Crappie, Sunfish (Pumpkinseed), Bluegill, Northern Pike, Sheepshead (Freshwater Drum), Walleye, Gar, Carp, Sucker, Bullhead, Catfish, Dog Fish (Bowfin).

To enter your catch in the tournament, you need to text your picture to one of the following numbers and then call to confirm your entry. The top fish in each of the 16 categories will be listed with the person who caught it. One trophy per person is allowed. The last day to catch or call in is August 15.

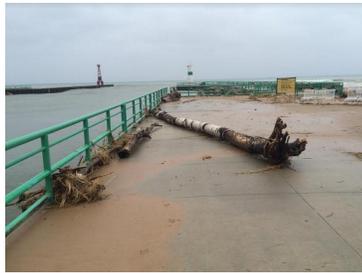
Below are the following people to call to enter:

- George Richey 231-301-3668
- Joe Primozych 231-742-6339
- Dave Peterson 630-533-1009
- Mac McCaleb 847-878-4806
- Tom Walters 231-250-9817
- Andy Krueger 269-716-0305

Wave hits North Pier

By Joe Primozich

On Friday the 13th, a hail storm with blackening clouds hit Pentwater and towns north. The 42 mph NW winds and high pressure pushed water to a 1.5 foot higher level and carried debris all the way up to the walk way by the beach turn around. The event is called a seiche and lasted for over 10 minutes causing logs and debris to be deposited on the guard rail walkway and to pour water over the pier and into the channel. In Ludington at the state park it hit straight on and brought a 5 foot wall of water under the bridge going up river. The Manistee down town dock areas and buildings had 3 feet of water over the docks and into the buildings. According to locals this is the fourth seiche recorded in Pentwater.



Mechanical Harvesting Gains Support

By Joe Primozich

Mechanical harvesting of lake vegetation that is invasive or a nuisance is gaining support and being considered by the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board for a part of their annual lake management plan for next year. Mechanical harvesting and removal of floating vegetation was begun this fall through the support of the Pentwater Lake Association. A plan to continue this and to add to it the use of DASH is in preparation.

The use of diver assisted suction harvesting (DASH) would be contracted with Naturally DASH Company who would be the provider of the suction harvesting service. Two local riparians have donated a total of \$8,000 to begin the mechanical harvesting for this year. Since the PLIB budget outlines only herbicide use for the allotted \$18,000 for plant control, the donated money allows the board to begin a new approach. The PLIB has submitted to the DEQ a Joint Application form for mechanical harvesting for next year. The DEQ has received the paper work for it and is in the steps of processing the DASH Joint Application at this time. Once DEQ approved, it moves on to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their approval.

Stress-Free Zone for Youths 8-18

By AnnaMae Bush

In contrast to the competitive nature of most youth activities, Pentwater offers a stress-free week of recreational sailing instruction for youths. The Pentwater Jr. Sailing Program provides an opportunity to learn basic sailing skills, to enjoy sailing on Pentwater Lake, to practice safety procedures, and to build self-confidence by mastering a new sport.

This summer is the 18th season of operation for the Jr. Sailing Program, offering 6 weeks of instructional time sandwiched between a week of preparation and a week of dismantling and storing the equipment. Each season averages 140-180 participants from summer residents, renters, and visitors with age (8-18) the only requirement. Youths can attend more than one week if there is space. The program is funded by the \$90/week registration fee and by donations. The seasonal budget of \$12,000 covers the cost of liability insurance and wages for five fulltime and two part-time instructors. Bill and Sue Bainton have voluntarily run the program since its inception, with Sue managing all the logistics and Bill maintaining all the equipment. Without their generous contribution of time the program could not succeed.

The program's fleet includes 17 boats: 7 optimist prams (beginner boats), 6 sunfish boats, 2 Chrysler mutineers (2 sails – a main and a jib), and 2 inflatables with 5hp outboard motors (used as chase boats for instructors). Although repairs, replacement parts, and replacement boats are a challenge to the very modest budget, rising water levels have caused a special challenge. The program's dock is not large enough to function in the deeper water and a new dock is sorely needed. Because the program is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization, donations to the program can be tax deductible. Safety is paramount. All participants are required to wear personal flotation devices. Instructors are certified in boater safety, trained in first aid and CPR. Sue Bainton is a certified instructor with the American Sailing Association.



