

Pentwater Lake Association

January 2017



President's Message: It's a Wonderful Time of the Year!

By Lynne Cavazos

For all of us who spend our winters in Pentwater, it is indeed a wonderful, magical time of year. As Pentwater Lake begins to freeze, the geese, swans, and ducks fill the open water looking for food and perhaps enjoying the solitude with no boats or jet skis to interrupt their friendly gathering. At times, the only noise you will hear is the familiar "honking" from the geese and the flapping of wings from the swans.

Once the lake is frozen, the geese and swans can be found in open water near docks with bubblers, by Long Bridge, and in the channel leading to Lake Michigan. This is also the time of year when our resident eagles make flights up and down the lake – looking for food and surveying the landscape.

If you bundle up and pay attention to the thickness of the ice, there are plenty of activities to do on the lake. Ice fishing is a favorite for many residents and visitors. The *Pentwater Angler* on Hancock Street can provide you with everything needed for a successful day out on the ice. If the snow isn't too deep, the lake is an interesting place on which to snowshoe or even cross country ski if you don't mind being on a completely flat surface. You can even ice skate or play ice hockey if the surface of the lake freezes quickly and we don't get a dusting of snow.

During the winter months, many Pentwater residents enjoy feeding the birds (and often the squirrels) – you can stay busy every day keeping the birdfeeders filled. You can also stay busy shoveling snow – which I actually enjoy. As long as you pace yourself, it can be a great workout – even better than lifting weights at the gym.

If you get tired of looking at the lake, shoveling snow, and feeding birds you can always go to one of the many "happy hour" places open for the winter: *Antler Bar*, *Brown Bear*, and *Boathouse Bar & Grill*. Parking will not be a problem and you can enjoy your favorite food and drinks with your winter friends.

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*"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."
- Aristotle*

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February is an exciting month in Pentwater! Just look at all of the activities you are missing by not being here for Winterfest: Weekend of February 11th: Ryan Williams' Perch Fishing Tournament, Free Fishing Weekend, Snowman Scram 5K & 1 Mile Run, Pentwater Pathways for X-Country Skiing, Sledding on the Village Green, Cork & Canvas Wine Tasting & Gallery Stroll.

Weekend of February 18th: Freezin' for a Reason (Polar Dip), Perch Fishing Tournament, Story telling at Storybook Village, Sledding on the Village Green, and the Music & Beer Fest to support COVE.

For those of you reading this from a sunny and warm location, remember--- if you are retired and it is snowing and blowing with temperatures close to zero degrees, you don't have to go outside at all! You can stay inside, enjoy a hot drink sitting under a warm fleece blanket, read your favorite novel or magazine, knit or crochet, and maybe work on those inside projects you neglected to do when the weather was sunny and warm. Happy 2017 to you all!



2016 Water Quality Report

by Bill Bainton

Joe Primozich, Tom Osborn and I, (and later in the summer Pat Hooyman,) comprised the Water Quality Committee this past year. We have five sites that we sample for testing. These samples are taken to the Annis Water Research Lab in Muskegon the same day by one of our volunteers. They run eight different tests for us. Our tests over the last three years have shown very little change. We continue to see elevated E. coli levels periodically in the north branch of the Pentwater River and the creek in the village. We have not pinpointed either source but we have discussed the creek with Village Manager Rob Allard, and are fairly certain the source is not related to the village. Our summary report for 2016 is good and shows little change for last year.

We also do phosphorus and chlorophyll testing through the Cooperative Lakes Management Program in cooperation with the DEQ. Phosphorus is done twice a year and we do see higher levels in the early spring. *(You have no idea how much fun it is to plunge your arm in the lake just a few days after the ice is gone!)* Chlorophyll is done monthly throughout the summer. I prep the samples and we take them to the DEQ in Grand Rapids in mid-summer and again in the fall.

