

# PENTWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - MAY 2020

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***O Spring-time sweet! The  
whole Earth smiles, thy  
coming to greet.***

(Unknown Author)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY LYNNE CAVAZOS

### Celebrate Earth Day - Every Day!

This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day. Earth Day is a yearly celebration which takes place on April 22 each year. More than 193 nations organize Earth Day events coordinated by the Earth Day Network to encourage all populations to be aware of current environmental concerns and to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970. It was a unified response to an environment in crisis - oil spills, smog, rivers so polluted they were catching on fire. On this date, 20 million Americans - 10% of the U.S. population, participated in rallies and protests to battle environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet.

This first Earth Day in 1970 launched a wave of action, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States. The Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts were created in response to the first Earth Day in 1970, as well as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Earth Day continues to hold major international significance: In 2016, the United Nations chose Earth Day as a day when the historic Paris Agreement on climate change was signed into force.

There is so much we can do to help protect and restore our planet, from joining a cleanup, taking part in a citizen-led science initiative, or hosting an event in your own community.

***You can Celebrate Earth Day - Every Day*** by appreciating and respecting the natural world around you. Here are some ideas that you can do anytime.

1. Plant wildflowers in your yard or adjacent empty lots.
2. Go native! Use plants that thrive because they are natural to your area.
3. Bring Nature to your garden - use plants that attract butterflies & hummingbirds and invite native bees to your garden.

4. Pick up litter when you see it - along sidewalks & roads, at the beach.
5. Cut back on plastic consumption. Find ways to reduce dependency on bottled water and drinks.
6. Recycle in the garden - reuse plant pots and containers.
7. Learn how to reuse in the kitchen & home and re-purpose everyday household items.
8. Push for strong PFAS drinking water standards.
9. Support local, state, and national initiatives to protect the Great Lakes and all smaller in-land lakes and rivers. Let's also save our Oceans!

For more info: [www.worldatlas.com/articles/when-is-earth-day-and-why-is-it-celebrated.html](http://www.worldatlas.com/articles/when-is-earth-day-and-why-is-it-celebrated.html)



*Bloodroot – a native plant*

## **Social Committee Report:**

### **PLA Annual Meeting 2020 – Cancelled**

The 2020 Pentwater Lake Association Annual Meeting and Social Gathering scheduled to be held on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> is CANCELED due to on-going concerns and restrictions about large group gatherings because of the COVID - 19 crisis. We will be sending out information to all members of the Pentwater Lake Association regarding the election of new Board Members and information that would have been shared at the Annual Meeting.

### **Pentwater Lake Association Strawberry Shortcake Social**

We hope to host The PLA Strawberry Social scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020 during Homecoming Week in Pentwater. We serve shortcakes from 6:00 PM until the end of the joint band concert on the Village Green (or until supplies are gone). Volunteers are always needed for this event. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Strawberry social this year, please contact:

- Caroline Denlar by email: [denlar@charter.net](mailto:denlar@charter.net) or phone: (231) 869-2561
- Lynne Cavazos by email: [lcavazos5939@charter.net](mailto:lcavazos5939@charter.net), or phone (231) 869-5939



## **Membership Committee Report:**

New Members are always welcome to join the Pentwater Lake Association. You do not need to live on the lake to be an active and supportive member of the association. 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. You should have received a "Dues are Due" letter with a return envelope to use to send in your annual membership dues.

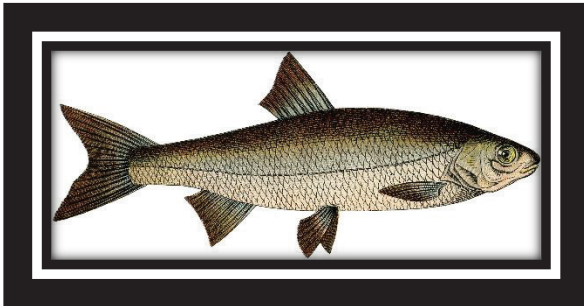
Members interested in serving on the Board or on one of the committees should let Lynne Cavazos know of their interest.

## **Natural Resources** – Joe Primozych

### **Pentwater Lake Fish Report - Spring of 2020**

With Pentwater lake at an all-time high, the ice fishing was shortened. Yet the results were still typical of spring fishing of the past. Here are the reports that were recorded for the past three months.

