



# Pentwater Lake Association

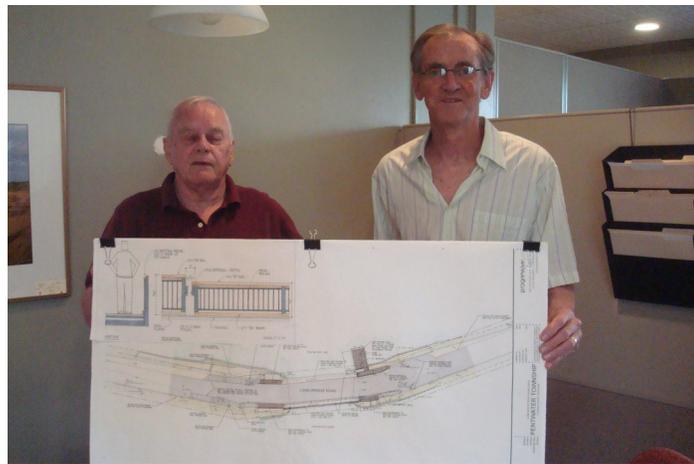
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# Fall

## *Congratulations Township Board* by Joe Primozich

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- Volunteer Thank You
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Showing determination and following the lead of Representative Bumstead and members of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Pentwater Township Board proceeded in applying for and finally receiving the State Recreational Grant for refurbishing the parking area and walkways on Long Bridge at the head of Pentwater Lake. The treated board walks had served their purpose since the 1980s, and with the need to replace the walkways, the plan was expanded to also make it better for fishing for all, including the handicapped. The committee of Mike Flynn and Chuck Smith was persistent enough on the second application to get approval and earn a Grant for 74% of the estimated total amount of \$384,000. The matching Grant leaves 26% as the Township responsibility.

The project objectives were to consider the safety of all those who use the Long Bridge area. In order to understand the changes made, you need to realize that the bridge and the metal walkways will not be included in the work to be done. First of all, the three wooden walkways will be replaced. Also a new walkway will be created at the NW corner to cover up and protect the pipe that carries gas and electrical lines across the lake. On the south side of the bridge there will be a total of 4 handicap parking places

## *Congratulations Township Board...continued from page 1*

created. The newest addition will be a walkway to extend down to a fishing platform of 20 feet by 30 feet with 2 benches. The railings will have gaps in them allowing you to reach down to net your salmon or steelhead. This was a wish of former Township Board member, Wally Flynn. He always wished for an area like this as he had to flag someone down driving by and ask them to net his fish for him off the bridge. He would then bag it and put it in his vehicle and head home as one fish was enough for him and his wife, Hattie, who were both in their eighties.

Congratulations are in order for the entire Board. To see the preconstruction plans put into place has to be gratifying. If mother nature will let you go ahead, the construction phases are being planned as the bids come in. So, Pentwater Township Board, take a bow for the nice job done.

## *The PLA Thanks Its Volunteers!!*



A very special “**thank you**” to the many people who volunteered to share their time, talents and expertise to assist and support all of the PLA events and activities this year. It is through your generosity that Pentwater becomes such a special place all year long! Whether you worked on lake water testing and monitoring, wrote articles for or edited the newsletter, took photos, addressed and mailed newsletters, worked on the annual dinner or strawberry shortcake social, did publicity for meetings and events, participated in the meetings or planning, chaired committees, did event set-up or clean-up, maintained the website and records, served on the board, or helped in any other way, we extend a most sincere thank you!

(If we have inadvertently omitted your name, please accept our apologies and let us know at 231-869-5728.)

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| Paul Anderson  | Caroline Denlar       | Tony Monton     | Joe Primozich   |
| Bill Bainton   | Bob Forester          | Carol Nauta     | Judy Primozich  |
| Ron Beeber     | Kristin Forester      | Hank Oly        | George Richey   |
| Jeanne Bentley | Beverly Kelly         | Norma Oly       | Dave Rose       |
| Gay Birchard   | Regina Leffers        | Denny Owens     | Norm Shotwell   |
| Julie Burdick  | Ken Lindstorm         | Juanita Pierman | Rhonda Shotwell |
| Lynne Cavazos  | Mac McCaleb           | Bernie Platte   | Karen St. Denis |
| Judy Coburn    | Valerie Church-McHugh | Sharon Platte   |                 |
| Terry Coburn   | Kareen Monton         |                 |                 |

## The President's Message

### There Should Be a Fifth Season in The Year

**Joe Primozich**



Those of us who live here would agree that being in Pentwater in August is special and a season unto itself. This did not come to mind until I had to leave during the weekend of Pentwater's Homecoming to attend a family wedding in Chicago this year. Being away made me ask the question, "What makes August so special in Pentwater?"

