

PENDLETON

HOME TOWN NEWS

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FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK



Jim Riester
625-8833

I guess this February was one for the record books; not only the coldest February on record but also the coldest month of all recorded time!!! The Public Works Department did a great job keeping the roads clear and the snow pushed back from the roads this year as always. It's always good to see everyone work for the good of the whole community.

The Annual Financial Report that gets filed with the state is in progress. All looks good so far. It appears that all the funds will finish in the black, which is a good thing! Some more than others and some with over-spent lines, but we were able to make those up with some increased revenue. So all is good on the money front for now.

There is always something new coming up at the Town hall. This quarter a couple of new things; first the water department - it turns out that the older style meter readers are being phased out and we will have to replace them with newer meter readers. I talked about this in the last newsletter saying that we budgeted \$20,000 to start this program. Well, it turns out that the reader is not being supported any more! So the timetable has been pushed up to buy and install the new meter readers. The cost of the whole program is about \$200,000! A lot more than what we budgeted so it is the town board's job is to find the difference. It shouldn't be too difficult; everyone has an extra \$180,000 laying around. We will be pursuing grants for this project and looking at reserve funds that are there for rainy days. I guess this is considered a rainy day.

Also this quarter we have been approached by the Historical Society about the log cabin part of the building. The logs are rotting out, and you can now punch holes in the logs. I don't think that is a good thing. So we will be looking at different ways to replace the building. If you happen to have an idea let me know; we've kicked around a few ideas from rehabbing the old garage to putting up a new building and a few ideas in between. I don't even have a ballpark figure of what this is going to cost; I'll keep you updated as we go forward.

FEMA issues with floodplain concerns - it looks that we won't get a resolution to this problem until 2016! FEMA has a backlog and then we would have to hold hearings and give people time to give their feedback. All in all it looks like 2016. I wouldn't bet that it may be 2017. Very frustrating.

Also starting April 1, 2015 reservations for the park shelters will be done at the Highway garage. The phone number there is 625-8033. The park shelters are a great deal so take advantage of them this summer. Great for family reunions.

The annual water report will be available on line this year for those who like to read it. In the past we had to print it and mail it to the residents in the town. We usually included it in the spring newsletter, which meant that we had to hold up mailing until the report was done, and stuff it in the newsletter. This sometimes made information in the newsletter irrelevant, as it was already past. No one likes to read about something that sounds great only to find that it already happened. So it will be on the website and I think on the bulletin board at the Town Hall. This saves us some money, probably about \$1,000 which we can use elsewhere. As you can see there is always something happening at the town hall.

As always, if you have a problem or need to discuss an issue, feel free to call me at 625-8833 x 13 or at home at 694-5582. Have a safe rest of winter and early spring!
As ever, Jim

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ATTENTION VETERANS MUNICIPAL OUTREACH PROGRAM



Niagara County Veteran's Service Officer will be at the
Pendleton Town Hall
Tuesday April 21st, 2015
9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Please call Terry Pienta Town Clerk at 625-8833 X 12
to schedule a private and personal benefits session.
Don't let your benefits go unclaimed!

GARAGE SALE

The Town of Pendleton is once again offering residents an opportunity to take part in our town-wide garage sale. The dates will be Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6, with rain dates of Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13. If you would like to be a part of this event, please register your address at the Town Hall by May 18 and the town will advertise the sale in the newspaper. The town will also have a list of participants available at the Town Hall for interested buyers to pick up after May 26. So clean out your garages and basements and get ready for this exciting event.

PARK SECURITY

Any one that is interested in a part time job doing security in the town park this summer, contact Councilman Leible at 957-6242. You must be 21 years of age. The hours will be nights and weekends.

Rabies Immunization Clinics for 2015

Saturday April 11	Town of Hartland Highway Garage
2:00 – 4:00 pm	8940 Ridge Rd. Rt 104 Town of Hartland 735-7179
Saturday June 6	Hyde Park Oasis/Centennial Pavillion
9:00 am – 11:00 am	911 Robbins Dr. City of Niagara Falls 716-286-4940
Saturday July 11	Town of Lewiston Highway Garage
9:00 am – 11:00 am	1445 Swann Rd. Town of Lewiston 754-8213
Saturday September 19	Town of Lockport Highway Department
9:00 am – 11:00 am	6560 Dysinger Rd. Town of Lockport, NY 716-439-9524
Saturday December 5	North Tonawanda Public Works Department
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda 716-695-8585

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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Dave Gerber

CHARITY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Yahoo! Will be holding a Charity Softball Tournament at the Town Park on Saturday May 30 starting at 8 am. The rain date is Sunday May 31. Any teams or individuals who wish to participate should contact Alexis at alexisdr@yahoo-inc.com for more information.

