



NEWS, EVENTS, & MORE FROM ONEKAMA, MICHIGAN

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Petunia Parada

Thanks to all of the volunteers who make the Petunia Parade happen. I love driving, walking, or biking down Main Street and seeing all of the beautiful colors. It takes a lot of work to get them in and to keep them looking good. Also thanks to our local businesses for keeping their planters looking gorgeous. This is the first year that I was able to help plant and I enjoyed the socially distancing outdoor event and plan to do it again next year. A special shout out to Pleasanton Valley Greenhouse, who has supplied petunias for the parade for many years and to Larsen's Landscaping for their contribution in roto tilling, soil preparation and week control.



Soil preparation done by Larsen's Landscaping (weed control, soil amendment).



Holes for petunia transplants were pre-drilled ten inches apart to ensure consistency. Drillers were Jim Simons, Ken Franklin, and Jeff McClune.



Becky Kline tending the petunias



Pam Richardson and Frances Townsend enjoying planting petunias



Younger families pitched in to help plant petunias on May 27. Above is the Sedelmaier family (Justin and Amber parents with children Hazel, Jason and Remington).

Note from the Editor:

This newsletter looks a little different than in years past and will be only available online. It will be emailed to all who have signed up and it will also be posted to the Onekama website: <https://www.onekama.info>. It isn't surprising that things are different. We have had to change or cancel many of the traditional Onekama events. We are hopeful that next summer will be more normal.

Jean Capper

Kids Fun Fish

The 2nd annual Onekama Days Kids Fun fish had 20 participants this year. I've attached a list of winners and a photo of the largest fish winner. The Portage Lake Association sponsored this event with over \$350 in cash prizes that is open to all kids 16 years of age and younger at no charge. The Manistee County Sport Fishing Association hosted the event at the Village Park in Onekama. We had a beautiful morning to start fishing, as the day went on storms started to move in, lucky for us they held off long enough for the kids to get a full 3 hours of fishing in. Participation was up this year as we work to grow this great event and put kids on the water enjoying our natural resources. *Phil Sedelmaier*



2020 Onekama Days • Kids Fun Fish

Sponsored by the Portage Lake Association

Hosted by Manistee County Sport Fishing Association

Bass

1st	Hazel Sedelmaier	2.55#
2nd	Reece McBrian	1.75#

Bluegill/Rockbass

1st	Chris Lapinski	1.05# Rockbass
2nd	Knox Stoykovich	1.00# Rockbass
3rd	Emmet Heintzelman	.95# Rockbass
3rd	Jason Sedelmaier	.95# Rockbass

Walleye/Perch

1st	Knox Stoykovich	1.50# Walleye
2nd	Bryce Pruyne	.45# Perch
3rd	Owen Heintzelman	.40# Perch

Largest Fish

Hazel Sedelmaier ~ 6.70# Freshwater Drum

Smallest Fish

Reece McBrian ~ 3" Bluegill



Onekama Days Fireworks

Portage Lake
At DUSK on Saturday,
August 8, 2020
RAIN DATE August 9

SPONSORS
Portage Wire Systems
Grille 44
Blarney Castle
Portage Lake Motel
Townline Unlimited
and many individual donors



Full Event Details at
www.onekama.info



A big Thank You to the Portage Lake Association, Fireworks Chairperson Paul Mueller, the fireworks sponsors and Great Lakes Fireworks for the great fireworks show during Onekama Days Lite.

In this year of crisis, it was nice to have even 15 minutes of "normalcy"

A shout out to Ted Lawrence for all of his help in getting the fireworks barges loaded and to Mandy Schram for the photos

Major fireworks sponsors: Portage Wire Systems, Grille 44, Blarney Castle, Portage Lake Motel, Townline Unlimited and many small business' and individuals

There is still time to make a contribution to the Portage Lake Association to help cover the cost of this year's fireworks and get a start on next year. Here is the GO Fund Me link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/onekama-days-fireworks>

JOIN US!

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION



GUIDED ADVENTURE IN GLEN PARK

Friday, August 7th 10:00AM Meet in lower parking lot

Are you a fan of Survivor? Would you make it Alone? Could you forage a meal?
Take a walk on the wild side! The Glen Park ecosystem right in the heart of Onekama is filled with plants and animals that provide a wealth of resources. Some of these things could sustain you and some could harm you. Of course, we will not **actually** eat or drink or build shelter in the Park, but we will talk about it!

Onekama Township Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce that Josh Shields, Ph.D., Forester and Wildlife Biologist, Manistee and Mason-Lake Conservation Districts, will generously host a fun and educational walk in Glen Park.

