



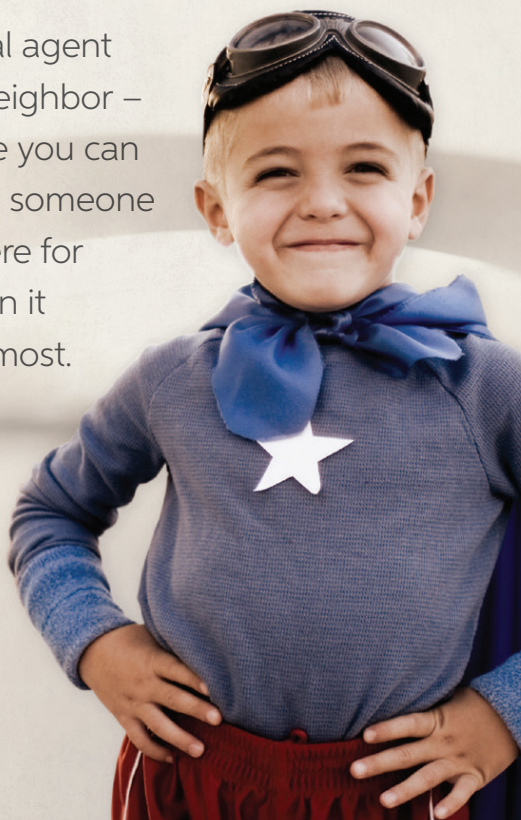
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I began visiting Pentwater weekly as wide-eyed teenager camping at the beach enjoying the sun, sand, and local boys. I continued my weekly visits after I married into a family who had spent many summers in Pentwater beginning in 1972. It was a natural progression for the entire extended family to vacation together in a place that held such fond memories and unlimited opportunities for activities and recreation, rain or shine. Once Ryan and I became parents, we wanted to pass on the magic that Pentwater had held for us for so many years to our growing family. And so began the dream of owning a place in Pentwater.

It was a big dream, but somehow it came to fruition and we became the proud owners of a beautiful home built in 1866. It took me asking one question about the history of our house for the people of Pentwater to catch me and reel me in. Suddenly I found myself surrounded by a new group of friends, a new-found fascination for Pentwater History, and waist deep in renovating a house for the next four years. I blinked and I became the author and photographer of the Pentwater Historical Home Tour (available for purchase at the Historical Museum), the editor for the Pentwater Historical Society Newsletter, and a trustee on the board of the Historical Society!

The more time we can spend in Pentwater, the better. We are a busy family of six; Jackson (17), Lola (13), Tyce (12), and Sylvia (9). Pentwater means family time, respite, relaxation, and fun. We are so thankful for the memories of our past and the blessing of being here for the future.

- The Amy & Ryan Vander Zwart family

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Thursday, Aug. 27

• Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Village Green, which features the best products our local farmers have to offer.

Friday, Aug. 28

• Annual Sidewalk Sales, Pentwater Village merchants will have their annual sidewalk sales. Bring your family and support local Pentwater businesses

• Gallery Stroll - CANCELLED

Saturday, Aug. 29

• Annual Sidewalk Sales, Pentwater Village merchants will have their annual sidewalk sales. Bring your family and support local Pentwater businesses

• Pentwater Ensign Sailboat Races, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Pentwater Yacht Club

Sunday, Aug. 30

• Live Blues & Jazz, 6-10 p.m., Gull Landing, 438 S. Hancock St.

Monday, Aug. 31

• Farmers Market, 10

a.m. to 1 p.m., Village Green, which features the best products our local farmers have to offer.

• Final Monday Night Ride, 7 p.m. Those interested in joining should meet on the north side of the Village Green at 7 p.m. and masks are required during gathering, but not during riding. Riders are to meet in groups of ten, separated by a bike length, and when ten riders are present, someone will be asked to form the next group of ten. Ride Night is put on by the Friends of the Pentwater Hart Trail, and wel-

comes donations.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

• Comedy, Village Pub, 9-11 p.m., 347 S. Hancock St., 231-869-4626.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

• Ensign Sailboat Races, 5 p.m., Pentwater Yacht Club.

• Live Blues & Jazz, 6-9 p.m., Gull Landing, 438 S. Hancock St.

Thursday, Sept. 4

• Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Village Green, come see the offerings of the market, which features the best products our local farmers have to offer.