12.5" perch from the middle of the lake  
 3# red horse sucker from Longbridge  
 30" northern pike from the big bayou  
 12" crappie from the big bayou  
 12# steelhead from Longbridge  
 13" small mouth bass at the east end of the lake  
 14# lake trout at the end of the pier



### **Eagles Facing Tough Times in 2020**

Pentwater Bald Eagles have been resilient for about 25 years of nesting on the banks of the Pentwater River. They have weathered the storms and raised their young. This year presented more challenges to them than in the past.

On the first week of March, local Mike Flynn noticed the eagle's nest was gone and the treetop was broken off. He walked into the woods and found the nest broken on the ground with the 2 eggshells scattered. A natural disaster struck for the third time. The timing was terrible as the hope for a new family of eaglets was crushed. But by March 7, a new nest was being attended to as eagles carrying marsh grass were spotted on a pile of sticks in an

aspen tree nearby. Thanks to Mike Flynn for his diligence in keeping an eye to the sky for our eagles.



Another local, Everett Horton, called me and said at the last ice in March a young eagle had died on the ice edge at mid lake. Everett said one third of the young each year do not make it to adulthood. So let's hope that Mike and Everett have an uplifting report on the eagle's nest results this summer.

### **2020 - A High Water Year Again**

What makes Pentwater Lake and Lake Michigan unique with its water levels? We are part of the Great Lakes System. We have Lake Superior 24 feet higher passing water to us at the Soo Locks. Then we have Lake Huron connected to Michigan so that both lake levels reflect each other and act as one with us on Pentwater lake. Both lakes flow into Lake St. Clair over a 5-foot drop.

The single most important factor to the fluctuations of our lake levels is our changing weather. Its impact can be explained in two parts. First, over the last 120 years of weather recording, we have just experienced our wettest 12 to 60-month period. This has put our Great Lakes at record highs for the



months of January and February of this year. Second, it has saturated our state and the water shed basin of the Great Lakes, so rivers, like the Tittabawassi out of Saginaw, are at their highest flow rate on record.

This is reflected in our two branches of the Pentwater River and our watershed. With our water tables rising, MDOT is working to place water management structures on southbound Business 31 (Monroe Road) so that high water does not close these areas in the months ahead.

For these reasons the 3 resources listed below conclude that the Lake Michigan and Pentwater Lake levels will rise 5 to 6 inches in the next 6 months. The lowest point will be March and then a rise will follow that. But the months of July and August may be behind the highs of last year...weather determining. This information came from the following: 1.) Dr. Guy Meadows of the Michigan Tech University Great Lakes Research Station in Houghton on October 3, 2019. 2.) MDOT at the village Monroe Road meeting on March 9, 2020. 3.) Detroit Division of the Army Corps of Engineers 2020 report. What all this means for us this year is: **BE AWARE** of shoreline flooding and erosion anywhere in the Great Lakes Basin.



#### PLA ADVISORY NOTE

We have no authority to establish or enforce any speed limits on Pentwater Lake, although we have received requests to do so. But we are very aware of shoreline property damage due to water level and speeding watercrafts. We urge all watercraft owners to be considerate of shoreline residents. Use common sense, take note of how large a wake your speed creates and the impact that has on shoreline properties. Keep a proper distance from all docks and treat your lake neighbors' property as you would want them to treat yours. Be sure your visitors follow these guidelines as well. Issue vocal friendly reminders to non-compliant drivers.

#### 2020 Census - [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) *PICK PENTWATER!*

- The 2020 Census questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete. **DO IT TODAY** if you have not already done it. The deadline was extended.
- It's safe, secure, and confidential.
- Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services. **Each person is worth \$18,000 over ten years for the county in which they are registered.**
- Results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government.
- Last census (2010) only 39% of Oceana County residents registered. That leaves a lot of room to improve the county's response. Even if you spend 3-6 months elsewhere, you can list Pentwater as your place of residence

## Newly Passed Legislation Empowers Local Government to Limit Maximum Watercraft Speeds

Contributed by Pat Hooyman

Responding to an **onslaught of complaints from waterfront property owners regarding unsafe conditions and damage inflicted** upon moored boats, docks, and other shoreline infrastructure equipment **by high energy wakes created by boaters operating at excessive speeds**, the state legislature has passed and Governor Gretchen Whitmer has signed legislation that empowers the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as well as local units of government to limit the maximum speed of vessels operating upon the waters of Michigan. Both the frequency and severity of wake inflicted waterfront property damage as well as concerns for public safety have significantly increased over the course of the past few boating seasons **due primarily to the record high water levels** that are currently being experienced by most inland waters within the Great Lakes region.