Secchi readings are taken weekly from mid-May to mid-September in the deepest part of the lake. Clarity was good this year, ranging from a depth of 11 feet twice, to a low of 4 feet on August 16th. The average for the season's 17 samples was just over 7 feet. We did not appear to have a major algae problem this summer.

Invasive weeds continue to be an issue. There is some indication that Eurasian milfoil is hybridizing and spreading. The Lake Improvement Board, which handles weed control, is having an informal meeting about the problem and the possible use of suction-harvesting instead of chemicals to manage it. This meeting will be held in mid-December (See report in this newsletter.)

The PLA is planning to archive our water quality records in December. All of the lab reports from Grand Valley State's lab from 2003 to 2016 will be included, as will weekly secchi readings from 2013 to 2016. I hope we will have access to keep this updated yearly. There will be more about the archiving PLA records in this and future newsletters.

Fish Stories... by Joe Primozich

Early Ice Fishing Report

The artic blast we had during the second week of December has brought us to “days of old” with an early ice-up of the lake. December 16th brought a smile to the face of ice fishermen as Pentwater Lake was frozen over. Not only the mile and a half of reach from Sail Point to the river mouth, but out to the channel past the marina. Let’s hope it is good solid ice. The cold that we have at night will make a half inch of ice per day. Editor’s note: This was written *before* the Christmas ice melt!

Best Fish Catches

The best fish catches reported this past two months are as follows:
 42 inch northern pike caught in the channel by Roger McLeod
 24 inch channel catfish caught casting in the channel
 12 inch yellow belly perch caught at the head of the lake on minnows
 10.5 inch white belly perch caught at the marina in 20 feet of water
 10 pound steelhead caught off the bridge on spawn

What a Catch!

Roger McLeod loves to fish, but Tuesday, November 1st was a particularly satisfying day. These photos, taken by Ed Bigelow, show Roger with the 13 pound, 42 inch northern pike caught near his home on the North Pier Channel. The smaller pike was 28 inches in length. The smile says it all!



Editor’s Note: PLA Water Quality Members Receive Awards



Members of the PLA’s Water Quality Committee were recently given certificates from the Cooperative Lakes Management Program and the Michigan DEQ.

The award recognized their volunteer service in support of the Michigan Clean Water Corps for assistance in helping to keep our waters clean. Dr. Paul Steen from MI Corps, presented certificates and pins recognizing Bill Bainton for 5 years of service, and Dr. Tom Osborn and Joe Primozich for more than 10 years each in helping to keep our waters clean.

Congratulations, kudos, and our many thanks for all you have done and continue to do *for the love of the lake!*

(Pictured L-R: Tom Osborn, Bill Bainton & Joe Primozich)

Pentwater Lake Hybrid Milfoil Brings New Responses

By Joe Primozych

Pentwater Lake Improvement Board President, Joe Primozych, recently issued an update on changes going on in the overall health of Pentwater Lake. According to Progressive AE, the Grand Rapids company that monitors our lake vegetation, the aquatic invasive water milfoil has now changed to the hybrid form. This means that it has a greater tolerance to herbicides and will require a more costly chemical treatment than dealing with the native northern milfoil or the exotic Eurasian milfoil of the past 16 years. The hybrid shows a more aggressive growth pattern as evident this past summer.

Pentwater Lake shoreline riparians have petitioned the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board to substitute suction harvesting for the chemical treatment of floating vegetation mats for 2017. Other suction harvesting requires a DEQ permit and the deadline has passed for those for the upcoming year. Seventy-four riparian households signed the petition and Pat Hooyman and Mac McCaleb presented it to the Lake Improvement Board at their fall meeting on November 17th. Both the boards from the Pentwater Sportfishing Association and the Pentwater Lake Association supported the wording of the petition. Four local businesses that supported the wording of the petition are the Boathouse Bar and Grille, West Coast Marine, the Pentwater Angler, and the Pentwater River Outfitters.