TOWN CLERK

BEGINNING APRIL 1st

**Reservations for the Park Shelters will be taken at the
Highway Garage at 6640 Campbell Blvd. 625-8033**

TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL-MAY-JUNE

HOLIDAY	DATE	EFFECT
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2015	Tuesday will be delayed until Wednesday, May 27 Wednesday will be delayed until Thursday May 28

REMINDERS:

Items containing freon please call Modern at 1-800-330-7107 to arrange for pickup. Electronics will NOT be picked up curbside. Schedule is also available on the Town's website: www.pendletonny.us Terry Pienta

625-8833 X 12

PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

This winter has been long and hard, but the spirit of the Pendleton Veterans has remained high, even though the Starpoint School Board rejected the proposal presented by the state that would allow every School Board in the State to grant a small School tax reduction for qualified Veterans. This is not a dead issue and will be further addressed.

The Pendleton Veterans Association sent a letter January 19, 2015 to Mayor Raleigh Reynolds from the Village of Youngstown, N.Y. We expressed the regret for the disrespectful, destructive damage done to their Veterans Memorial, late last year. The 30 current members voluntarily donated \$500.00 in personal funds to the Village of Youngstown to assist in their repairs.

Our membership is slowly growing and all honorable Veterans are welcome. We are trying to raise funds by selling Made in America Flags. We have a small display at the Niagara Produce Market at Transit and Millersport where the flags may be purchased for \$24.95. The proceeds go to our organization to help us achieve our mission to identify, inform, assist and honor all Veterans from Pendleton past and present.

It has been brought to our attention that the last few years have been hard on the American Flags being displayed by individuals in the community. All may bring their old torn and tattered American Flags to one of our meetings for proper disposal. While you are here you can purchase a high quality Made in America 3x5 United States of American Flag for \$22.00. At present our meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm at the Pendleton Historical Society building (log cabin next to the water tower). Some future meetings are going to be scheduled in the evening. Meeting dates and times are posted on the town Electronic Bulletin Board in front of the Town Hall. You also may contact Tom Thompson 625-8482.

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be at the Lockport Town Hall at 6560 Dysinger Road for everyone to visit from June 11, 2015 through June 14, 2015.

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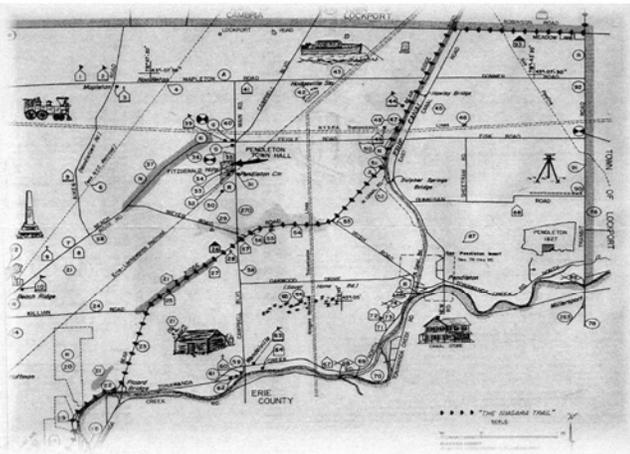
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PENDLETON SENIORS

Winter is here and it sure is a cold one. Hopefully spring is on the way. The Pendleton Seniors meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Pendleton Town Hall. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We eat at noon. You must be 55 years of age or older and a Pendleton resident. Our Officers for 2015 are: President - Jane Walter, Vice President - Joan Sendker, Secretary - Loraine Gately, Treasurer - Jean Haylett. Our senior trips will be starting on March 24th. We will be going to Spragues Maple Farm. We will have a delicious lunch of pancakes, sausage and eggs. After lunch we will travel to Viddler's 5&10 in East Aurora N.Y. April 28th we will be going to the Niagara Casino and stopping at DeCamillo's Bakery on the way home. On May 19th we will travel to Rochester to see the lilacs. We are saddened by the passing of our member Pat Boulden. We want to express our sympathy to her family. She was a faithful member of the Pendleton Seniors. She will be missed. Please remember our serviceman and our veterans.