Undoubtedly, the single most natural answer is our waterfront and world class beaches. They are at their best at this time. Our channel harbor allows Great Lakes navigators access. Our Lake Michigan beaches, with their fine grained sand will draw you in to stay and play. With Lake Michigan at its warmest, it is ideal for beach junkies, picnic groups, and sun worshipers. To confirm this, the Yacht Club is hosting the National Ensign

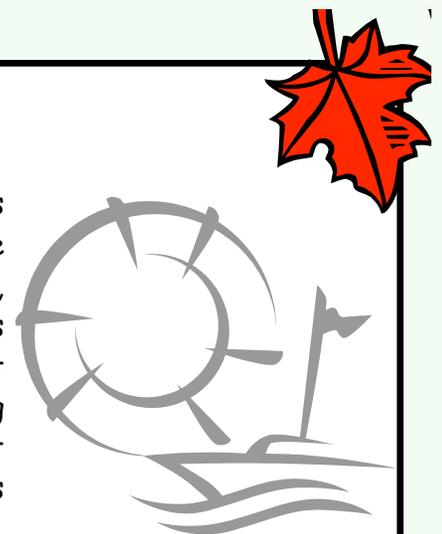
Sailboat Race next summer here out of Port Pentwater. So no wonder there is a flow of traffic at dusk to the beach which is followed with applause after one of mother nature's own unique art forms, the Sunset.

Pentwater's Homecoming can best be said as a gathering of good willed people and families for the pure enjoyment of many traditionally fun activities. The vacation destination is also enjoyed by salmon fishermen in pursuit of the fish that move into shoreline areas as they migrate to river mouths and their home spawning grounds. People also enjoy the fruit harvest at this time as evidenced by the Farmer's Market carrying a full list of garden produce along with blueberries, apricots, and peaches which start off the abundant fruit season.

So, if you are in agreement and August seems to be the month that puts a smile on your face as being unique, join with me and make a note. This is a special time of the year for us in Pentwater and so the month of August in Pentwater should be considered its own season.

### Boater Safety Class a Big Success

The Pentwater Sportfishing Association funded the boater safety classes this past summer held at the Yacht Club. Special thanks to Don Van Zile and marine officer, Tim Simon, for running it. Also thanks to Bill Bluhm, Russ Murphy, and Frode Maaeidvaeg for supportive help. The huge success was measured by 73 students graduating from the two classes. Next summer the classes will be held in July and August. The Sportfishing Association will remove the channel lights on October 19 this year. Next year there will be 4 added no wake buoy lights. Special thanks for this effort from all of us who use our waterways.



## **Rhonda Shotwell** **Newly Elected Board Member**

I was born and raised in Hart, MI, graduating from Hart High School. After heading to college and then moving around from place to place I landed in Ann Arbor where I spent many years.

I married my husband Norm, a project manager for Bechtel Corp. in California and that was the beginning of our wonderful, nomadic live. Although we started out in California, our first overseas job was Hong Kong, moving on to Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi and eventually to England. After our first summer vacation while in Hong Kong, we knew living out of a suitcase wouldn't work for long and bought our house in Pentwater to spend summer vacations. That house has now turned into our permanent residence after Norm's retirement in 2009. Although we hadn't planned to retire here, we couldn't think of any place we would rather be.

As a longtime advocate of volunteerism, I am constantly pleased and surprised by the volunteer spirit that surrounds us here and am thankful to be a part of such a diverse and interesting community.



## **Malcolm ("Mac") McCaleb** **Newly Elected Board Member**

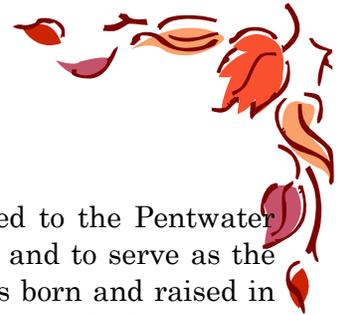


I am a 68 year old retired attorney and had vacationed in Pentwater for 27 years before purchasing a home in Apache Hills in 2000. After being widowed in 2010, I took up residence in my Pentwater home full-time later that same year.

I've always been an avid boater and fisherman, and feel privileged to live adjacent to beautiful Pentwater Lake, and to have such easy (and frequent) access to Lake Michigan.

Both my partner, Regina Leffers and I enjoy kayaking and swimming in Pentwater Lake, and in taking grandkids tubing and on river outings by kayak and canoe. We feel strongly that the beauty and quality of our lake and its tributary are key factors in making Pentwater the outstanding community and vacation destination that it is.

I am pleased to have the opportunity, by serving on the Board of the Pentwater Lake Association, to play a role in keeping our lake the outstanding asset that it is.