The petition reads:

“We, the undersigned Pentwater Lake riparians and Pentwater Lake Businesses, wish the Lake Improvement board to know that we have considered the merits of mechanical surface aquatic plant harvesting and hereby inform the board that we believe the effects, over time, of heavy aquatic chemical plant control will be detrimental to the future health of Pentwater Lake. By this petition we ask the board to consider the suction harvesting method of removing the type of floating aquatic plant mats that accumulated in Pentwater Lake in both June and August of the past two summers. This suction harvesting would produce no residual long term effects on the lake bottom, as the present chemical treatment of these floating plants does. In addition, suction harvesting would cost no more, and possibly less, than the chemical treatments that have been used for the past 16 years.

We encourage the board to look into, and to take action to implement suction harvesting of floating aquatic plant mats for the upcoming 2017 year. We owe it to ourselves and the future users of our amazing Pentwater Lake resource, to utilize this cost effective and environmentally friendly methodology.”

As a result of the petition discussion, Gary Marzolf of Naturally DASH was contacted to come and present an informational meeting to the public. He proposed to do that on December 14, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 5:30PM at the Pentwater Village Hall. Being a public meeting, thirty-one attended representing three other lake associations beside Pentwater. Those were Stony, Silver, and Bass Lake.

Marzolf included the following information about the DASH program and how it is spreading: DASH has gained its reputation on the east coast and now is moving into the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Wisconsin has accepted it the most readily and is encouraging its use. Marzolf started his company in Michigan in 2006 and is working mostly in the southern and central part of the Lower Peninsula. DASH is in the Marquette area of the U.P. and is connected with Michigan Tech University.

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Any DASH program is a diver assisted suction harvesting plan. It varies with the equipment and the people being used. The suction harvesting method can be used for both surface floating plant mats as well as for removing the growing bottom dwelling invasive plants selectively and thus leaving the native plants. Suction harvesting machines can be adapted from personal water craft with adaptors and suction hoses put on in place of conventional intake and exhaust parts. Vegetation removed by suction is bagged and used on farm fields as a green fertilizer. Suction harvesting in Pentwater Lake would go down to 10 feet, in a strip along the shoreline, where the DNR has said that light does not penetrate further and, therefore, plants cease to grow there.

For large areas of aquatic invasive plants, the DASH method works well *with* chemical treatment. First, the infested area is treated with a systemic herbicide best applied early in the season. Thirty to sixty days after treatment, DASH is used to clean up the dead vegetation and seed pods and suck up any new growth. This removes a large amount of BIO Mass that, if left in the lake, will turn to silt and produce nutrient rich muck that will promote algae and plant growth and ruin canals and swimming areas. The next Pentwater Lake Improvement Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16th at 4pm in the Village Hall. PLA members and the community are invited.



Permission to use the photo of the mechanical harvester from Gary Marzoff, see his website at www.naturallydash.com.

P.L.I.B. Elects Officers for 2017

At their November 17, 2016 meeting, the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board elected Joe Primozich as its new President for the 2017 year. Pentwater Township Clerk, Sue Ann Johnson, is the new Board Treasurer, and Oceana County Commissioner J. Dean Gustafson is the Secretary. Board members also include Village President Jeff Hodges, and Michelle Martin, Oceana County Drain Commissioner. Tony Groves from Progressive AE, reported on the aquatic plant control and water quality monitoring done in 2016 on Pentwater Lake. For additional information, visit www.pentwaterlakeboard.org.

PLIB meeting attendees, from left to right Barb Siok, Juanita Pierman, Incoming President Joe Primozich, Secretary Dean Gustafson, Dean Holub, Tony Groves, incoming Treasurer from Pentwater Township, Sue Ann Johnson, and from the Drain Commissioner's Office—John Warner.