The adventure is free and open to everyone!

Questions & reservations: parks@OnekamaTwp.org
Or call Manistee Conservation District 231-889-9866

Prince and Princess of Onekama 2020-2021



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Lennon Hansen

Lennon, age 3, is the daughter of Matt & Kayla Hansen. Granddaughter of Terry & Pam Fink and Gene & Patty Hansen. Great Granddaughter of Hogie & Kay Clouse, Rueben & Luella Fink, Donald & Yvonne Hansen, and Norbert & Mildred Gamble.



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Chase Tabaczka

Chase, age 3, is son of Vince Tabaczka and Jennifer Fauz. Grandson of Susie Fauz, Frank Tabaczka, and Lori & Larry Bialik. Great Grandson of Sally Cramer and Larry Lindeman & Loretta Beccaria.

Rib Dinner & the Fixings



Saturday, August 8th
5—8PM

Onekama Village Park
Cost is \$12 per meal

All meals include; 1/3 rack of ribs, chips, roll, dessert, and drink

Hot Dog meal also available for kids under 12 \$6
Includes hot dog, chips, dessert, and drink

Sponsored by EZ Market & Victorian City Car Port with all proceeds going to the Onekama Athletic Boosters

Curbside ordering/pickup available in west parking lot near pavilion & credit card payments accepted

Athletic Booster Bake Sale happening also!!!!

Onekama Schools

Manistee News Advocate highlighted the recent “Stock the School” fund-raising drive for Onekama Consolidated Schools, sponsored by the Onekama Athletic Boosters and Parent Teacher Organization, aided by the Onekama Fire Department.

<https://www.manisteenews.com/local-news/article/Community-goes-the-extra-mile-for-students-15532808.php>

There’s a wish-list on Amazon for additional needed supplies.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3B945E4EF-63A1?ref_=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR2AgFIa1kEDM-WKfS78_pZlqm0DbsWM8nEQLWOzEvxhA5wibrA8mKIdtx9w

Cash donations may be made to Onekama Consolidated Schools, 5016 Main St., Onekama, MI 49675 (attention: Mary Bergren). 231-889-4251

BEACH SWEEP

The Portage Lake Garden Club continued their tradition of a fall clean up on the beach. Thanks to Carol Tamulis for spearheading this and to the volunteers who showed up to gather and record the debris. The total collected was around 40 pounds. Also, an artist, daughter of garden club member Alice Mesaros, took home the trash to create treasure. She will use it to create local scenes.



When visiting the Post Office, be sure to check out the Portage Lake Garden Club's floral displays. The Club showcases various arrangements, along with brief descriptions. They plan to continue their displays through December. More information and additional photos can be found in the Manistee News Advocate: <https://www.manisteenews.com/local-news/article/Garden-club-nbsp-brightens-up-Onekama-Post-Office-15492640.php#photo-19825613>

Portage Lake Watershed Forever

What's Happening in our Watershed?

The 2020 flooding has not stopped the Portage Lake Watershed from continuing their work. We are very busy this summer, despite the pandemic.

-After 3 years of work, the Portage Lake Watershed Management Plan for 2019-2020 received State and Federal approval on July 15, 2020. The plan will guide us in reaching our goals by completing the many tasks that are defined in the plan. It also qualifies us for numerous grants. A draft copy of the plan is available at portagelakewatershed.com. Now the work begins!

-During the hot days of summers some cases of Swimmer's Itch were reported. We are constantly vigilant to monitor what's happening on our lake and we continue to collect and verify date. Our participation in the NW Swimmers Itch Partnership keeps us up to date with the latest research and best practices.

-We continue our 3rd year of work with the District 10 Health Department to do expanded sampling of E.coli. Three samples are taken at 10 sites around the lake very 2 weeks for 12 weeks in the summer. We have very low numbers with the exception of 2 sites at the east end of the lake. We are searching for sources and are evaluation the research on the use of qPCR (quantitative polymerase chain reaction) technology for identification of specific E.coli. This technology has emerged as the method of choice for conducting routine compliance monitoring of water bodies. We are evaluation the benefits of participating the development of a qPCR hub for our area.

-Starry stonework (*Nitellopsis obtusa*) has been quickly spreading throughout Northern Michigan. This aquatic invasive looks like a rooted plant, but it is actually an algae. The plant is native to Europe and Asia and was first discovered in the St. Lawrence River in 1978. It resembles the native aquatic plant Chara. Unlike Chara, which is generally considered to be a beneficial plant, starry stonewort inhabits deeper portions of the lake and can form dense blankets several feet thick. It was discovered in the east end of the lake in late July. Zero Gravity utilized their submersible drone to capture some underwater pictures. Agencies have been notified and alerts sent to nearby lakes to be on the look out for this very invasive, rapidly growing plant.