## Valerie Church-McHugh Newly Elected Secretary



I am honored to have been elected to the Pentwater Lake Association Board this year and to serve as the board's secretary. Although I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California, my mother, a Michigander by birth, traveled with my brother, sisters, and me to Pentwater by train each and every summer to visit my grandparents, Rilla and Walter Nelson. My husband, Fred, and I became permanent residents of Pentwater in 1987 raising a daughter and son here. I recently have retired from 30 years working in education in both the classroom and in administration. I began my teaching career in Pentwater in the late 70's as a first grade teacher and ended my career in Shelby as an early childhood administrator.

Fred, Pentwater's Postmaster, and I love all kinds of water activities including kayaking, sailing, motor boating, walking the beach with our feet in the water, and just gazing at the ever changing scenery that the waters of both Pentwater Lake and Lake Michigan can provide. I believe that it is imperative that we educate everyone in the community about the health of our local natural resources and encourage advocacy

and stewardship to protect and preserve this wonderful area.

## The Best Catches In Pentwater *By Joe Primozich*



Special thanks goes out to Jim Carne for these eagle pictures from his dock, showing a successful catch over the waters of Pentwater at the head of the lake. Jim has a knack for anticipating a picture and being ready at the right moment. Using his camera skills in retirement appears to already be very successful. Since Jim could not provide pictures of the other outstanding catches in Pentwater this summer, those catches are listed here: A 36 pound King Salmon was weighed in August. A Brown Trout topped 17 pounds. An early Lake Trout of 13.65 pounds came in June. A welcome addition this year were the Coho Salmon up to 13.1 pounds. Rounding out the list were steelhead up to 12 pounds. Crappie caught in Pentwater Lake measured up to 16 inches. A 13 pound Drum, or Sheepshead, won the summer Sheepshead Tournament.



## Pentwater's Artist Palette

.....Our Continuing Series on Pentwater Artists by Norma Oly

Oil painter Regina Leffers has been in Pentwater full time for just three years but she has already made a large and creative impact on the local art community. A cancer survivor since the age of thirty one, Regina first began painting to have something to occupy her time off from teaching duties during her recovery. "I like to say that I painted myself back to health, and have never stopped," she states with a big smile. "I have painted every weekend since and whenever I could in between."



The mother of two worked with her brother in his construction business for a number of years where she developed her knowledge about the building trades. Having obtained her PhD. in Philosophy, Regina taught as a professor in the College of Engineering at Purdue University for several years. How does a doctor of philosophy manage to teach engineering students? "I taught classes in 'sustainable construction' which has as its goal to reduce the environmental impact of a building over its lifetime," she explained. "It makes you really think about what you are doing philosophically," and shifts the emphasis from standard practices to long term efficiency, quality and best practices.



Regina left Fort Wayne, IN soon after giving a workshop on 'sustainable construction' in Athens, Greece. She had met PLA board member Mac McCaleb just prior to that trip, and she also had some thoughts about retirement. So when she joined Mac in Pentwater, it wasn't long before she was able to put her instructional skills to use once again. "I love teaching oil painting classes at the Artisan's Center," she exclaims. "Most of the students have never had any formal training in art, and teaching them is more fun-filled and satisfying than anything I have ever done!" "It is such a joy to watch a student who at first says 'I can't do it,' finally begin to stop the self-criticism and insecurity and produce a beautiful work of art when he or she is done," Regina states. "I tell students they are finished when they have completed eight layers of light and shadow. Oil is a very forgiving medium and it enables students to make corrections easily." Regina has also tried other painting mediums, but has always been drawn to oils for that reason.

In the past three years, Regina has had several of her beautiful oils on display at local galleries. She is currently at the Northern Lights Gallery, has participated in many of the Pentwater Arts Council sponsored activities, been a part of the July 'pleine air' painting events and the end-of-the-month gallery strolls. She is excited about the October 6<sup>th</sup> 'br-A-rt Auction' held at the Pentwater Yacht Club in which over thirty bras will be auctioned off with proceeds donated to the Carmanos Cancer Institute of Wayne State University. "Needless to say, this event is close to my heart," Regina says. Her contribution, made up of gorgeous flower petals in a variety of media, was created by several local artists in her honor. The decorated bras were all displayed in the Hancock Building at the end of September.

Many of you may have met Regina handing out strawberry shortcakes at the August 8<sup>th</sup> PLA Social on the Village Green this summer. If you are in Pentwater this fall, or are here on a Tuesday afternoon, stop by to meet and talk with Regina. The fascinating and multi-talented artist can be reached at her Artisan Center painting classes throughout Tuesdays in October, via the Pentwater Arts Council or at home here in Pentwater. "I just love this place," she states wistfully... "Right back at you, Regina!"