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JULY 22	PAINT AND POTATO CHIPS KIDS	6:00-8:00
JULY 24	SILK SCARF DYING	6:00-8:00
JULY 27	PAINT POURING (ADULT)	6:00-8:00
JULY 31	ALCOHOL INKS	6:00-8:00

AUGUST CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

AUG 5	PAINT AND POTATO CHIPS KIDS	6:00-8:00
AUG 7	PAINT POURING (ADULT)	6:00-8:00
AUG 10	GLASS FUSING	6:00-8:00
AUG 12	KIDS PAINT POURING	10:00-12:00
AUG 12	YUPO, WATERCOLOR AND INK	6:00-8:00
AUG 14	SILK SCARF DYING	6:00-8:00
AUG 21	ALCOHOL INKS	6:00-8:00



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A POWERFUL SIGHT

THE LARGEST PUMPED STORAGE FACILITY IN NORTH AMERICA IS GETTING AN OVERHAUL

BY BARBARA GOSSELAR
PTW WRITER

Standing at the highest point in Mason County, it is awe-inspiring to look out over the Ludington Pumped Storage Facility: to the west with the barrier net out in Lake Michigan, the power house, the towers, the six reversible turbines; and to the east with the manmade reservoir at the top of the hill. As Jason Durand, Plant Business Manager for the facility says, "It's breathtaking. This is the fun part

when I get to bring people up here and watch their jaws just drop. Numbers don't mean a thing until you see it, but this is the fourth largest of its type in the world and the largest of its type in North America. There are other pumped storage facilities, but nothing near this size. Few people understand the significance of what this is in the world and in the state. It cannot be overstated."

But after all the superlatives, Durand explains how simple the system really is, and the amazing fact that once the current overhaul is complete, this simple system will generate approximately 2,300 megawatts and serve 1.7 million homes with power.

"To start, you have a reservoir," he begins, "which is what we have up top. In order to generate, we have to have the reservoir into which we pump the stored energy. Our reservoir is man-made and was constructed from 1969-1973, over just a four-year time period, which is pretty amazing. They worked 12 hours a day year-round. The reservoir itself has a six-foot clay liner on the bottom. The clay was all-natural

material purchased within the State, and has held up miraculously. A berm was built all the way around, and as it transitions up, it is lined with asphalt and mastic, which is a sealing layer up the side walls of the entire reservoir." Durand goes on to describe the size of the reservoir, which is two and a half miles from north to south, one mile wide and a maximum water depth of 110 feet, with 67 feet of operating reservoir at a time. The reservoir provides the storage for the energy produced. "We are the greatest example of how to store energy," he observes. "The plant is often called 'The Big Battery,' because while lithium ion batteries store 500 - 600 megawatt hours, this station stores 15,000 megawatt hours, by far the largest storage in existence."

Continuing his explanation of the system, Durand says, "To get the water to the reservoir, we use the generators on the machines to turn the units to push the water through the runners and then up the hill to the reservoir. Depending on how hard the six machines are run, they are capable of producing 390 megawatts each, and if



they are run at full capacity the entire time, we can run nine to 10 hours. If only a couple of machines are run, they can run one and a half to two days."

Water is pumped through six penstocks (pipes), each 24 - 28 feet in diameter – that's like one school bus with another on top. Pumping up typically occurs during off-peak hours from about 10 p.m. through 7-9 a.m. when loads on the grid are less, so that the grid can be supported when it's most needed during the day when the flow is reversed in the opposing direction in generate mode – pumping it up at night, reversing the flow during the day to generate energy. Asked about environmental impact on the water that is flowing back out into Lake Michigan, Durand indicates that the facility uses the water only for non-consumptive use. It just goes up the hill and back out without being altered in any way. There is no filtration as it goes through the machines, and though some of the water is sent to the cooling systems, they are single-pass coolers and just send the water right back out. "And that's it," he concludes. "It's an extremely simple system."

Durand goes on to explain the protections inherent in the system. One is the tail race of the power house, which is an armored section of the lake bottomlands that prevents erosion from the machines pumping significant water flow when the reservoir is being filled or emptied. The tail race is 65 feet deep from the power house wall.