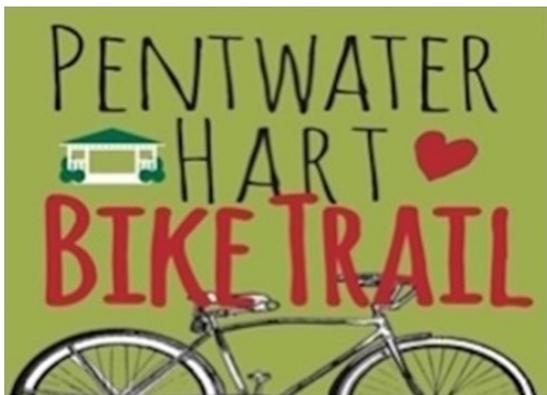
NEWS BYTES FROM HERE & THERE... By AnnaMae Bush

Pentwater-Hart Bike Trail

On May 8th at 9:30AM in the Pentwater Village Community Hall a presentation of the proposed Pentwater-Hart Bike Trail will be given to Pentwater and Hart officials by Western Michigan University Civil and Construction Engineering recent graduates. This private presentation will provide a “conceptual” view of the trail for discussion and planning purposes. The students were asked to consider any route alternates and to aid in the research of alternatives to resolve or eliminate concerns along the proposed route.

The collaboration with WMU underscored the determination to complete this bike trail extension in the most cost-efficient way that will provide the maximum recreation & economic value to the region. It was also a significant financial savings to the overall project since there were no fees associated with the Capstone Design Project by WMU.

Look for an update in the July newsletter.



First Annual “Last Saturday in June” fundraising event on June 30, 2018

This bicycling event will begin at the Boathouse Bar & Grill and conclude at Hart Pizza. For more details on time and registration, go to pentwater-hartbiketrial.com

Pentwater Library

Check out the May calendar if you are interested in ukulele lessons, a presentation on Birding in Oceana County, or learning how to make a tied fleece blanket.

<http://www.pentwaterlibrary.org/>

What’s Open Downtown Now?



Storybook Village (560 S. Hancock) is now open 10 AM - 6 PM seven days a week and will expand hours to 10am-9pm every day as of June 15.



Jilly’s Gallery (478 S. Hancock) started regular open hours Monday - Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM as of April 23. Check out her evolving whimsical art on the tree in front of her store.

Décors By Sandra (264 S. Hancock) is open year-round. Current hours are 10 AM -5 PM Monday-Saturday and Noon to 3 PM on Sunday. BTW if you can’t find cards for a particular occasion (25th or 50th anniversary, christening, baptism or confirmation), just ask Sam to see them as she keeps several of these special occasion cards behind the counter.

Oldewick Post (154 S. Hancock) is open year-round 10 AM -5 PM, seven days a week.

Fair Trade (161 S. Hancock) is open year-round Wednesday-Saturday 10 AM -5 PM and Sunday, Noon - 5 PM, and will expand to seven days a week June 1.

Toy Box (167 S. Hancock) is open year-round Wednesday-Sunday 10 AM -5 PM, and will add Tuesdays as of May 1.

Cosmic Candy (168 S. Hancock) opened for weekends only beginning April 27 and will expand to regular summer hours as of Memorial Day weekend.

Cottage Garden Café (40 3rd St.) opened March 14 for breakfast and lunch, seven days a week, 8 AM – 2 PM.

Movies on the Green

John Nagel hosted a “reveal” party April 26 at Cosmic Candy for movie sponsors to share the exciting lineup of movies for summer 2018. Movie dates include Memorial Day weekend, Father’s Day weekend through Homecoming weekend, and Labor Day weekend. Movies titles are: *The Incredibles*, *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, *Peter Rabbit*, *Wonder Woman*, *Top Gun*, *Toy Story 3*, *The Princess Bride*, *Legally Blonde*, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, *Mary Poppins*, & *Star Wars the Last Jedi*.