# Local Classes and Programs...BY LYNNE CAVAZOS

## Shared Space Studio Classes & Workshops Oct-Nov-Dec 2013

Full Class descriptions and online registration at [www.sharedspacestudio.com](http://www.sharedspacestudio.com)

### Creative Memories Workshops with Deb Leishman

*Wednesdays October 30th & November 20th 5-9pm - \$5*

Work with Creative Memories consultant Deb Leishman to protect your valuable photographs and create a masterpiece of memories. Contact Deb: 231-873-0238

**Painting with Cheri Petri** *Tuesdays 9am-12pm and 1- 3:30pm - \$180 for 8 weeks, ongoing. Adult class for beginners to advanced artists. Students work individually in their media.*



**Open Crafting Days** *Mondays 11am-4pm and 6pm-9:30pm, Starting November 4th, through December.* The studio is open! Bring a project-in-progress or something new to work on in the company of other crafters.

### Quilting: Block of the Month with Amy Shotwell \$15 with materials & pattern

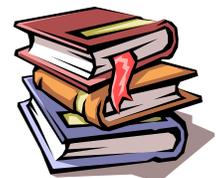
*October 18th, November 15th, December 20th: part of 10-month class, meeting every third Friday, 6-8pm.* A great way to learn and experience different quilting techniques each month.



### “Stop! Look! Listen! Write!” A writing workshop with Mary Beth Crain

*Saturdays October 5 & 12, 1-5pm , \$15 one class or \$25 for both classes*

For anyone who'd like to start writing, get better at writing, or just learn more about the craft and art of getting it down on paper.



### Get a Jump on the Holidays: Mystery Quilt Workshop with Amy Shotwell

*Sunday October 13th, 9am-5pm // \$95 for class and quilt kit*

For beginners to experts, bring your sewing machine and basic quilting tools- quilt kit, lunch, and snacks provided.

### Stamping and Paper Crafting Classes with Diana Hooyman

*Every Wednesday at 11am, 3pm, & 7pm, November 6th through December 11th*

*\$12 - \$25 per class depending on project cost*

Learn Rubber Stamping and Paper Crafting Basics, introducing tips and techniques to create many different styles of stamping

For more details contact Diana at [231-750-2049](tel:231-750-2049) and check our web-site often for posting of class details. You may also e-mail Diana at [dianahooyman1@gmail.com](mailto:dianahooyman1@gmail.com) to sign up for her class mailing list.



# Local Classes and Programs...BY LYNNE CAVAZOS

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## Pentwater Artisan Learning Center

“A place to be creative, to develop the creative, and to be with the creative”

The Artisan Center is a facility that has approximately 11,000 square feet with shops for wood and metalworking and classrooms for painting, pottery, glass crafts, weaving, and other arts and crafts.

To enjoy all that the Artisan Learning Center has to offer, you need to become a member. The membership levels are:

Junior (13 – 18 years old) \$25 per year

Adult (over 18 years old) \$120 per year

Note: Membership runs from July 1st – June 20th. Memberships can be pro-rated if you come in midyear.

Stop by the Pentwater Artisan Learning Center to take a tour and pick up a membership application. The center is located at 780 East Park Street.



## Lakeside Rehab Family Fitness and Wellness Center

If you are looking for a family friendly fitness and wellness center, be sure and visit the new Lakeside Fitness and Wellness Center in downtown Hart. The new facility was completely renovated over the summer and is located at 39 State Street.

A variety of classes are offered including: Step & Scult, Fundamental Fitness, Zumba (intro, gold, advanced) Tai-Chi, Spinning, Family Self Defense, Circuit City, Adult Hip Hop, Boot Camp, Yoga (level 1 and 2).

### Hours of Operation:

Monday through Thursday - 6 am - 8 pm

Friday – 6 am - 6 pm

Saturday – 6 am - 2 pm

Aquatic Fitness classes, swim lessons, and open swim hours are available at Lakeside Rehabilitation Center on 601 East Main Street in Hart. Private lessons are also available.