2017 Pentwater Sportfishing Association Schedule of Events... by Dean Jessup

Jan 14:	Sea Grant Meeting (Ludington, MI)
Jan 21:	Winter Director's Meeting (Grand Rapids, MI)
May 8:	Installation of Channel Lights
May 20:	PSA Board Meeting (All Meetings at the Friendship Center - 3PM)
May 27:	Start of the "Big Fish" Contest
May 27-29:	Memorial Weekend Derby
June 17:	PSA Board Meeting
June 24:	PSA Mini Tourney
July 8:	Ladies' Classic Derby
July 13 & 14:	Boating Safety Class (Held @ Pentwater Yacht Club)
July 15:	PSA Board Meeting
Aug 3 & 4:	Boating Safety Class (Held @ Pentwater Yacht Club)
Aug 5:	Youth Classic Derby
Aug 11-13:	Pentwater Homecoming
Aug 20:	End of "Big Fish" Contest
Aug 26:	Potluck Dinner / Annual Meeting
Sept 2:	Bannink's Lines-Down Derby
Sept 3:	Rain date for Derby
Sept 16:	PSA Board Meeting
Oct 7:	Removal of Channel Lights
Dec 31:	2018 PSA Membership Dues Payment Reminder



For additional information about the Association or to become a member, please visit their website at www.pentwaterpsa.com.

Oceana Cross Country Ski Association: Winter 2017 News and Events

by Ellen Lightle



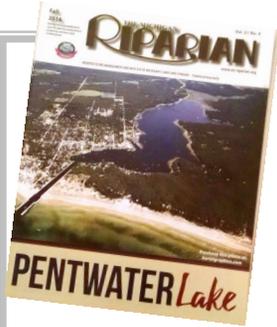
Pentwater is more than just a summer resort. In the winter the Oceana Cross Country Ski Association offers a variety of activities and grooms two trail systems for public use, all for free. The Pentwater Pathways is a system of trails, easy to difficult in length and terrain, in the state forest located off of Railroad Ave. south of Longbridge Road. This year OCCSA encourages skiers to use the 52nd/Railroad Ave. entrance off of Longbridge Road to enter Pentwater Pathways. This access change was necessitated because the former entrance (a 2-track from Wayne Road) is privately owned and no longer plowed. Crystal Valley, northeast of Pentwater in the Manistee National Forest, offers even more miles of varying duration and challenge. Trail maps for both locations can be found at oceanaski.org on the web.

Several events are planned for January & February. There will be a Moonlight Ski on Saturday, January 7, 8:00 PM, at Crystal Valley. On Saturday, January 21, 1:00-3:30 PM, there will be a Crystal Valley Care Fundraising Ski event at Crystal Valley featuring FREE loan of adult & children's ski equipment on a first-come-first-served basis, as well as refreshments. Donations to the CV Care Fund can be made at the event. Pentwater Pathways will be the site for WinterFest activities on Saturday, February 11th. From 12:00-4:00 PM, OCCSA will have adult & children's ski equipment to loan for FREE on a first-come-first-served basis. A campfire & refreshments will also be available.

OCCSA continues to offer the popular Kids' Ski program to third and fourth graders in the Pentwater, Hart, Shelby, and Walkerville schools. Each year over 300 children are introduced to the sport and are able to have a quality cross country ski experience for free.

OCCSA is an all-volunteer organization with modest annual membership dues: individual -\$15; family-\$35; business-\$50. Funds are used to maintain & groom ski trails & to repair & replace ski equipment. Those interested in joining or donating to the equipment fund can contact the organization through their website, or mail a check, made out to OCCSA, to P.O. Box 138, Mears, MI 49436. OCCSA is a designated 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization.

The William Field Memorial Hart-Montague Trail is a twenty-two mile bike trail popular with snowmobilers. According to the trail's website, snowmobilers are allowed to travel on the trail as long as there's at least 4 inches of snow present. See www.traillink.com for more complete information.



On the PLA Agenda...

...Michigan Riparian Fall Issue Available

The Fall 2016 issue of *The Michigan Riparian Magazine* contains a cover photo of Pentwater Lake and features an eight page article about our Lake, written by PLA Board members Bill Bainton, Lynne Cavazos, Ellen Lightle and Joe Primozich. The issue also contains old historical photos and photos taken by Editor Barb Siok, Norma Oly and the Pentwater Sportfishing Association. Since Pentwater is celebrating its Sesquicentennial this year, the Board is making this special issue available to PLA members for \$5 each (\$3 per issue + \$2 p & h).