Another protective structure is the barrier net, which is two and a half miles long and is installed and maintained by an independent contractor each year between April 15 and October 15. The net is designed to protect fish in Lake Michigan from potential impingement from the machines, as the pressure at the runners is enough that fish would be unlikely to survive – about 200 pounds per square inch of water pressure, or flowing 6,500 cubic feet per second. "We are trying to be good stewards of the lake and its resources," Durand asserts. "The barrier net is to keep as many game fish



Photos: On the cover and this page, the Ludington Pumped Storage Facility is currently undergoing an overhaul, and once that is completed the system will generate approximately 2,300 megawatts and serve 1.7 million homes with power. Opposite page, Plant Business Manager Jason Durand said he loves to bring people up to the top of the plant and watch their jaws just drop.

out as possible and protect them. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulates all hydroelectric facilities, and protection of the lake is part of the Pumped Storage Facility's operating license with FERC." Sharing a bit of history, he further recalls that fishing was once allowed all the way up to the discharge of the plant wall, and during the plant's start-up, they'd hear a fisherman's horn – a loud air horn blast to warn fishermen that they were about to start generating the machine and they should egress quickly due to the abundant flow that would occur very rapidly. With the installation of the net, the horn is no longer used, because no fishing vessels can get over the top of it, though a woman who entered the area in a kayak did have to be rescued a couple of years ago.

The net requires ongoing maintenance. "Once you finish, you have to start again," Durand reports. "They have to get algae off the net through a continuous underwater power washing process, and some of the panels are 40 feet tall. The company cleans all the

nets, brings in two cranes to pull them up and transport them on two barges, and stores the nets for installation in the spring. A team also does periodic studies to monitor the effectiveness of the net."

The Ludington Pumped Storage Facility is jointly owned, 51 percent by Consumers Energy and 49 percent by DTE. Consumers operates and maintains the facility while DTE provides part of the budget and has an active daily/monthly role in keeping tabs on how things are going. The two entities utilize each other's teams as needed.

Again, looking at the history of the plant, Durand notes that it was originally designed when nuclear power was going to be a predominant force in generating capacity for the State. The Pumped Storage Facility was then intended to take overflow capacity from the nuclear facility at night to pump up and provide power during the day, because a nuclear plant cannot be powered back and has to stay at full capacity all the time. When nuclear energy did not become the

predominant force anticipated, the design of the Pumped Storage Facility was changed to provide independent capacity.

The turbines have lasted since their original installation through many maintenance cycles, but the machines are now being overhauled and refurbished as part of an \$800 million plant upgrade, to get more power (capacity) out of them and make them more efficient, while designing out a couple of undesirable issues from the past. The upgrade is nearly completed.

Durand has been plant manager of the Ludington Pumped Storage Facility for about a year, having worked previously for Consumers Energy for about 11 years in various roles from maintenance to operations, to engineering, predominately within its generating unit. He is a mechanical engineer by degree. In addition to his other responsibilities, last summer he gave approximately 40-45 tours of the

plant to residents, schools and dignitaries. These tours included going into the power house, inside the top cover of one of the machines to show one in operation, and also observing in the control room, which is mostly unchanged from the early 70s. The trip up to the top of the hill to the reservoir is always a highlight of the tour, and there he talks about the intake structure and barrier net, the penstocks and the reservoir itself. Unfortunately, this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been no tours. Durand regrets being unable to show off the machines and what they can do, because, as he says, "Most do not understand what is right here. If we had an outage event, if the grid went black, this would be the primary station to restart it. We would bring this on to start the coal and natural gas facilities."

"We know we are significant in the hearts and minds of both Ludington and Pentwater, and we cherish the interaction and involvement with the communities." Durand declares. "We know the historical impact this facility had when it was built, the many people engaged and employed, and the fact that nearly everyone knew someone who was involved. Because of that relationship and the feeling everybody got, everyone had a stake in it and a sense of pride in it."

That pride is rightfully held by the communities and by today's supporting employee staff of 40, who work in operations and maintenance, as environmental and controls technicians, and as part of the leadership staff.

Speaking for himself, Durand states, "It's an honor to serve my friends, my neighbors, my family. I didn't know much about electrical generation when I got into it, but now, many years later, as I understand it better, it is amazing just knowing that we have a hand in making sure when you get home at night you can switch on the lights and turn on the TV. We get to touch everybody's home. There are many things we can go without, but electric power is not one of them."



The Ludington Pumped Storage Facility, above, was built from 1969 to 1973, and is jointly owned by Consumers Energy and DTE. Plant Business Manager Jason Durand, top, explains how the plant works, and last year he gave 40-45 tours to residents, schools and dignitaries.