The language of Michigan House Bill 5401 (now Public Act 70 of 2020) that became state law on April 2, 2020 reads **in part**:

(3) Upon receipt of a resolution by the governing body of a local unit of government having jurisdiction over waters of this state requesting a reduction in the maximum speed limit on those waters, the department, pursuant to sections 80108 and 80109 to 80113, **may establish a maximum speed limit not to exceed 40 miles per hour on those waters.**

(4) Upon receipt of a resolution of the governing body of a county or municipality requesting a reduction in the maximum vessel speed limit to protect life and property **during emergency conditions**, the department, the county emergency management coordinator, or the county sheriff **may establish a temporary reduced maximum vessel speed limit**

on waters of this state located in the county or municipality. In that case, the department, emergency management coordinator, or sheriff, respectively, shall do all of the following:



(a) **Specify a maximum fine** for violating the temporary speed limit. The maximum fine shall not be greater than \$100.00 for a first violation of a temporary speed limit established by that authority or \$500.00 for a second or subsequent violation.

(b) **Notify the other authorities** authorized to issue temporary speed limits under this subsection **of the temporary speed limit.**

(c) **Post the temporary speed limit, the maximum fine**, and a description of the affected waters on its website.

(d) Subject to section 80159, **place buoys sufficient to advise vessel operators of the temporary speed limit.**

**SEE PAGE 4 FOR OUR BOARD ADVISORY NOTE**



## Continued Partnership to Provide Free Life Jackets to Local Boaters

The Pentwater Lake Association (PLA) has been awarded a second grant from the *Sea Tow Foundation* to provide an additional Life Jacket Loaner Station in Pentwater, Michigan.

**PLA**, through a partnership with boating safety nonprofit, the Sea Tow Foundation, will be building an additional Life Jacket Loaner station that will service boaters on Pentwater River and on the South side of Pentwater Lake.

The original Sea Tow Loaner Station will be located again this year at the public boat launch on Lake Street in Pentwater and at another site near the village marina. Each Station will hold life jackets that local boaters may borrow and use, free of charge. Jackets will be available in sizes ranging from infant to Adult XL to ensure each of a boat's passengers have access to necessary safety equipment.

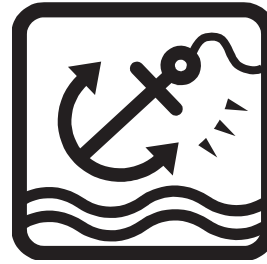
"We're excited to continue our partnership with the Sea Tow Foundation to make the Life Jacket Loaner Stations available to even more boaters in our area," said Lynne Cavazos, PLA Board President. "This will help ensure boaters of all ages have enough proper-fitting life jackets, which will go a long way toward keeping people safe while they're out enjoying the beautiful waters of Pentwater Lake and Lake Michigan."



Since 2008, the Sea Tow Foundation has distributed nearly 50,000 life jackets to local businesses and organizations across the country. These stations are placed in locations where boaters will have easy access to the life jackets, such as boat ramps, marinas, and parks. Boaters may borrow the life jackets at no cost and are asked to return them when they are finished so that they are available for others to use.

For additional information on the Sea Tow Foundation, visit [www.boatingsafety.com](http://www.boatingsafety.com).

**A Special Thank You**  
*to friends of the  
Pentwater Lake Association  
for their generous donations to  
PLA in memory or in honor of a  
family member or cherished friend.*



*“For the Love of the Lake”*

The Shepherd Foundation: In memory of Charles M. Shepherd

The Messerlie Family: In the name of Doug & Theo Messerlie and Dave & Carol Messerlie

Friends of Suzanne and William Green: In memory of William A. Green

We appreciate these donations that support the work being done by the PLA Board in protecting and monitoring the health of Pentwater Lake. In addition, we sponsor a Youth Fishing Tournament, assist with a boating safety event, and sponsor the Sea Tow Life Jacket Loaner Program.