-The Drone survey was repeated this summer by Zero Gravity with an emphasis on capturing pictures of the flooded areas around Portage Lake. The results of this survey will be available soon.

-Many butterflies are enjoying the native plants in the rain garden and around the Farr Center.



A Family You Should Know

Jennifer and Matt and Henry LaMore
*Owners of the Black Cap Farm,
 Native Plant Nursery*

Jennifer and I have been together for 8 years. Although we both attended Grand Valley State University at the same time and in the same field of study. We didn't meet until we became coworkers at Manistee Catholic Central School. Our love of nature has always brought us closer and operating a native plant nursery is something we can both truly enjoy. Over the years it became increasingly clear that we have a habitat crisis in America and we felt making native plants more accessible to homeowners was one important way to address this. Our son Henry is now 2 years old and loves to help with watering, digging, and pulling the wagons. As we reach the end of our first season in Onekama we are happy to report that this is a friendly, supportive community and we are thankful for so many new friends!



FALL FESTIVAL

The Onekama Fall Festival 2020, originally scheduled for October 3rd 2020 has been cancelled.

This family friendly event was unable to schedule arts and crafts vendors, kids rides, business window painting, kids games and activities due to COVID-19 restrictions

The Fall Festival will return in 2021!

The Fall Festival Pet Parade 2020 is still happening.

The Scarecrows of Onekama are still coming to Onekama and will show up after September 23, 2020. They will greet residents and visitors on M-22 in Onekama during the month of October.



PETS IN THE VILLAGE PARK

**Saturday, October 10
11:30 am**

PRIZES for

- Spookiest
- Silliest
- Best Duo-Pet&Person

BIGGER CHALLENGE!

QR Code:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CJ47W5>

All pets welcome, on 6 ft leash. Costumes encouraged, but not necessary!
 11:15 AM: Meet at Pavilion
 11:30 Pet blessing by Reverend Ruben Munoz of St. Joseph Catholic Church
 11:35: Introduction of pets
 11:45: Costume judging
 12:00PM: Awarding of prizes

Social Distancing Protocol will be in place!

SPONSORED BY:

- MANISTEE VETERINARY HOSPITAL
- Patina Home & Garden Boutique

HOSTED BY:

- WELCOME TO ONEKAMA PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION
- ONEKAMA.INFO

Onekama Branch Library

We are OPEN!

Monday: 10:30– 5:00
Tuesday: 1:00–5:00
Wednesday: 12:30–7:00
Thursday: 10:30–5:00
Friday: 10:30–5:00

LARSEN'S LANDSCAPING & LAWCARE

Main Office: (231) 757-3850 • North Office: (231) 398-9900
 3091 N. US-31 Scottville, MI 49454 • 3021 Schoedel Rd. Manistee, MI 49660

Fertilization – Mowing – Seasonal Clean-up – Landscape Maintenance

Seasonal Clean-Up – Snow Removal – Installations

The Onekama Athletic Boosters Present

HALLOWEEN

Trunk-Or-Treating
Sunday, October 18th

Onekama School Parking Lot
 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

FREE EVENT
WEAR YOUR COSTUME

MASKS REQUIRED FOR AGE 6 AND OLDER
 EVERYONE IS SUBJECT TO A TEMPERATURE CHECK PRIOR TO ENTERING
 PLEASE HELP US MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING

Shop Local

When I was walking down Main St. and looking at all the businesses, I was amazed by how long my list grew.

Retail: Handstand, Onekama Supply, Patina, Anchor Designs Boutique, Lakeside Treats, McBeth's, Black Cap Farm, Appearance Salon (also hair services), and the EZ Market (also gas).

Food: Papa J's, Yellow Dog, M22 Grill, Lahey's Pub, and the Glenwood

Lodging: Green Buoy Resort, Portage Point Inn, Portage Lake Motel, The Inn at the Alpine, Travelers, Little Eden, and Camp Tosebo.

Real Estate: Century 21, Van Brocklin, Five Star Real Estate, and Portage Point Real Estate.

Laundry: Onekama Laundromat (They recently added charging stations for electric cars)

Marinas: Onekama Marine and Portage Point Inn

If I missed any-please let me know and I will include them in the next newsletter.