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PENTWATER POLITICS

News from the Village:

The Pentwater Service Club (PSC) today announced that it will again sponsor its "Meet the Candidates" night at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Pentwater Village Green (rain date is Sept. 10). According to Juanita Pierman, former Village President and PSC member who is managing the event for the Club, "The PSC has, as one of its mandates, to help area citizens become better informed about all things local, including elections." PSC has sponsored this event since 1992.

She notes that this year is especially unusual because 11 candidates are vying for four seats on the Township Board. "There are years when no one seeks election other than incumbents," Pierman observes, "so with that many candidates, we felt voters definitely need to know who they are and what they have to say."

Candidates running for offices in the Village of Pentwater and Pentwater Township have been invited to participate in the popular, voter-education event, and the candidates for Township offices will speak first,

followed by candidates for Village offices, all of whom are unopposed this year. The candidates will each be given time to express in their own words why they are running for office, and what they hope to accomplish, if elected.

"The Village and Township have always been blessed with excellent candidates to fill positions vital to the continued success of our community and this year is no different," Pierman reports, "as 14 candidates are running for Pentwater Village and Township offices."

COVID-19 restrictions presented unique challenges in planning the "Meet the Candidates" event this year, but there was never a question that it would be held. Glenn Beavis, President of PSC explains, "Elections are critical to our democracy, so this year we've created two safe venues for participants to get the information they need to make informed choices."

The choices being offered for citizens who wish to participate in the 2020 event include both an in-person setting at the Village Green and a virtual option. Pierman indicates that, having attended the outdoor services of the Centenary United Methodist Church where 100 people have gathered at the Village Green with ap-

propriate and safe social distancing, she asked the Village for permission to hold the "Meet the Candidates" event at that location. Those attending there should plan to arrive before 6 p.m., must wear a mask, and should bring their own chair.

In addition to the in-person option, Pierman says citizens can also attend the event via the Internet on Facebook Live by going to the Facebook app and typ-

ing Pentwater Service Club in the search bar. Those attending virtually via the Internet will need to have a computer or smartphone.

Questions may be asked of the candidates using 4" X 5" index cards, which will be provided at the outdoor event, or questions may also be asked virtually through the Facebook Live application.

*By Barbara Gosselar,
PTW Magazine*

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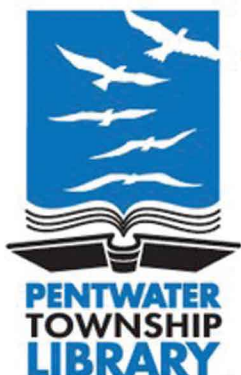


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PETS OF PENTWATER *with Mary Beth Crain*

Featuring: Up North Farm Market and Petting Barn

If you've been to Up North Farm Market on Monroe Road, you've seen their enchanting array of farm animals grazing in a large area outside the store. You can feed them, and pet some of them if accompanied by an employee. You'll see everything from horses and pigs to alpacas and llamas, and Natalie Salazar knows and loves them all.

"Animals are my passion," admits the friendly, animated employee in charge of the Petting Barn. "When I found out about this job, I jumped on it. It's the greatest job in the world."

Like any good mother, Natalie loves all of her charges, although she admits she has her favorites. "Freddie, the Nigerian Dwarf goat, is my guy," she admits. "He's very loving. I love the goats. When one of them is bleating, I know who it is, just by the sound!"

Indeed, one of the goats is definitely in a chatty mood, letting loose with an opinion, on what it's not clear. Although we're sitting at a picnic table far away from the animals, Natalie proves her prowess.

"That's Bellamy," she laughs. "He's yelling at those women who are going by. He thinks they have food."

Up North is home to two alpacas, Bo and Freddie;



two sheep, Cherokee and Sheriff; two cows, Lucky and Honeybun; two miniature horses, Honey and Nickel, who got his name because he was born on 5/5/05; one donkey, Summer, a rescue from Texas; two Kune Kune pigs, Trixie and Odie—"They're fuzzier than the potbellies, and a lot cuter," Natalie notes—two llamas, Branson and Marceau; one rabbit, Twix...

And the goats. There are the two pygmies, Flower and Bambi—"They're escape artists—they can jump a lot higher than you think"—the four Nigerian Dwarfs, Bellamy, Franklin, Freddie and Maurice, and the two boars, Spot and Hottie, short for Hot Shot.