NEWS BYTES FROM HERE & THERE... continued

Pentwater Village

Street Improvement Project:

You can find a map highlighting the 3 work stages by street and date, and follow any changes made by looking on the home page, www.pentwatervillage.org and clicking on the Dashboard link: Street Improvement Plan.



Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

The Showcase Block is on hold while development plans are being made for all the blocks on Hancock Street. The beautification committee is working on plans under the Village Building and Grounds Committee. One project involves permanent signage near the new gazebos at the north and south entrances into Pentwater that would facilitate the insertion of event date boards into slots of a neatly constructed wood structure.

The goal is to prevent the haphazard appearance of multiple banners and signs too easily damaged or knocked askew by weather conditions.

For more information on the DDA, check the website: <http://www.pentwatervillage.org/dda>



Pentwater Police Department

May is a very busy month for the department. They will be installing the No Wake Buoys in Pentwater Lake in May and they are hosting a **Dive Rescue 1** class May 11-13 for police officers from all over the State of Michigan. Classes will be at the Friendship Center and diving exercises will be in Pentwater Lake.

Training will also begin for Public Service Officers, a new addition to our police department. These non-certified officers will aid in community events, parades, and art fairs and function in non-emergency situations. Applications are welcome for the position which pays a modest hourly wage. Public Service Officers will begin working Memorial Day weekend. Call or text Laud Hartrum @231.233.7633 if you are interested or have questions. Scheduled hours for uniformed officers will also expand as of June 1.

<http://www.pentwatervillage.org/departments/police>

New Business in Pentwater

By Lynne Cavazos

“Reel Obsession Fishing Charters” is a new business for the 2018-fishing season. Captain Craig Coleman will be ready to take up to 6 guests at a time for morning or evening fishing trips. Fishing charters may also be booked during tournaments for some extra excitement.

Specialty cruises will also be available – sunset cruises, whiskey tasting, wedding parties and more. Call to plan your specialty trips with the Captain’s wife, Sandy Coleman.

Reel Obsession is a 10-meter Trojan International Boat in immaculate condition, ready for your Lake Michigan fishing charter or specialty cruise. The boat and Captain are located in Ludington but are available to come to Pentwater for fishing trips and specialty cruises.

Fishing Charters may be booked during tournaments for some extra excitement. Call Captain Craig at (231) 233-6021 for fishing charters or Captain’s wife Sandy at (573)701-7703 for specialty cruises.



Pentwater Lake Association Website:

A new website is nearing completion for the Association at pentwaterlakeassociation.com. Claudia Hodan has created a new website on Squarespace.com, a website hosting platform. We will retain our old website (pentwaterlakeassociation.org) until we have completed the new website development. Take a look at the new website and let us know if we can improve it further. Call or email George Richey at (231) 869-2474 or george421@charter.net



Calendar of Events:

May 20

Wine & Art Scholarship Benefit – PYC from 2-5 PM

May 26

Garden Club Spring Plant Sale - Bell Park from 9-12 PM

May 26-28

Amateur Salmon & Trout Fishing Derby – PSA 3PM

May 28

Memorial Day Parade – 10 AM

June 2

Pentwater Bike and Trike Rally 10:30 AM -2:30 PM

June 3

Start of Summer Party at Village Green 5-8 PM

June 8-10

National Asparagus Festival of Oceana County - Hart

June 9

Pentwater Community Wide Garage Sale 8 AM-4 PM

June 9-10

DNR Free Fishing Weekend

June 16-17

Spring Festival Arts and Crafts Fair on the Village Green

June 22

Pentwater Lake Association. Annual Mtg. & Social 6 PM

June 28

Civic Band Concerts Start on Village Green – 8 PM

June 29

Fusion Fashion Show on Village Green - 8 PM

July 3

Pentwater Fireworks at Dusk – State Park at Dusk

July 14

Annual Fine Arts Fair on the Village Green - 9AM-5 PM

Wine and Art Scholarship Benefit

Date: Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 2 PM to 5 PM

Wine & Art lovers are invited to Pentwater Women’s Club 12th Annual Wine & Art Scholarship Benefit. Enjoy 30 fine wines, over 50 delectable hors d’oeuvres, and beautiful art-works and gifts from local businesses for the Silent Auction. All proceeds support college scholarships for graduating seniors. Tickets are \$20 in advance and available in April 2018 from Snyder Shoes in Ludington, and from Beverly Kelly at 231-869-2471. Tickets will be \$25 at the door.