Visit their website for more information and explanation of programs and costs: [www.lakesiderehab.com](http://www.lakesiderehab.com)



## Local Support Groups

**Cancer** – Lakeshore Community Hospital -2nd Tuesday, 7 pm

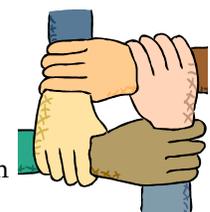
**Stroke Survivors** – Scottville Senior Center -3rd Thursday, 2:30 pm

**Low Vision** – Ludington Senior Center -3rd Monday, 1:30 pm

**Caregivers** – (Baby Boomers and Beyond) – Oceana County Council on Aging (OCCOA) in Hart -2nd Wednesday, 2 pm

**Dementia Support Group** – Oceana County Medical Care Facility (OCMCF) in Hart -3rd Thursday, 4 pm

**Bariatric Support Group** – St. James Episcopal Church in Pentwater -4th Tuesday, 7 pm



# NEWS AROUND TOWN

...BY LYNNE CAVAZOS

## Pet Hollywood featuring a new Pet Boutique



Lori Turowski, owner and certified groomer of Pet Hollywood, has expanded her grooming and pet spa to include a new Pet Boutique. Her boutique opened in July and is located in the storefront adjacent to the grooming

salon. To assist her with this new venture and with her grooming and spa services, Lori has an additional associate, Sarah Gurden.

The new boutique features products for cats and dogs that are made in America. You can find anything you might need for your pets including: jackets, booties, grooming supplies, cruelty free shampoo, premium food products (Earthborn, New Buffalo, Nutra Source), collars, leashes, pet carriers, toys, training tools, life jackets and more.



The Pet Boutique will be open this fall during Saturdays and Sundays of special event weekends. Grooming is available by appointment from 8 am to 7 pm. Call to schedule an appointment at (231) 860-2300.



LORI TUROWSKI



SARAH GURDEN

## GRAB -N- GO

### A Year Round Place for Basic Staples

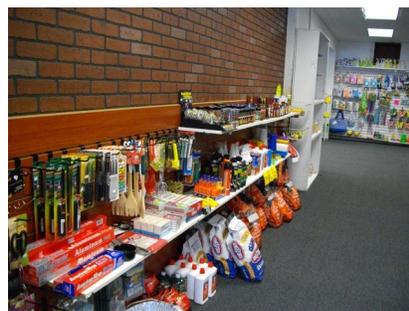
Early this past summer, Aaron and Sarah Richison opened Grab-N-Go specializing in basic staples for visitors to Pentwater and local residents.



The staples available include: OTC medications, first aid supplies, health and beauty products, paper products, seasonal beach toys and gifts, magnifying glasses, paperback books, grilling supplies, and Minnetonka moccasins for women and men.

In addition to supplies, Grab-N-Go carries candy, snacks, various juices and sodas, ice, milk, and water. You can also pick up Subs to go, Ferris coffee, slush puppies, and yogurt. Look for seasonal decorations and gifts for upcoming holidays: Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

The fall hours for Grab-N-Go are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am to 6 pm Saturday 10am to 7 pm, and Sunday 11am to 5 pm.



# NEWS AROUND TOWN

...BY LYNNE CAVAZOS

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## Village Leaf Pickup:

The beginning date for leaf pick up by Pentwater Village has not yet been determined. Please look for the pick up dates on the Community Sign by the Pentwater Water Tower.



## COVE Home Tour & Used Book Sale

This fall event supports COVE (Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters) and will be held on Saturday, October 12th from 10 am to 4 pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Pentwater Chamber Office for \$15. In addition, you can buy a ticket at each featured home and in front of the Hancock Building from 9am-2pm on the day of the tour.



## Farewell to Gardener's Folly

After 15 successful years of retail service to the Village of Pentwater, Jane and Neil Lemme, are closing Gardener's Folly. Jane and Neil will be retiring and spending their winters in Tucson, Arizona. They are looking forward to spending time with their children and grandchildren and enjoying the warm, dry weather that Arizona has to offer.

We will still be able to see Jane and Neil in the summer when they return to Pentwater to enjoy all that summers in Michigan have to offer.

Thank you, Jane and Neil, for providing visitors and residents of Pentwater a wonderful shopping experience at Gardener's Folly.



## PENTWATER COMMUNITY DINNERS

If you have not yet had an opportunity to visit the Community Dinners held every Wednesday evening from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at Centenary United Methodist Church, just listen to your taste buds calling! These dinners are a wonderful time to sit and relax with friends and neighbors over a good home-cooked meal, usually cooked from scratch and always with love. There is no charge for the dinner, although donations are certainly welcome and appreciated. Since the dinners were started almost 4 years ago, we have served over 24,000 meals. This includes sending meals to COVE, both a hot meal for Wednesday night and a frozen one to be thawed for Thursday night. Meals to-go are also available for homebound people, and delivery can be arranged if needed. Volunteers are always welcome, so put on your apron, make a dessert, come to serve up some food and friendship, or just come to dine. We'll save a spot for you!