If you would like a copy, please send your check to PLA, PO Box 825, Pentwater, MI, 49449.

...Archival of Organization Records

At a recent Board meeting, approval was received to archive PLA records from the past twenty years. Officers and Chairpersons have been storing the records at individual homes, and decided that maintaining them in one place would make it easier for persons to retrieve and use past information when needed. The Pentwater Historical Society, with the assistance of PLA member Ed Bigelow, has generously agreed to house the records at the Society Museum, 85 South Rutledge Street in Pentwater! These items will be stored in three labeled tote bins and will include past Secretarial minutes, Treasurer reports, Water Quality reports (including maps, studies, equipment and data), Annual Dinner packets and agendas, Strawberry Social reports, Publicity photos, newsletters, directories and event calendars, etc. Thanks to President Lynne Cavazos for organizing the archival processes.



...Thanks to 2016 Donors

As a non-profit organization, the Lake Association appreciates all of the generous donations it has received in the past, especially those for the 2016 year. The donations will greatly assist with the rising costs of water quality testing, lake health & welfare monitoring, weed treatments, newsletter publications, brochure and educational materials, etc. Special thanks this year is given to the following donors:

Sally Fortner, Peter & Ruth Alinder, Michael & Karen Warner, Charles & Elaine MacKenzie, Wendel & Diane Swan and Karen Ihrig, in loving memory of **Charles Lipke** (brother of PLA member Joan Cuchna), who loved fishing on Pentwater Lake. .

Christi Wegner, Keller Williams Properties, in honor of the **Charles and Marilyn Lipke Family** (daughters Susan Spreenberg, Barbara Sudds & Carol Anne Kacz):



News Around Town.....

by Norma Oly

NEW VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Our gratitude goes out to retiring Village President and PLA member Juanita Pierman for her twelve years of service to the Pentwater community. We welcome incoming President Jeffrey Hodges who will serve for a four year term. New Council members this year are Dan Nugent and Michele Angel-Powell. The Pentwater Village Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Village Hall.

SEASONAL PROPERTY CHECKS PERFORMED

The Pentwater Police Department, the Oceana County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan State Police all will make property checks while residents are away during the winter. However, request forms need to be filled out and are available at the Village Hall, and at the Sheriff and MSP Offices in Hart. Inspections are made as time allows.

CHIEF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE TO RETIRE



Longtime PLA member, the Honorable Tony Monton, has announced his retirement from the bench effective March 1 this year. Tony was elected in 1988 and currently serves as the Oceana County 27th Circuit Court's Chief Judge. Prior to his twenty eight years as a judge, Tony served eight years as Oceana County Prosecutor. (He also served six years as a PLA Board member.) Our thanks for so many years of service to our community, Tony. Have fun sailing on Pentwater Lake in your free time!

PENTWATER TOWNSHIP LIBRARY WINS RECOGNITION

Our Township Library Director, Mary Barker, announced that the Library has received the prestigious honor of "Star Library" status by the *Library Journal*, and is one of only five in Michigan to win this award! This is the first year that Pentwater public library has ever received this honor. The announcement was made in the November issue of the *Library Journal*.



STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WAY

Residents and visitors alike will begin to see the streets of Pentwater being restored this year with the passage of the Street Improvement Plan Bond Issue in November. An engineering study concluded that 70% of Village streets and roads need to be resurfaced, repaired, or reconstructed. Watch for a lot of orange signs in the future.

News Around Town continued

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

The Festival of Lights Weekend brought a visit from Santa on the Village Green, the lighting of the tree, a house and business decorating contest, carolers from local churches, and horse drawn carriage rides up and down Hancock Street.