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## Calendar of Events for Spring and Early Summer

Due to the COVID - 19 Crisis that we are all experiencing, the events for the upcoming Spring and Summer are uncertain. The Pentwater Historical Society has decided to postpone its Spring Dinner. A new date will be announced when conditions allow. Contact **info@pentwaterhistoricalsociety.org** or call 231-425-6842 with any questions.

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

### Primary Source:

- **Pentwater Village Office Website:**  
**[www.pentwatervillage.org](http://www.pentwatervillage.org)**

### Secondary Sources:

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

### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

**Pentwater Farmers Market:  
Support for Local Farm Families  
and Small Family Businesses**

*Organizers are planning to open as scheduled  
in June but will adapt as needed.*



## Star Wars on Pentwater Lake

Contributed by Emily Neuman, Graduate Researcher at GVSU-AWRI

Since I was young, I was lured in by the sounds of the birds, the rippling of the stream in my backyard, and the safety net of the trees above me as I walked my dogs in the woods. My favorite memories were of being outdoors with my family, begging my dad to take us fishing so I could take in the fish lake smell, or exploring alone on our 54 acres in Minnesota. It dawned on me that my favorite pastimes could become my job one day.

Therefore, I did whatever I could to figure out my niche. I worked for the Minnesota DNR for three summers during my undergraduate degree, Bachelors in Ecology and Field Biology, educating boaters on invasive species, performing fisheries surveys, and learning more about aquatic invasive plants in my last summer by doing surveys and creating treatment maps. I worked over a year in a phytoplankton lab learning a wide variety of algal culturing techniques and the trials and tribulations of making my algae friends happy from the food medium I made. I loved all of it and wanted to learn more, which is how I ended up in Michigan at the Annis Water Resources Institute (Grand Valley State University) working with the invasive macroalga, Starry Stonewort (*Nitellopsis obtusa*) with my advisor, Dr. Sarah Hamsher. I couldn't be more thrilled to work with the community to conserve Pentwater Lake. The Village reminds me of back home, a small town in the woods near a drowned river mouth estuary and the big Lake Michigan. I have learned that Pentwater strives for education, workshops and invasive species control, which is what I can bring to the community.



**My project has three objectives.**

The main objective is to study the life history of Starry Stonewort in Pentwater Lake. I will be conducting snorkeling surveys to destructively harvest small quadrats of this macroalga throughout its growing period and determine when it reaches its maximum growth.

Secondly, I will collect samples of Starry Stonewort and manually fragment the plant to replicate a disturbance event (e.g., boating, fishing snag, wind, management response) and see how well those fragments grow.

Lastly, I will be using ArcGIS, a mapping tool, and the New York Botanical Garden's virtual herbarium distribution records of Starry Stonewort sites in the Midwest and Northeastern United States to reveal lakes that have the greatest potential for an invasion.

The overall goal of my thesis is to study the life history of Starry Stonewort, including its seasonal growth, asexual reproduction, and distribution across the Midwest. In doing so, I hope to unlock more clues to successfully managing this invasion. Due to the importance of this work, I have applied for and received funding from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium (MSGC) Graduate Fellowship and the Lake Research Student Grant from the Michigan Chapter, North American Lake Management Society (McNALMS) and Michigan Lakes and Streams Association (MLSA) to support this project. Starry Stonewort has been invading North America since the 1970s, but we are still in the early stages of studying this invasion and I'm excited to begin this journey with the PLA and the Village.

*At its last meeting the Board decided to invite Emily to attend our meetings while she is in the area. She can enhance our discussions with her knowledge and youthful perspective.*



## Message from Chief Laude Hartrum

### *The Summer of 2020*

If there is ever a time in history that we will all remember, it will be the summer of 2020. Worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, record high water levels, historic unemployment, and economic collapse. Yet in the midst of all this, there is one peaceful constant - the Village of Pentwater and Pentwater Lake.