# NEWS AROUND TOWN... continued

BY LYNNE CAVAZOS



## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS WEEKEND

Come and enjoy an Old Fashion Hometown Christmas in Pentwater. Festivities start on Saturday, November 30th. Homes and businesses will be decorated for the season with shopping, dining, carolers, music, and activities scheduled for you, your family and friends. The Tree Lighting Ceremony and Santa's arrival in Pentwater will be at 5 pm at the Village Green. Children should be sure to bring their Christmas list and parents are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture the moment their kids meet Santa Claus after the tree lighting.



### “ETC....Salon and Day Spa” Closes

### “Hair Culture Salon and Spa” Opens

At the beginning of September, Etc....Salon and Day Spa which for the past eleven years had been a fixture in Pentwater across from the Village Green, closed its doors and relocated. Gayle Nelson, owner of Etc... Salon and Day Spa and Gayle's Headlines, is excited to announce the merger of her salons into ONE full service salon. Gayle's Salon and Spa will be located on 72nd Avenue just south of Monroe Road. The construction has begun on the addition and the focus will be on the natural surroundings there. Picture yourself enjoying your pedicure with a view of the woods. Phone numbers are the same, 231-873-2299 or 231-869-2299. Come and see what's new.

In it's previous downtown location at 240 S Hancock St., a new business has opened called Hair Culture Salon and Spa. Hair Culture has retained most of the stylists from the previous business, and the entire therapeutic massage staff. You can call for additional information or for an appointment at 869-3223. Hair Culture Salon and Spa is also on Facebook, where you can often find specials listed.



## Merchant Open House:

Local merchants will sponsor two Holiday Open Houses: Saturday November 30th, 5 pm until 8 pm and Sunday December 1st, 10 am until 5 pm. The local boutiques, galleries, and shops will provide refreshments and food, and in-store specials to help you find the perfect gift for everyone on your list.



## Reasons to Buy Locally this Holiday Season:

Why Buy Local? Information below comes from the “Because Community Matters” and the American Independent Business Alliance.

1. **Build Community** - The casual encounter you enjoy at neighborhood businesses and the public spaces around them build relationships and local cohesiveness. They are the ultimate social networking sites.
2. **Economic Vitality** – Each dollar you spend at a local independent business returns 3 times more money to our local economy than one spent at an out of area store.
3. **Character** – Why did you choose to live here? What keeps you here? Independent businesses help give our community its one-of-a kind personality.
4. **A Healthier Environment** – Independent, community-serving businesses are people-sized. They consume less land, carry more locally made products, and are located closer to residents – creating less traffic and pollution.

# Important Dates for your Calendar

## Events Calendar – October, November and December, 2013

Oct. 11 & 12 Annual Classic Car and Hot Rod Show & Cruise



Oct. 12 Oktoberfest: Games, Auction, Chili/Streusel Bake-off

Oct. 12 COVE Home Tour and Used Book Sale

Oct. 12 Stampin' for a Cure - at St. Vincent Church



Oct. 26 Halloween on the Green - Village Green at 1 pm

Oct. 26 Spooktacular Parade - Starts at Cenzo's 4 pm

Oct. 26 A Glow in the Park – Luminescent Night Hike – Charles Mears State Park at dusk

Oct. 26 Pub Crawl 6 pm

Oct. 30 Recycling Center Closes at 6 pm today until April 2014



Oct. 31 Village of Pentwater Trick or Treating 5 – 8 pm

Nov. 30 Festival of Lights Weekend on Village Green - 5 pm

Tree Lighting with the Arrival of Santa



Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 Merchant Open Houses 5-8 pm