Garden Club of Pentwater Annual Plant Sale

May 26 at 9 AM –Noon at Bell Park

Bring the beautiful colors and fragrances of spring flowers home with you at Pentwater Garden Club’s Annual Plant Sale. Stop by Bell Park to select your favorites. Bell Park is located next to the Pentwater Village office.

34th Annual Memorial Weekend Amateur Salmon & Trout Fishing Derby

Date: Saturday, May 26th - Monday, May 28th Awards Ceremony: Monday at 2 PM

Come take part in the Pentwater Sport fishing Association 34th Annual Memorial Weekend Amateur Salmon & Trout Fishing Derby with over \$3,500 in prizes. Registration: May 25th: 4:00 -8:00 PM at Pentwater Municipal Marina (Early registration at Charlie’s Marina). Cost: \$40. Sponsored by the Pentwater Sport Fishing Association

Pentwater VFW Pancake Breakfast

Come to the VFW Hall on Sunday, May 27th for an “all you can eat” breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 8 AM – Noon and includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, bacon, fruit and coffee. All Proceeds go to the Boy Scouts.

Memorial Day Parade - May 28 at 10 AM

Pay tribute to our Veterans by attending the Pentwater Memorial Parade. All Veterans, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are encouraged to participate. The Pentwater Band marches in the parade and plays at each of the Services. The first Service will be held at the Municipal Marina, second at the Village Green, and third at the Pentwater Cemetery.

Pentwater Bike & Trike Rally

Show off your Bike in Pentwater on Saturday, June 2 from Noon -3 PM. Location: Hancock St. between 1st & 2nd Streets in Pentwater Registration begins at 10:00 AM on Hancock St. - \$5 Registration Fee. Grand Sponsor – Channel Lane Inn. All bikes and motorcycles welcome.

Start of Summer Party

Sunday, June 3 at 5 -8 PM. Say "Hello" to Summer with your neighbors and friends at Pentwater's "Start of Summer Party!" Everyone is Welcome! Hot dogs and beverages and tableware provided. Bring a dish to pass.

National Asparagus Festival – June 8th – 10th

Come celebrate! A variety of activities will be occurring daily in Hart, Michigan. The Asparagus Festival Parade is in downtown Hart on Saturday, June 9th at 2:00 PM. For more information call: 231-873-2247

Free Fishing Weekend – June 9th & 10th

Come enjoy one of Michigan’s premiere outdoor activities, Michigan Fishing, for Free. All fishing license fees will be waived for two days! Residents and out-of-state visitors may enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes’ waters for all species of fish. All fishing regulations will still apply. For details, contact Michigan DNR.

Pentwater Community Garage Sale

Second Saturday in June – June 9, 2018
Garage Sales throughout Pentwater area! This annual event creates summer deals and fun for all! Many homeowners sell their items that may just turn into your treasures! The maps to all the garage sales will be available at the Pentwater Chamber on June 7th. Register your garage sale at Pentwater Chamber of Commerce by June 3rd. The cost is \$10 to be on the map.

