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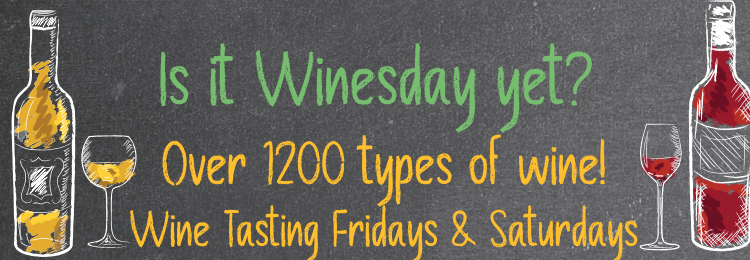


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SUNDAYS—SEPT.3

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6 p.m.



SEPT. 21

**Pentwater's
Annual**

Harvest Day

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ers Market opens
from 10 a.m. to 1
p.m. at Pentwater
Village Green.

MONDAY

MONDAYS—SEPT.4

Farmer's Market
Village Green,
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Sept. 2 - Bannink's Lines Down Derby
Registration 5-8 p.m., Sept. 1, at Pent-
water Marina Gazebo; Weigh-in at 1
p.m., Pentwater Marine Gazebo

**Sept. 8-9 Silver Lake Apple and BBQ
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craft show, classic auto and ORV show,
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TUESDAY

TUESDAYS—SEPT.5

**Comedy at Vil-
lage Pub** 9-11
p.m., Village Pub,
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Live Blues & Jazz
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THURSDAY

THURSDAYS—AUG.24,31

Farmer's Market
Village Green,
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Civic Band •••
Concert Village
Green, 7:30-8:30
p.m.



SEPT. 23-24

Pentwater Fall Fest Arts and Crafts Show
Pentwater Village Green, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

OCTOBER

OCT. 7-8

Fall Volunteer Weekend
Charles Mears State Park,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
400 W. Lowell St.

OCT. 14

Oktoberfest in Pentwater
Classic Car & Hot Rod Show;
Stout Stumble 5K, Walk and
Run; COVE Home Tour; Live
Music; Seasonal Beverages;
Yard Games

OCT. 28

Spooktacular
Pentwater Village Green,
12-2 p.m., Costume contest,
12 p.m.

OCT. 31

Trick or Treating
Pentwater hours, 5-7 p.m.



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THE RUSTED CHANDELIER TRULY A ‘UNIQUE’ SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

BY DAVID L. BARBER
PHOTOS BY JEANNE BARBER

One word fittingly describes the go-to fashion that Libby Hopkins and Laura Wood strive to offer at their boutique-style business in downtown Pentwater: “Unique.”

The Rusted Chandelier, a family-friendly business at which Libby and Laura — granddaughter and grandmother respectively — is a one-of-a-kind business that offers shelf after shelf and rack after rack of true one-of-a-kind clothing and more, all items that are well, unique in design and appeal.

“We are a women’s upscale resale boutique that specializes in finding top and quality brands, or unique one-of-a-kind clothing, purses, shoes, jewelry, home decor and some furniture,” said Libby.

Located at 560 S. Hancock St. Unit 7 on the southern-most edge of the downtown area, Libby and Laura are the consummate team — each brings a defined sense of artistic qualities and vision to The Rusted Chandelier. And their approach to running their family-friendly business dances hand-in-hand with their own sense of family values.

“Libby has been my special grandchild since the day she was born,” said Laura “Doing this (together) now is a dream come true.”

Laura, who has 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, will take an otherwise ordinary piece of clothing and cut and sew until it becomes an extraordinary keepsake, this becoming something that truly is one-of-a-kind and absolutely unique. Over the years, she has owned and operated

other stores, before teaming up with her granddaughter to open The Rusted Chandelier here in Pentwater.

Since her birth, Libby has grown up in her grandmother’s stores across the state and has learned how to run and operate a business, “... along with (how to create) amazing displays that just came naturally to her ... this has been a amazing opportunity to spend even more time together,” said Laura.

The granddaughter/grandmother business opened its doors at the end of May. They plan to keep their business open, year-round. And while they can be found on Facebook at this time, Libby said they are developing “... plans to soon make a website and have our inventory available online.”

They could not be more happy than to have a storefront in Pentwater.

“We have been visiting Pentwater our whole lives and always thought it was a just great and awesome place, but after opening a business here and actually becoming part of the Pentwater community, we were blown away by how welcoming and kind everyone is,” said Libby.

Libby Hopkins is from Whitehall, though she grew up in Grand Haven and attended school there. Laura is from Grand Rapids, and she grew up in Luther and attended Pine River High School, and then Ferris State College where she earned a bachelor degree in Design.

When not at work, Libby enjoys traveling and visiting new places; shopping; “re-purposing things” which of course fits in perfectly with their new busi-

ness; horseback riding; fishing; riding in off-road vehicles; and “anything that has to do with the outdoors.”

Laura enjoys shopping, cooking, designing, gardening and traveling. Laura, in fact enjoys taking two or three different pieces of clothing and cutting here, and stitching there, and creating – what’s that word again – unique.

“I have a lot of fun doing that,” she said. “Creating something totally different from something else is interesting.”

But in getting back to Libby and Laura’s new Rusted Chandelier, their collective approach to how things should be done is proof positive the two believe in a family-first approach in doing business: Hunter and Joshua, Libby’s two son and of course, great-grandsons to Laura, took turns helping get things

done inside the meticulously-cleaned store.

“I swept the floors, cleaned the bathroom and cleaned the display (stands),” said 10-year-old Hunter.

“I helped, too,” said 7-year-old Joshua.

And with that, the two youngsters stretched out on a small loveseat to rest.

“Family first,” said Laura, “family first.”

As Libby walked from display to display, folding and refolding the clothing, she said she is grateful to have found a location in Pentwater in which to open their new business.

“It’s nice here,” she said. “We have absolutely fallen in love with this one-of-a-kind community.”



Left photo:
Louise
Mentheour.

Right:
Jack Mulder.

YOUTH FISH TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The sixth annual Youth Fish Tournament results are in and prove to be encouraging.

The first place fish were caught in 12 categories. Three DNR Master Angler fish caught were in the bowfin/dogfish category. All three Master Anglers received trophies and sweatshirts acknowledging their success.

The largest pike caught over the last six years was taken this summer and was 32 inches long. Other species that showed a close second were largemouth bass and the bullhead. The

best catch of perch 9-12 inches could mainly have been due to only a handful of days for ice fishing this past winter due to thin ice with the warm weather.

Not many perch were harvested this winter. The winners came from as far away as Illinois, Indiana, New York, and France. About 80 youths participated.

Yellow perch, 12 inches, Jack Mulder
Rock bass, 8 ½ inches, Noah Deboni
Largemouth bass, 18.7 inches, Sam Meyerson
Pumpkinseed (sunfish), 8.4 inches, Emmy Carson
Bluegill, 8 inches, Natalie Russell
Bullhead, 13.3 inches, Lucas Small
Smallmouth bass, 16 inches, Lorelai Deland
Northern pike, 32 inches, Owen Mentheour
Crappie, 12 inches, Brendan Nelson
Sheepshead, 24.3 inches, Giovanni Ciucci
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