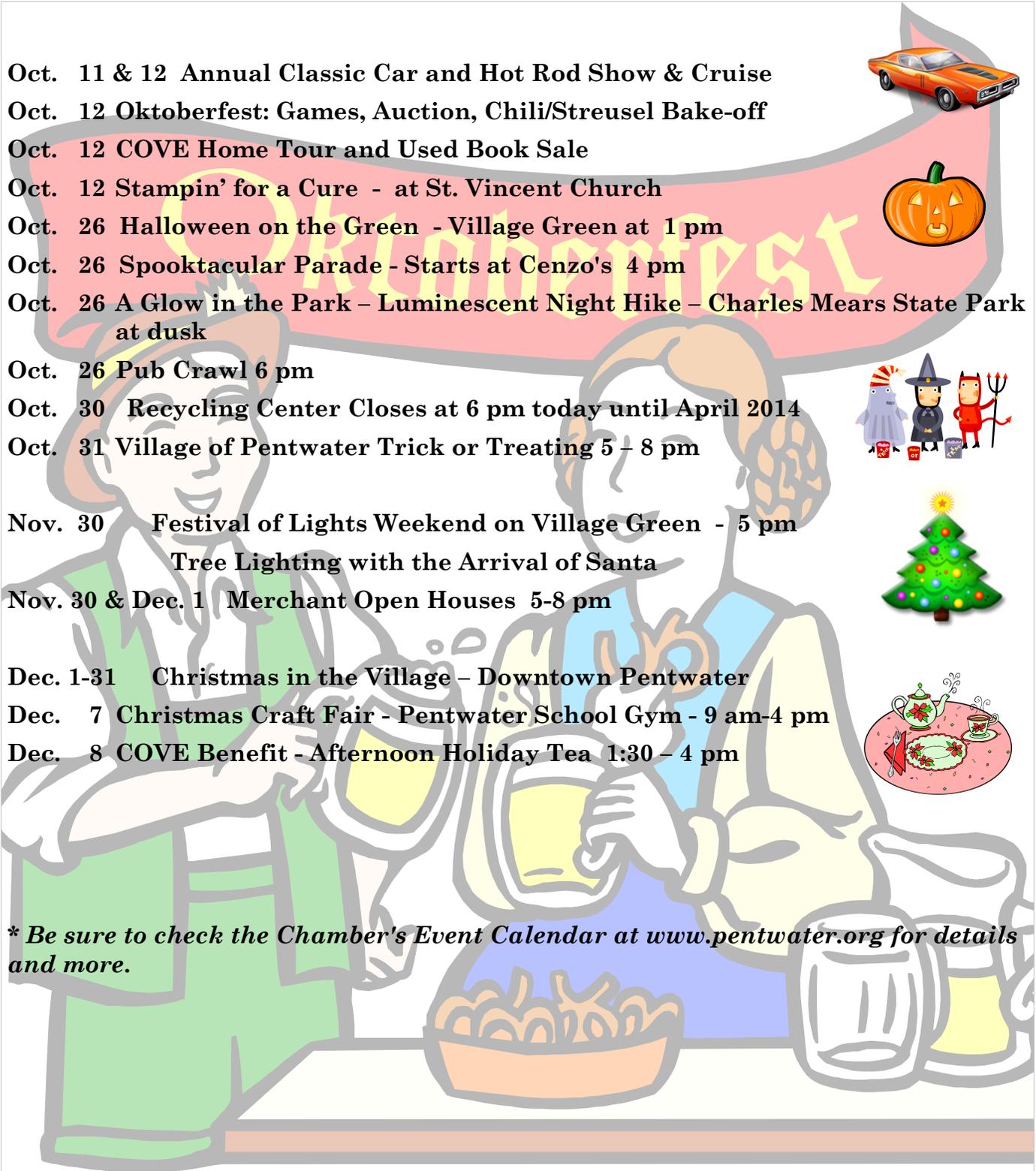
Dec. 1-31 Christmas in the Village – Downtown Pentwater

Dec. 7 Christmas Craft Fair - Pentwater School Gym - 9 am-4 pm



Dec. 8 COVE Benefit - Afternoon Holiday Tea 1:30 – 4 pm

*\* Be sure to check the Chamber's Event Calendar at [www.pentwater.org](http://www.pentwater.org) for details and more.*



## Spooktacular Weekend

**Halloween on the Village Green: October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm**

There will be a Costume Contest, Face Painting, Pumpkin Painting, Sack Race, Great Pumpkin Roll, Candy Bags, Crafts and Egg Toss.

**Trick or Treating: October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 to 4 pm**

Trick or treating with Pentwater’s Downtown Merchants and Charles Mears State Park

**Spooktacular Parade: October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm**

Come to the 6th Annual Halloween Spooktacular Parade downtown Pentwater. There should be several ghosts, goblins, monsters and more. The Pentwater Band will be marching. Consider being in the parade too. It is open to school classes, individuals, families, merchants and pets. Be as creative as you like, making floats or simply come in a costume, the parents are of course welcome to walk with the kids. The main rule is to be in the Halloween Spirit and have fun! To register pick up a form and return it to Cenzo’s - Pentwater’s Full Grocery, Deli & Spirits. Line up at Cenzo’s between 3 and 3:30 pm



**A Glow in the Park: October 26<sup>th</sup> at dusk**

Come to a luminescent Night Hike up the Old Baldy Trail. Meet at dusk at Charles Mears State Park.

**Pub Crawl: October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**

Visit the local watering holes for ghoulish food, scary drinks, and spooky treats.

**Village of Pentwater Trick or Treating and Homemade Donuts: October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Kids come trick or treating in Pentwater from 5 pm to 8 pm to homes with their porch light on. There will be free homemade donuts provided by the Pentwater Fire Department at the Fire Station (486 E Park Street, Pentwater, MI) at 5 pm.