All the livestock were raised on farms and are "very good animals," according to Natalie. "They get excited when they see me," she beams. They all have their own personalities, and Natalie is a bit partial to Branson, because "he's just got a bad attitude—he loves to spit on people;" Marceau, whom she'll go to "when I want a cuddle;" and Freddie the alpaca, because "he loves to give kisses and has very beautiful eyelashes."

But it's the goats who have her by the heart.

"I'll go out and just sit with them. I need my goat fix. I have three dogs, but I tell my husband, 'I want to build a barn and have alpacas and goats.' He just laughs."



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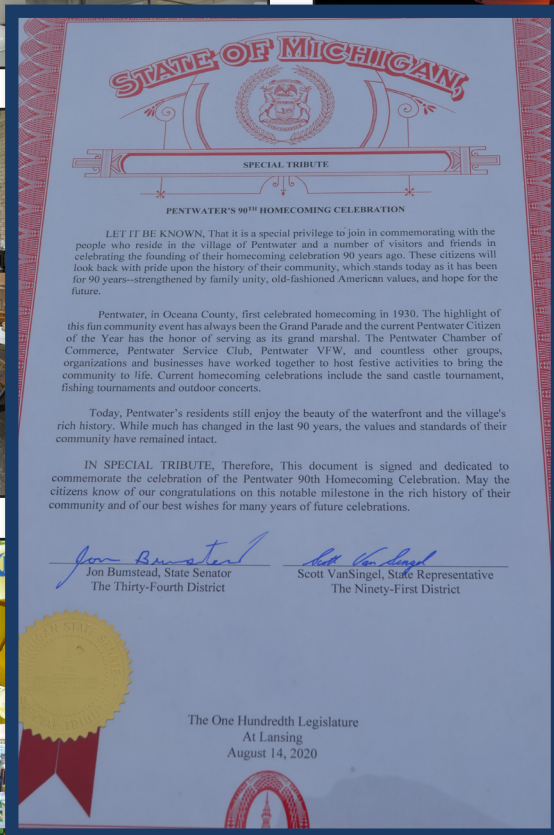
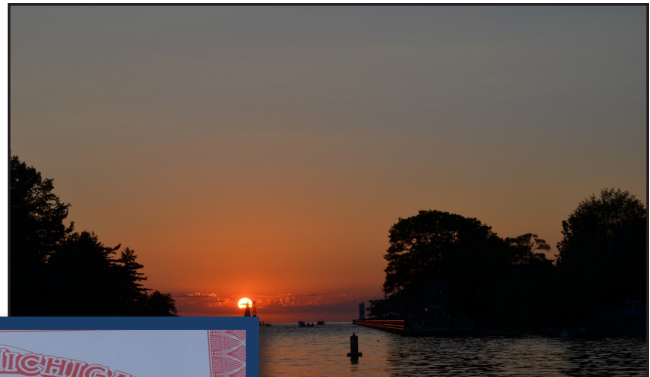
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The Pentwater Arts Council (PAC) is hosting their Art on the Table silent auction starting next month.

Up for bids are the 15 picnic tables that were envisioned by 15 different artists and are currently situated at the marina park and the water tower.

The auction begins Saturday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m., and bidding concludes Friday, Oct. 9 at 5 p.m. Winners will be announced Saturday, Oct. 10 at 3 p.m. at the village marina. The artists will be on-hand then for a meet-and-greet, and bidders can find out if they are the owner of a new picnic table.

This event is a joint effort between the Village of Pentwater Downtown Development Authority and the PAC. Proceeds from the auction will go to support the Pentwater Public Arts Project.

BREWS & BEATS POSTPONED UNTIL 2021

The much hoped-for new event, Brews and Beats in Pentwater, has been postponed until next year.

The Pentwater Chamber of Commerce has continuously evaluated how the day-to-day changes in regards to COVID-19 will impact Brews & Beats. In accordance with the Center for Disease Control guidelines and executive order chamber representatives have made the decision to postpone Brews & Beats until May 1, 2021.

The chamber was appreciative of the public's support as it continued to navigate this situation. Although chamber representatives were hopeful that the State of Michigan would be in Phase 5 of the Safe Start Plan by September, it has become clear that this is unlikely. Brews & Beats has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the public. Event ticket sales have already exceeded Phase 4 capacity limits for outdoor gatherings. Taking this into consideration along with the feedback the chamber received from beer, wine and cider vendors and distributors, it feels that for the safety of all involved, the best decision is to postpone Brews & Beats.