Jane Walter, *President*

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TOWN OF PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Winter is here and it sure is a cold one. We are looking forward to spring. Our meetings are the third Monday of the month at the log cabin on Campbell Blvd. The Board of Director's meet at 7:00 P.M. and the regular meeting is at 7:30 P.M. Our Officers for 2015 are: President - Carol Moeller, Vice President - Janet Karnes, Secretary - Jane Walter, and Treasurer - Jean Haylett. Our Board of Directors are: Gloria Pittler, Nona Goodrich, Melody Zurcher, Don Lanternier, and Wayne Woodin. The Historical Society is having a flea market on June 6th at the cabin on Campbell Blvd. Vendors are needed. Bring your own table. The cost is \$15.00. For reservations call Carol Moeller at 625-8769. We are planning a basket raffle for the 4th of July. Tickets will be sold at the flea market. Baskets will be raffled on the 4th of July.

Jane Walter, *Secretary*

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WENDELVILLE SENIORS

What a winter we have had! Spring will be so welcome. The Wendelville Seniors are looking forward to our bus trips starting March 24th to Spragues Maple Farm and Viddlers 5 & 10 Store, April 28th to the Seneca Niagara Casino and plans are being made to see the Lilac's in Rochester. Our trip directors are Carol Moeller, Doreen Neilson, Beverly Richardson and Dorothy Belanger. Our spring party is April 13th at the Pendleton Town Hall. Our Chairmen are Jean Haylett, Helen Cassel, and Carol Moeller. Our menu will be

pizza, wings, salad and sundae cups. We will be glad to welcome back our "snow birds" from Florida. Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the Pendleton Town Hall at 12:00 noon following a "pot luck" luncheon. To join us you must be 55 years or older and a resident of Pendleton. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. If you have any questions I can be reached at 625-9106. We have a lot of good cooks. Please remember our Veterans and those serving in the armed forces. Keep healthy and safe.

Loraine Gately, *President*

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2015 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

This year's six week summer recreation/aquatics program is scheduled to run weekdays beginning, Tuesday, July 7 through Thursday, August 13 from 9 am – 3 pm. It will be held at the Starpoint Central School. It is open to all children between 5 – 15 years of age, whose parents or guardians live in the Town of Pendleton and/or the Starpoint School District. A child must be 5 years of age by July 7, 2015 to attend. Swim lessons are available as part of the aquatics program. Boys and girls are assigned to classes based on class size and skill level. The recreation program offers a variety of arts & crafts, playground activities and games (board/card games as well as gym games like 4 square, dodge ball, knock out and basketball). Children must be picked up or exit the program on or before 3 pm.

Registration will be held at the Pendleton Town Hall on Campbell Blvd on Saturday, **May 2** and **May 23** from 9 am – noon and Wednesday **May 13** from 7 pm- 9 pm. Registration forms can be picked up at the Town Clerks office or downloaded from the Town's Website at www.pendletonny.us, after April 20. In order to register your child, you must submit a completed registration form, a copy of the child's immunization record, doctor's order where required, show proof of residency and pay any associated fees. Submissions to Town Hall or by mail must be in a sealed envelope. You will receive an acknowledgment via email that your registration has been received and accepted.

Town of Pendleton residents will be charged a \$25 registration fee for each child. The charge to participate in the aquatics program is \$10 per child. Non Residents living in the Starpoint Central School District will be charged a \$160 registration fee for each child. Only checks or money orders will be accepted for payment. Cash will not be accepted.

All registrants may attend the field trips. They are scheduled for Wednesdays. The recreation and aquatics programs will be open on field trip days. There is a \$5.00 non refundable per child fee for each field trip (maximum 2). Trips will be filled on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will be available to anyone unable to sign up because a trip is full.

Registrants will be required to sign up for field trips and aquatics on either May 2, 13 or 23.

LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE FROM May 26-May 29. A \$100 LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED TO EACH LATE REGISTRANT. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MAY 29.

Please contact Councilman Ron Morrison at 716-909-7932 or
 Recreation Director Charlie Langlois at 716-544-1732 if you have any questions or concerns.

FROM THE WATER/SEWER BILLING DEPARTMENT

Well I do not know who upset Mother Nature, but they sure did a REALLY good job!! I sure hope she has a quick mood swing so we don't have a bad Spring as well.

By the time you receive this newsletter Spring should be on its way, and hopefully it will be a nice one. Now would be a really good time to check your sump pumps to make sure they are in good working order, especially if you have water back-up pumps.

The next newsletter will not be until July, so I would like to remind you now that the Town of Pendleton **DOES NOT** make adjustments to water or sewer for sprinkler systems or for the filling of swimming pools.