Note the smiles on the faces of Barb Siok's grandchildren!



Tree Decorated by GS Troop 4420



Santa asked Violet her Christmas wish



Singing Christmas Carols through the Village



Santa asked Ian his Christmas wish



At the Village Green 2016

P.A.L.C. OUTDOOR SCULPTURE BEING CREATED

Longtime PLA member and artist, Gene Davidson, has been working on a new steel and copper sculpture entitled "Felicity." Named for his sailboat, the thirteen foot tall piece was created from steel rods donated by a past Pentwater Artisan Learning Center member and his wife. The steel represents the sails of Gene's boat. He also created three copper doves (from an 111 year old piece of copper from Holland Furnace Company) which adorn the top of the sculpture and look as though they are flying away. The sculpture is not yet completed – colors must still be selected. However, the work-in-progress can be viewed on the berm in front of the PALC, 780 E. Park Street.



"Photo courtesy of PALC"



COMMUNITY DINNER

COMMUNITY DINNERS EVERY WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday, from 4:30-6:00 PM, local volunteers cook up a hot, restaurant-style meal for area residents with the price of an optional donation being the only cost. In its 5th year of the initiative, Karen and Richard St. Denis have organized and served over 30,000 meals at the Centenary United Methodist Church, located on the corner of First & Hancock Streets. Anyone in the community is invited to attend, and to enjoy the camaraderie of old and new friends, from September through May each year.



COMMUNITY DINNER

"1867 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR"...
 ...get set to Learn more
 About Pentwater 'Throughout the Years'

By Anna Mae Bush



Sesquicentennial 2017

This year marks a rare milestone for the Village of Pentwater-- the 150th anniversary of its incorporation on March 16, 1867. Since that pre-dates all of us, we depend on the Pentwater Historical Society (85 S. Rutledge St.) to enlighten us about what life was like when the Anishinaabe inhabited the area, when lumber was "king", and where the Village of "Pentwater" had its beginnings.



The waters of this area have always been a draw to people. When, in 1855, lumber baron Charles Mears built a new 600' wooden channel between Pentwater Lake and the big lake, its location and shipping path through Lake Michigan enabled the future development of several businesses - it was home to a large shingle mill (once the largest in the US), a brick factory, a furniture industry, and a foundry. Ferry service across the channel enabled settlers on the north side of town to catch the train or visit Frenchtown south of the channel. In 1880, a Coast Guard Station was built (which closed in 1959) where Channel Lane Park now stands. The swing bridge, with its diving board for swimmers, has been gone since 1949, but the pilings are still visible at the lake end of the channel.



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"1867 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR"...

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Its scenic location and cool waters also were catalysts for tourists, and the gift of 50 acres to the State (from Charles Mears' daughter Carrie in 1923) gave birth to Charles Mears State Park - a tourist magnet. Once a bustling town with a movie theater, skating rink, several gas stations and car repair places, a drug store with a soda fountain, a bakery, a couple grocery stores, and many other business establishments, the Village is now a much quieter community. Pentwater maintains a charming and quaint ambiance due to the many historic homes and buildings, the boutique type businesses on the main street, the small "mom and pop" shops and restaurants, and the proliferation of art galleries. There are also long-standing traditions with Americana flavor. One is the Thursday night Civic Band concerts on the Village Green all summer long for the past 69 years. Another is the Pentwater Homecoming Celebration held every August for over 75 years. Today, the Village is widely known for its boating, fishing, parks, beaches, harbors and its natural beauty.

The small-town atmosphere belies the greatness under the surface. A sesquicentennial committee has planned a number of activities to mark the Village's special anniversary. The year-long celebration kicks off with a dinner on March 16 at the Friendship Center, (ticket cost will be \$18.67) featuring a speaker and a slideshow "Throughout the Years." That theme, "Throughout the Years", will be continued all year with additional events scheduled in May, June, and August. Organizers are urging residents with ideas for new or expanded activities to contact the Village (231.869.8301) or the Chamber of Commerce (231.869.4150). Effort is being made to create a video featuring personal snapshots and videos of events and activities over the years. Take time to browse through your boxes of photos in the attic or basement or closet and email them to cjhodan@gmail.com or drop them off at the Chamber office downtown. Here's your chance to be a film star!!!