Oceana County Historical Post Card Show

June 16th at 10 AM - 2 PM Downtown Mears at Old Town Hall on Fox Road. Buy and sell post cards at Historical Park Transportation Museum. There are almost 3,000 Oceana County post cards available to look at. Reprints will be available for you to purchase. Call for more info: 231-873-2600

Spring Fest Arts & Crafts Fair

June 16 & 17, 2018 -Saturday 10 AM-5PM & Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM. Located: Village Green, 231 S. Hancock Street, Pentwater, MI. Over 100 vendors provide hand-made crafts, a special skill or art, a skilled trade or antiques on the Village Green. There will also be live music by the band “Awesome Distraction”

Annual Fusion Fashion Show

Come to the Village Green on Friday, June 29 at 8 PM for a celebration of Fashion. Craze, contemporary women’s boutique of Pentwater, will proudly present the eighth annual “Fusion Fashion Show.” The show will feature fresh new clothing and styling ideas for Summer 2018. The event is free to attend and provided seating is limited. For more information please contact Craze: contact@CrazeMI.com

A Fun Ride through the Village

The Friends of the Pentwater- Hart Bike Trail will host a fun-ride through the Village of Pentwater on Friday, June 29th and a 12-mile “Ride for the Pentwater-Hart Bike Trail” on Saturday, June 30th. The short ride is open to all ages and abilities for a minimum \$5 donation or a minimum \$10 donation per family. Cyclists participating in Saturday’s event need to turn in registration pledge sheets and donations. Registration forms and pledge sheets available online at: Pentwater-HartBikeTRail.com.

Pentwater VFW Pancake Breakfast –All you can eat!

July 1st 8 AM-Noon Enjoy a Pancake Breakfast at the Pentwater VFW Hall with proceeds going to the Building Fund Pancakes, sausage, eggs, bacon, fruit, coffee...

4th of July Celebrations – Oceana & Mason County

Hart Sparks - July 2 at Dusk
Fireworks over Hart Lake; start at dusk, music, dining, & more!

Fireworks in Pentwater, Michigan - July 3 at Dusk

Fireworks over Lake Michigan off the Pentwater pier. Watch from Charles Mears State Park or from your boat in Lake Michigan. Bring your lawn chair, beach blankets, friends and family.

Fireworks in Silver Lake - July 4 at Dusk

Silver Lake, Mears, Michigan. Watch the Fireworks over Silver Lake. Bring your chairs, blankets, dune buggy, family and friends. There are several spots around the lake to watch the celebration!

Fireworks in Ludington - July 4th at Dusk

The annual Freedom Festival Fireworks will shoot through the sky at dusk over Lake Michigan! Grab your family and friends and head to the beach to cap-off Independence Day with a bang! Watch from Stearns Park, the west end of Ludington Avenue, with over 2,500 feet of sandy shoreline.

Summer Weekly Repeats

Last-Friday-of-the-Month Gallery Stroll

June - Sept. 5 - 8 PM

Pickin’ in Pentwater on the Village Green

June - August -Tuesdays – 7 PM

Pentwater Farmer’s Market on the Village Green

June 4th - Sept. 3rd -Mondays & Thursdays 10 AM -1 PM

Civic Band Concerts – 71 Year Tradition

June 21 - August - Thursdays at 8 PM

NOTE: See Pentwater Chamber Website for more details.



Pentwater School's Green Schools Club "Evergreen Status"



The Green Schools Club at Pentwater Public School has been in existence since 2011. It is open to students in grades 9-12 and meets once per month to complete tasks. Current membership amounts to 38 people, and the club gets bigger every year. For the last 5 years, we have earned the Evergreen ranking, the highest there is.



The Green Schools club has also adopted an endangered animal. After picking four animals to choose from grades K-12 voted and chose the honeybee. The club also had a naming contest. The sixth grade won and gets to keep the stuffed animals from the adoption kit in their classroom.



In another effort to encourage going green the Green Schools club donated a number of books from the National Science Teachers Association to the school's library. The books were chosen carefully by members of the group and took the interests of younger students into consideration.

Recently, our organization has taken advanced chemistry and physics students to the LG battery plant to learn about their efforts to go green. Students were given a full tour of the plant and learned how Chevy Volt batteries are made. The president of the company talked about the "green" aspects of their plant and how they try to promote being green. It was a great learning experience!

Several members of the Green Schools Club are working on updating and maintaining a bulletin board. Their task each month is to pick a focus and provide information and tips about how to help the problem. They also have polls and questions posted on the board so that people have the opportunity to express concerns or issues. We were able to get a large bulletin board that is in the main hallway, so we are excited that our board is more visible this year.

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