All ticket sales will be rolled over to rescheduled date. If you are unable to attend, please contact events@pentwater.org by April 1, 2021.



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PENTWATER PAST AND PRESENT

Of donkeys and two-headed men

Like any city or town with 150-plus years of history, old buildings have past lives. Pentwater has its share of those remnants from a bygone era—like, for instance, the building that's now the site of the village hall and township offices.

Once upon a time, that structure, a prime example of Pentwater brick architecture, was the old Community Hall, a gathering place fondly remembered by Pentwater's older generations.

As Mike and Kendra Flynn wrote in the Fall 2019 issue of the Pentwater Historical Society Newsletter,

"As early as 1921, Carl Sarles wrote in the PHS yearbook, 'We need a building that can be used as a gym and also as a general auditorium for play and other purposes to be in-dulged in by the students and people of the town.' It wasn't until nine years later that Carl's wish came true. After the Sands and Maxwell's store burned, Mrs. Sands offered to sell her land to the town if a Community House would be built on the site. Mrs. J. Congdon organized the women of the village and due to their efforts, the Community House was dedicated in August of 1930."

On the he first floor of the Community Hall, as it later became called, were the township and village offices, the fire department, the township library, a large vault and a locker room. Going up a grand staircase to the second floor, you found the gym, complete with a kitchen and restroom. The all-purpose facility even featured a jail cell in the basement!

The Community Hall was a busy and beloved place. The gym in particular saw some wild times. Leave it to the youth of Pentwater to attempt donkey basketball on those premises, an activity fondly remembered by one of our most illustrious village elders, Roger Bailey, who reminisced that "the tricky part was leading the donkeys up the stairway to the gym. They were fitted with rubber boots to prevent damaging the hardwood floors." And Mike Flynn and Brent Cluchey braved that stairway at the hall's annual Halloween party, in a costume that was a testament to human ingenuity.

"They climbed inside a pair of huge bibbed overalls and went as the two-headed man.' The quarter they won in the costume contest was worth walking five blocks and then up the stairs with Mike standing on Brent's feet in the same pair of pants! The band played and treats were handed out to all who participated."

Ah, the good old days. Today, all that's left of the old Community Hall are the village and township offices. The staircase is gone, but on the second floor, note



the Flynn's, you can still see the old hardwood gym floor, with the letter "P" painted in the center jump circle.

Wouldn't it be fun if the "community house" of yesterday were still around? If they still played donkey basketball in the gym and two-headed men roamed the world?

By Mary Beth Crain.

with thanks to the Pentwater Historical Society, for PTW Magazine

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2020 Year of the Best Catch

The third annual 2020 Pentwater Lake Youth Fishing Tournament was a great success as judged by the size of the catch and the smiles of those kids catching. The tournament is put on by the Pentwater Lake Association. Over 60 fish photo entries were text in from over 100 families. The photos showed fish laid on a ruler or measuring tape. This year, three sheepshead were big enough to also be DNR Master Angler Awards as they were over 25". Other big catches were the pike and the walleye. The largest in 14 categories are listed below;

Crappie – 13.25" Alec Peterson

Catfish – 28" Grace Russell

Bowfin – 26" Brogan McGinley

Pumpkinseed – 7.5" Maggie Madden/Garret Jones

Walleye – 25.37" Arica Russell

Large Mouth Bass – 19" Savannah Winkleblack

Small Mouth Bass – 17.75" Mike Richardson/
Jack Graham

Bluegill – 8.67" Natalie Russell

Sucker – 23" Daphne Madden

Sheepshead – 27.5" Kalie Spiekhout

Northern Pike – 27" Arica Russell

Rock Bass – 9.5" Daphne Madden

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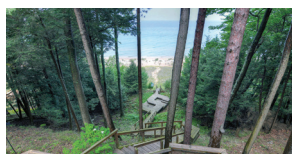
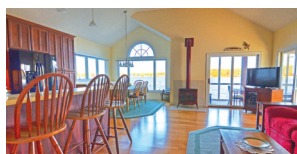
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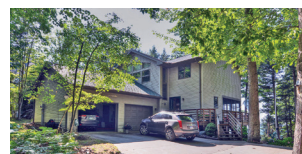
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