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER - Patrick Hooyman

Patrick Hooyman first visited Pentwater in the 1980's after he met his wife Diana who introduced him to the town in which she spent her childhood summers. Patrick, Diana and their four children have spent their summer vacations on Pentwater Lake ever since. In 2005, they purchased the family lake cottage from Diana's mother, Jeanne Pettengill, and began to make it their retirement home.



After growing up in the Chicago area, Patrick received a B.S. in physics from Benedictine University and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Wyoming. In 2014, Patrick retired after a 40-year career working in the energy industry in Denver, Paris and finally Houston. He specialized in geophysics and geomechanics for oil exploration and production and holds several patents in these areas.

He and Diana enjoy the beach, watching sunsets, sailing and socializing in Pentwater and maintaining the Shared Space Studio. They try to spend time with their daughters who live in Pentwater, Benzonia and Grand Rapids and with their son and granddaughter in Houston. They also cruise a few winter months a year on their sailboat in southern waters.

Since retirement, Patrick has been trying to learn to play the steel drum and has almost mastered Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Patrick is a member of the Pentwater Service Club, Pentwater Artisan Learning Center and Pentwater Yacht Club and a partner in Patterson Marine Services. He looks forward to learning from colleagues in the Pentwater Lake Association and helping the Lake Association achieve its goals.



FUN in FEBRUARY - WinterFest 2017

by Anna Mae Bush

February 11th & 18th:

Thank you to our WinterFest sponsors: Malburg's Sanitations Service, Inc., Shoreline Visitors Guide, North Cobb Communications, Inc., Huntington Bank and The Glove Apparel.

(Find additional event details for the 2nd & 3rd weekends of Feb. at www.pentwater.org)

Saturday, Feb. 11:

Ryan Williams' Perch Fishing Tournament

7AM-2:30PM Register at Pentwater Angler. Fee: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (15 or younger). 100% Cash and Prize payout for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Final weigh-in at the BoatHouse Bar & Grille by 3pm. For more information call Pentwater Angler at 231.869.5357. Sponsored by: Pentwater Angler and BoatHouse Bar & Grille.

Snowman Scram 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run

12:00 PM (Noon). Start and finish in front of Pentwater Public School. Register online at www.goracego.com. Fee: \$10.00 for 1 Mile Fun Run; \$20.00 for 5K run/walk. Pre-registration by Friday, February 3rd. Late registration \$5 additional from 10 AM-12PM (Noon) on the 11th. "Win With Wellness" Fit Club members are FREE. Proceeds to benefit the X-Country Team. T-shirt, hot chocolate and post-race snacks provided. Medals to 1st and 2nd place finishers in seven age categories. Contact Erika Fatura at (231) 869-4100 x 243 for details.

Cross-Country Skiing

12-4PM FREE at Pentwater Pathways - Cross Country Skiing, hot chocolate, cookies and campfire at trailhead. Skis will be provided. Please, no snowshoes. If no snow, Pentwater Pathways is open on the 18th. For ski and trail info call Gaye at 231.873.5247 or go to www.oceanaski.org Sponsored by: Huntington Bank



Sledding on the Village Green

All Day! Bring yourself, family & friends with a "sled" of your choice!

Dining Specials: Valentine's Day Specials

Local Establishments will have Valentine's Day specials, deals, menu items and more. *Treat your sweetie to a fun night out!*

Barrel Racing on Ice

1-2PM - FREE at Lake St. Boat Launch on Pentwater Lake (if no ice, go to Village Green).