Jeanmariecapper@gmail.com

ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

If you would like to volunteer contact:

Leslie Osborn

foodpantry_2014@yahoo.com

General Information

Donations can be given in the collection basket or sent to:

St. Joseph Community Food Pantry

8380 Fifth Street

Onekama, MI 49675

Petunia Parade- Unsung Hero

If the Village of Onekama has a Guardian Angel, her name is probably "Becky". For the past fifty-eight years Becky Kline has quietly and consistently gone about making this community a better place to live.

Becky does not wait to be asked. She has the unique gift of seeing what needs to be done ... and she does it. This is perhaps most evident as it relates to Onekama's annual summer Petunia Parade. For ten years she has not only faithfully tended her assigned plot on the corner of M- 22 across from The Blue Slipper, but she can regularly be spotted pulling weeds from other plots wherever they have popped up. She especially enjoys the Petunia Parade because, "It's a great community project, and I've met so many new people as we plant petunias."

The past year has been trying due to COVID-19, and Becky misses being able to spend more time with friends and relatives. She keeps herself busy with knitting, crocheting, and a lot of reading. Her dream for Onekama is to see the entire community become more involved in issues like keeping Portage Lake clean and seeing that homes are well kept. Her prayer for our world is to get the virus under control so we can get back to work and school, and she prays that one day soon we will put the racial conflicts behind us.

Several years ago, the catchy phrase was "It takes a village to raise a child". To this should be added that "It takes many Unsung Heroes to make a village". Our village has been blessed to have one such unsung hero, Becky Kline. Without fanfare she continues to make Onekama a better place for us all.

M-22 Grill Food Drive to benefit St. Joseph Food Pantry

Please put Friday, Oct 2nd on your calendar for food donations for the St. Joseph food pantry. You can drop your canned goods, boxed goods or monetary donations off at the M22 grill in Onekama between the hours of 7am-2pm.

High demand items are sugar, flour, spaghetti sauce/tomato sauces. Of course, they could use anything to stock the shelves. If in doubt, cash is always welcome in order to buy whatever items are needed.

Patina and Yellow Dog win Civic Beautification Award from the Portage Lake Garden Club.

Check out the before and after pictures to appreciate why they deserved their Civic Beautification Award.

Patina has also been providing a wonderful venue for local artists this summer. During Onekama Days Lite they hosted 10 unique local artists. Jewelry, wood working, pottery, painting and more. Music was provided by the Feral Cats. The rain did not dampen spirits. The community came out and fully supported the artists. A good time was had by all.



RECYCLE RIGHT! KEEP MANISTEE COUNTY GREEN.

Manistee County PA69 Recycling Program Guidelines

Newspapers,
Magazines,
Brochures &
Inserts



File Folders, Office Paper
& Gift Wrapping Paper



#1, 2, 4, 5, 7 Plastic Bottles & Containers
(NO Foam/Styrofoam NO Plastic Bags)



Aluminum, Steel Cans & Foil

Paperboard Boxes
(cereal, pasta, & tissue)



Flattened
Corrugated Cardboard &
Paper Bags

Greeting Cards,
Regular &
Junk Mail



Phonebooks



Glass Bottles & Jars
(All Colors)

YES

- Clean garden pots & trays
- Clean pizza boxes
- Flatten cardboard boxes
- Empty and rinse containers
- Leave caps on plastic bottles
- OK to leave staples, clips, labels, stamps, spiral bindings and metal fasteners on paper products

NO

- Plastic Bags
- Foam containers or products (styrofoam)
- Scrap Metal (metal hangers, pipes, blinds, etc.)
- Light bulbs, window panes, mirrors, ceramics & pyrex dishes
- Yard waste and food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleaners
- Waxed cardboard
- Needles or syringes
- Hazardous waste or medications
- Garden hose, lawn furniture
- Construction materials (siding, lumber, etc.)
- Toys

What is the PA69 Recycling Program?

Public Act 69 allows Michigan Counties and local units of government to enter into an agreement to fund a residential recycling program. The recycling sites listed are for use by residents of participating Townships only:

Arcadia Township, Brown Township, Cleon Township, Village of Copemish, Maple Grove Township, Village of Kaleva, Marilla Township, Onekama Township, Village of Onekama, Springdale Township



Recycling Drop-Off Locations

Arcadia Township Hall
3422 Lake Street

Kaleva
14420 Walta Street

Brown Township Hall
8233 Coates Highway

Onekama Township Hall
5435 Main Street

Copemish
On Brown Street off
of W. Cleon Street

Springdale Township Hall
14492 Glovers Lake Road

Out of consideration for the families living near the sites, please use the recycling drop-off sites between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.

Support our schools!

Residents and Businesses, recycle CARDBOARD in the PCA fundraising semi-trailers located at Betsie Valley School, Kaleva and Onekama recycling drop-off sites.