I was asked to write a short article for the newsletter, so its readers could know the current state of things in Pentwater. Despite all of the issues I've listed above, this article finds Pentwater is in good shape. The bridge on Longbridge Road is repaired. The sun is shining, and spring is definitely in the air. There are no road projects, torn-up streets, and the Village is doing its best to get prepared for summer.

The response to COVID-19 in Pentwater - common-sense precautions, social distance, wear masks when in crowded places, essential travel and business only, wash your hands and cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.

Contrary to what you may have seen or read in social media, the Police Department is not knocking on doors to see how many people are in your house or stopping cars at random to see if your travel is essential.

What we are doing is expecting that people are going to use good common sense and act responsibly. We're greeting old summer friends, chasing the usual neighborhood dogs, responding to the general complaints of the day, and doing all we can to stay healthy. Please do the same. When you return for the summer, please self-quarantine for 14-days. Visit [www.pentwatervillage.org](http://www.pentwatervillage.org) for the latest updates in Village services.

Our Governor has issued a series of executive orders aimed at stopping the spread of Coronavirus. These are changing daily, and for the latest information, visit [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus).

A new law was recently passed; Public Acts 70, 71, and 72. They allow for 14-day, 6-month, and permanent local watercraft control orders. We've received questions about how they might apply to Pentwater Lake in light of the highwaters and property damage that is occurring. These are discussions that need to take place. The talks will involve the Village Government, Pentwater Township Government, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Pentwater Police Department, and the Sheriff's Office.

I would urge you to think carefully about any new regulations on Pentwater Lake. There are always unintended consequences when you adopt new rules or regulations, and enforcement may be an issue to consider. County and local law enforcement understand the impact highwater is having on our community, and we're ready to work together to mitigate the damage.

I want to assure everyone that our Department is working closely with the Sheriff's Office, the Oceana Office of Emergency Management and all of our other partners to keep you safe this summer.

In closing, I hope this newsletter finds you healthy, wealthy, and safe, wherever you are.



## Lessons in Pentwater History

Contributed by Ron Beeber

At press time, the planned opening of the Pentwater Historical Museum in early June is uncertain because of efforts to combat the COVID-19 virus. Other than visiting the museum, there are still three ways to explore Pentwater history.

First, go to the [pentwaterhistoricalsociety.org](http://pentwaterhistoricalsociety.org) website and watch the 18-minute video about the museum. A link to the video is posted on the Pentwater Historical Society (PHS) homepage.

Second, go to the PHS Website and click on "News & Events" > "Newsletters," and then browse an interesting collection of past newsletters that the PHS has posted there.

Third, dial 231.720.0291 on a phone from anywhere. This is the phone number that Pentwater Historical Museum visitors can dial on their cellphones to listen to 53 recorded narratives that explain various exhibits/artifacts that are on display. Each recording is 45 seconds to 2 minutes in length. You can listen to as many as you wish at a time. Simply dial the phone number shown above, then press any number between 1 and 53, followed by #.

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| 1. Ed Bigelow   | 24. Hotel Valeria/White Elephant                   |
| 2. Signs from former businesses                           | 25. Pentwater Yacht Club                           |
| 3. History Overview of Pentwater                          | 26. Left-hand display cabinet in center of floor   |
| 4. Charles Mears  | 27. Right-hand display case in center of floor     |
| 5. Pentwater Channel                                      | 28. Native Americans in the Civil War/Company K    |
| 6. The Mary Stewart                                       | 29. Nickerson Inn                                  |
| 7. Eldred Shingle Mill                                    | 30. Ships on Lake Michigan/Shipwrecks Lost & Found |
| 8. Carrie Mears/History of Mears State Park               | 31. Brickyard                                      |
| 9. Map of Middlesex                                       | 32. Movie Houses                                   |
| 10. Birdland Sign and Building                            | 33. Novadoc Bell and Ship's Wheel                  |
| 11. Furniture making                                      | 34. Undertakers                                    |
| 12. Shipwrecks/Three Vessels                              | 35. Commercial Fishing                             |
| 13. U.S. Life Saving Station                              | 36. Coast Guardsman Jack Dipert                    |
| 14. Pentwater veterans audio interviews                   | 37. Pentwater Fire Department                      |
| 15. Pentwater High School artifacts/yearbook/class photos | 38. Log Ladder                                     |
| 16. Original weathervane                                  | 39. Steam Pumper Fire Engine "Oceana"              |
| 17. Old pump organ  | 40. Cemeteries                                     |
| 18. Native American Artifacts                             | 41. Origin of Pentwater Community House/Hall       |
| 19. Henry Carter Johnson collection                       | 42. About Pentwater Community Hall                 |
| 20. Pentwater News Collection                             | 43. Large "Scrapbook" Display                      |
| 21. Channel ferry   | 44. Three Hancock Street Hotels                    |
| 22. Swing Bridge  | 45. Four Lodging Businesses                        |
| 23. Train Depot   | 46. Cabins and Campgrounds                         |
|   | 47. Filling Stations                               |