### Oktoberfest – Family Fun

The annual Pentwater Oktoberfest celebration will be held on October 11th and 12th. The Village Café and Pub and the law offices of Gielow, Groom, Terpstra, & McEvoy Attorneys at Law (GGTM) are the grand sponsors for this year’s event, which begins with two Friday night events followed by a variety of activities on Saturday.

The main attraction again will be the Classic Car and Hot Rod Show & Cruise on Hancock Street. Many other activities are scheduled for all ages and interests including: pumpkin and face painting, kids’ workshops on the Village Green, COVE Home Tour, Strudel Bake-Off and Chili Cook-Off, Music at the Village Café and Pub with Polka and Chicken Dance Contests.

Be sure to check all of the details on the Pentwater Chamber of Commerce website: [www.pentwater.org](http://www.pentwater.org)

# PLA Strawberry Shortcake Social – An Annual Homecoming Treat



The annual PLA Strawberry Shortcake Social was a delicious success - our best fundraising event to date. This year's social was held on the Thursday evening of Homecoming Weekend before and during the special concert of the combined Village and Clown Bands at the Village Green.

We had a warm, clear evening for the event when hundreds of residents and visitors came to the Village Green to enjoy the lively entertainment and our tasty strawberry shortcakes. Over 600 people were served delicious shortcakes topped with ice cream, strawberries and whipped cream at \$3.50 per serving and cold bottles of water for \$1.00. Our cold bottled water was not in great demand but fortunately we sold it to COVE for the Benefit Beach Walk/Run held in September.



## Good News Corner

By Joe Primozich

The first good news is that Pentwater has not gone down or lost any water since July 30. This compared to last year when we lost 9.5 inches in the same time period. More precipitation and less evaporation seem to be the answers for a stabilized water level.

The Pentwater Lake Board, headed by Ron Steiner, approved their agenda for the next 5 years, which extends their authority until 2018. They also approved the payment for aquatic weed treatment for this year. The Eurasian Milfoil, an invasive aquatic, was never as big of a problem this year as over the last 3 years. Spraying was done at 8 lake sites and occurred twice on July 18 and August 15. The second time required spraying in only two sites.

As of this writing, no algae bloom has occurred in Pentwater Lake. Cooler surface water temperatures probably controlled that. Remember, please use fertilizer for your lawn with no phosphorous. This is being done state wide as all lawn fertilizers are made this way. Flushing phosphorous into the lake is the key that would trigger an algae bloom.

The board has taken the first steps toward controlling an invasive shoreline/wetlands grass called phragmites. Phragmites take over areas where cattails are as witnessed by its presence in three areas in the marsh. It is not bird friendly nor mammal friendly, so it appears it is a more uninhabited environment. These grasses reach a height of 10 feet. People in most shore line communities are planning to eradicate it. This fall our Lake Association is planning its first step of physically harvesting and removing the seed heads and tall grasses before they continue their spread.



**Spraying for Eurasian Milfoil**

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## Pentwater Library Director Retires

After 17 years as the director of the Pentwater Township Library, Marilyn Cluchey retired on September 17, 2013. Marilyn is ready to start a new chapter in her life but does not plan to be a stranger to the library. She plans to spend time with grandchildren, go biking, cross-country skiing, and do some gardening.

In the past 20 years, technology has been the major change in the library. Marilyn explains that once the library moved from the township office to the location on Park Street, she and her staff computerized the card catalogue and introduced computers. The library started out with one computer; now there are 10 computers and sometimes there is a waiting list to use them.

Marilyn has worked hard with her staff to create diverse programs for library patrons to enjoy. She is proud of the programs, which average 40-50 people per program. Looking to the future, Marilyn hopes that the library can be expanded or a new one built that would allow more programs to take place in the library. Due to limited space many of the programs take place at the Pentwater Friendship Center or the United Methodist Church.

The Pentwater Township Library Board is working to find a new director. Marilyn plans to work with the new director for a week or two to get her/him acclimated to the position. Thank you Marilyn, for your dedicated work focused on making patrons happy with the library services.



*Membership Application*

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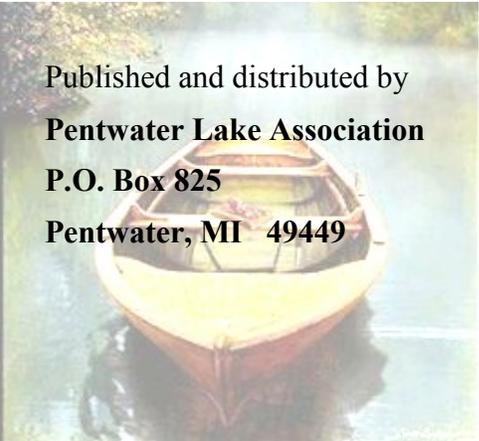
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