Corks and Canvas Wine Tasting and Gallery Stroll

2-5PM downtown Pentwater. Advanced tickets are \$20 or \$25 at the door. Tickets available at Oldewick Post, Hansen's Market, Jilly's, Petri Gallery on 2nd Street & the Wishing Well. Proceeds to **benefit** Pentwater Arts Council. *Wine and art make a great combo!*

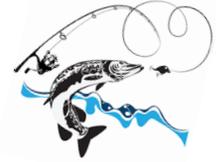


FUN in FEBRUARY – WinterFest 2017

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Saturday, Feb. 18:

DNR FREE FISHING Weekend
February 18 & 19 (Fishing rules still apply)



Pentwater Lake Perch Fishing Tournament

8AM-4PM If no ice, bring your boat! Register at Pentwater Angler, Cenzo's Market or www.pentwater.org Fee: \$5 per adult, \$2 per child; \$10 per family. Tournament pays down three prizes with 100% payout. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophies for kids. (The longest perch). For more information call Joe at 231.869.8681. Sponsored by: Pentwater Angler, Direct Advertising Company and Cenzo's Market.

C.O.V.E. Craft Beer and Music Fest

2-5PM Advance tickets are \$25 and are available at C.O.V.E. Tickets are \$30 on the day of the event and are available at the door of participating locations on the 18th. Visit: The Antler Bar, The BoatHouse Bar & Grille, and The Brown Bear. Live music with commemorative mugs and tokens given to the first-come 150 people. Picture ID is required. Proceeds to benefit C.O.V.E. Sponsored by: Alliance Beverage. *Come taste different beer from around the world and from Michigan Breweries.*

Polar Dip (Freezin' for a Reason)

Noon at the Pentwater Lake Boat Launch (191 Lake St.). Sign-up to jump in & freeze, or sponsor an individual to freeze. Sponsor sheets available at the Pentwater Chamber of Commerce, www.pentwater.org, or register the day of the event. Sponsor a jumper by February 11th to get your name on the Freezin' for a Reason shirt. Proceeds to benefit Crystal Valley Care Fund. (If no ice, there will still be a 'run & jump.'). Celebrity Grand Finale jumper is Miss Ludington, Shelby Soberalski! *What an invigorating exercise!*



LEGO Building Contest (NEW THIS YEAR for KIDS)

1-2PM. Upstairs at Shelby State Bank. Bring your own Legos. Participants will have 1 hour to build. 1st Place winners in each age group will win a prize! Age Groups: 0-Preschool, Kindergarten-2nd Grade, 3rd-5th Grade & 6th Grade & up. *Kids, here's your chance to shine & to use your imagination.!*



Storytelling at Storybook Village

10:30 AM Corner of Hancock and 6th Streets. *You'll never meet a story you don't like.*



Sledding on the Village Green

All Day! Bring yourself, family and friends with a "sled" of your choice!



"Come join the WinterFest fun in downtown Pentwater!"

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(from left to right)

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Date _____

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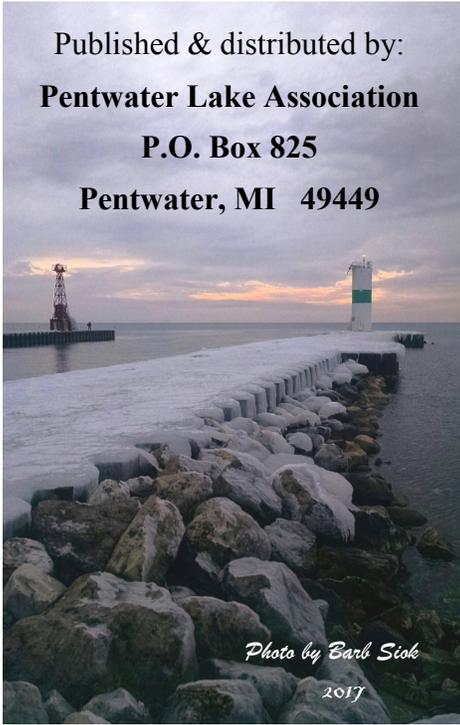
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