48. Two Houses on Green Street

49. Several More Stories About Native Americans

50. Thanks for coming

#### Visitors to the Pentwater Public Museum



51. Dumaw Creek

52. W.B.O. Sands/Home

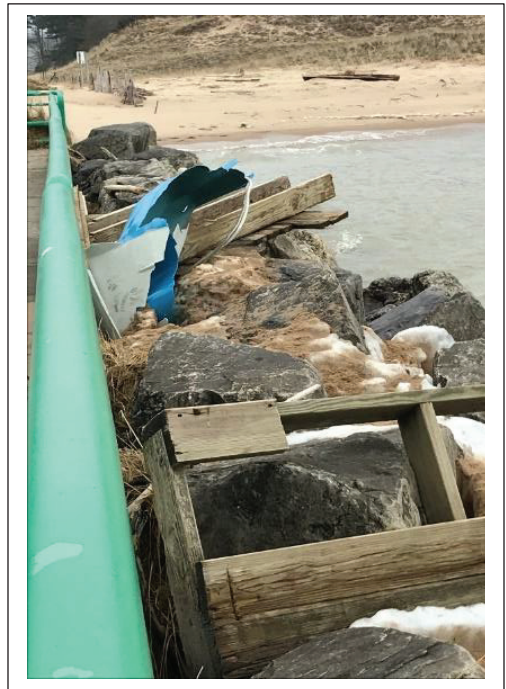
53. Horse Racing in Pentwater



It is possible that the boat tours with historical narration instituted last summer may continue this summer. The tours were well received and often sold out. Watch the PHS website for further information.

## Look What the Lake Dragged In

A stroll to the channel will reveal an unprecedented collection of debris that high winds and water levels have brought to the beach and rip rap along the pier. In addition to a treasure trove of driftwood, there are sections of docks, stairs, walkways, retaining walls, heavy posts, tree limbs, and even a wrecked jet ski. The strength of the wind and waves managed to jam large pieces of debris between the channel railings and between large rocks. A few large wooden structures were strapped to the pier railings to prevent their further travel elsewhere. Cleaning up and disposing of all the accumulated debris will require many hours of dedicated labor. Since the channel area is under the jurisdiction of the Army Corp of Engineers, this cleanup is technically their responsibility. Filling the sinkholes on the north side of the channel did not appear to be a high priority for them last summer. Will cleaning the debris from the pier be any different? Perhaps concerned residents could be authorized to accomplish the task.



## News Bytes

### Village Office

Chris Brown, Village Manager, reports that our DPW employees are still working on all the essential services such as water, sewer, roads, etc. But the Governor's order prohibits them from picking up leaves at this time. The water taxi will hopefully resume when things are safe, and people return, perhaps in June. Take note that is just a guess. Brown meets weekly with county emergency management and regularly with other official groups that deal with Covid-19 issues. To follow updates regarding Village projects and virus guidelines, residents can check video updates on the Village website posted by Jeff Hodges, Brown, and Laude Hartrum. Residents returning to Pentwater from other winter residences are requested to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Keith Edwards, Zoning Administrator, has written a letter to help lakeshore owners secure permits from EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes & Energy) for shoreline protection projects more quickly, waiving the usual 60-day review period.

Village Council approved current Village Officers



Rande Listerman, Laude Hartrum, Keith Edwards, Barb Siok, Kate Anderson, and Brian Monton for another one-year appointment.

by AnnaMae Bush

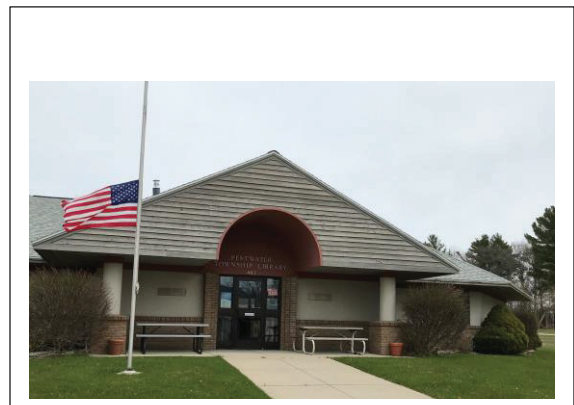
### Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

The DDA urges residents to support local businesses by ordering take-out meals from restaurants able to remain open, by purchasing gift cards for future use by friends and family, and by making online purchases from the websites of local businesses.

The Start of Summer Party plans are uncertain. Currently the marina location used last June is under water and the electrical work begun there is on hold. The governor's orders on social distancing and business shut-downs may be extended beyond April 30, forcing the cancellation of many annual events and activities and putting others in the "Maybe. Wait and See" category. For latest updates residents can check the bulletin board at the Green or the new Pentwater Exchange Facebook page.

### Library

Plans are being made for re-opening the library soon. Books coming back to the library will need to be returned in paper bags which will then be "quarantined" for a few days before the books are restacked on the shelves.



### Farmers' Markets (Nationwide)

When these open markets are permitted to do business, regulations will require shoppers and



sellers to wear masks and use hand cleanser frequently – either by access to water and soap or hand sanitizer. Shoppers should remember to take proper precautions in washing all produce before serving it.

#### Downtown Business Establishments

The Antler, Sunshine Pizza, Garden Café, and GoodStuffs all offer take-out orders. Cenozs will be opening again this summer for grocery shopping. Renovations have been on hold for expanding the Hair Culture salon and opening a new coffee shop ("Green Isaac's") across from the Green.



#### Pentwater Women's Club

Since the annual Wine & Art fundraiser was cancelled this year, the group is finding alternate ways of adding to their scholarship fund for Pentwater High School graduates. The first project was sewing face masks for residents who needed them for complying with social distancing protocols. The group is still taking orders for these hand-made masks in many colors and patterns for both men and women. One size fits all. People with one may wish to have an additional one for variety or for laundering reasons. Your donation for the mask will go directly into the club's scholarship fund. To order a mask, call Kristin Forester (869-8280) or Juanita Pierman (231-343-3776).



#### Pentwater Arts Council (PAC) and Window Art

Merchants who close their stores over winter responded eagerly to an offer from PAC to have pictures painted for their front windows that would enhance and liven up the appearance of the downtown area. FORTY panels were painted on drop cloths hemmed to fit specific window spaces. Local artists, artisan center members, and Pentwater Pre-school students made the artwork. Roy and Robin Marten installed all the panels after Christmas. The art will be removed when stores reopen and will be kept for reuse next winter. All 40 panels can be viewed at [pentwaterartscouncil.org](http://pentwaterartscouncil.org). Here are some examples. THANK YOU, PAC!!



## Pentwater Green Schools Club



By: Erika Fatura, Green Schools Club Advisor

Several members of the Green Schools club were passionate about coming up with a project to benefit the Australian Wildlife affected by the wildfires. Pictured on the left below are Evalena Jeruzal (9th), Aubrey Macintosh (10th), Anna VanDuinen (9th) and Cassie Cormany (12th). They put together a basket full of eco-friendly products to be raffled off. In total, \$100 was raised and donated to the Australian Red Cross. The winner of the basket was Makaylah Cornelisse (pictured on the right), a senior at Pentwater! It was fantastic to be able to support these ladies in executing a plan for something they had a passion for! I was so impressed with their ability to have an idea, come up with a plan and carry it through. I have no doubt these young ladies will continue to make this world a better place!



**PENTWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION**

"For the Love of the Lake"

P.O. Box 825, Pentwater, MI 49449

Membership Application Date \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Member Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #(s): Local or Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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