For those of you who read the "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report", that is normally found in this edition of the Newsletter, please be advised that it will now be on the Town of Pendleton website @ www.pendletonny.us, which will save the Town quite a bit of money in printing fees.

As many of you may or may not be aware, we had some problems with receiving our mail this month. I was informed by the Post Office that some of the storms we had during the month of February kept some of the mail stuck on thruways for days before the trucks were able to deliver it from one post office to another.

If there is a case where I receive your water payment after the due date and it was mailed on time, which will be verified by the official US postmark, I will waive the late charges automatically. Please be aware that a metered stamp IS NOT THE SAME AS A US POSTMARK and I will treat all metered stamps as received on the date I receive it.

If you did not receive a water/sewer bill please be advised that the following information is printed in each and every Newsletter:

Water/sewer bills are mailed out during the months of January, April, July and October. If you do not receive your water bill by the last day of the billing month please contact the billing clerk at (716) 625-8833, ext. 11.

If you are selling your home you must notify the billing clerk **as soon as possible** to schedule a **MANDATORY INSPECTION** and a final read.

Please remember all of the men and women serving in our Armed Forces. Wishing you all a very Happy Spring,
Rita Dispenza

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WENDELVILLE FIRE COMPANY NEWS

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Easter is just over the horizon, and with that comes the ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT! This year it will be held on Saturday, APRIL 4th, beginning at 1 pm at our main hall grounds at 7340 Campbell Blvd at Tonawanda Creek Road. It will be outdoors, rain or shine, so be prepared...have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!!

Our OPEN HOUSE will be held at Hall 1 at Tonawanda Creek and Campbell Blvd. on Saturday, April 25th, Noon til 5 pm. There will be thrilling activities for all ages, including a Mercy Flight landing and exposition; from the Niagara Falls Air Base we will feature a demo of an aircraft crash truck; and the TRT Team will repel from the Ariel truck! Refreshments for all, excitement and information for all!!

Another popular event is our Annual LOBSTERFEST! this year it will be Saturday, June 20th beginning at 4 pm until 9 pm. We are only cooking 2400 lobsters, (1200 dinners!) so make sure you have your ticket! If you have a ticket, take your time. We guarantee you a dinner! Call Randy at 625-8656 for info and tickets. Remember, you get 2 whole lobster, salt potatoes, corn on the cob and beverage for the price of \$32! How can you miss??

High school seniors, residents of the town of Pendleton, attending any high school, have you applied for the WENDELVILLE SCHOLARSHIP? We give two, one to a girl and one to a boy, based on academics, community service and an essay by the applicant. Please check with your guidance office; applications can be found there.

NEW this year our WENDELVILLE 1ST ANNUAL CAR SHOW! August 8th, registration for the show starts at 9 am, Awards are awarded at 3 pm. \$15 preregistered, \$20, day of the show. Not only that, we will feature a CHOWDER SALE WITH WENDELVILLE'S FAMOUS CHOWDER, 50/50 Raffles, licenced Pull-Tabs, food in various ways and a basket raffle! Mark this on your calendar now! Call Ryan at 799-3567 for details.

Soon you will be receiving information on our ANNUAL FUND DRIVE in the mail. We are dependent on the generosity of all of the residents, in many ways, in our fundraising efforts as well as in this fund drive. We want the residents to know that all of the work involved is done by the members. There is no third-party paid assistance used. Each dollar you donate stays in-company.

(Just a gentle reminder that next newsletter will contain the info and the application for the HARVEST MOON 5K AND FUN WALK.)

ASSESSMENT NEWS

This continuing section of our newsletter shows the Arm's Length sales for the previous quarter. Not included in Arm's Length sales are construction sales, estate sales, foreclosures and sales between relatives. * Land sizes under one acre are not listed. Because sales will eventually affect what your home is assessed, it is important for property owners to see what is sold in town, and the sales prices.

DATE	ADDRESS	SELLER	SALE PRICE	ASSESSED VALUE	SQ. FT. L.A.	STYLE	YEAR BUILT	LAND*
11/07/14	5346 Oakwood Drive	Wollaber	106,000	115,000	1813	Cape	1954	1.10
11/10/14	6449 Townline Road	Pesano	205,500	165,000	1568	Ranch	1992	3.20
11/10/14	6520 Campbell Blvd	Burgasser	95,600	95,000	1008	Ranch	1957	
11/14/14	7025 Bear Ridge Road	Pinsof	160,000	150,000	1674	Ranch	1956	1.80
11/14/14	7268 Ridgeview Drive W	Byrnes	260,000	246,400	2268	Colonial	1998	
11/25/14	4599 Beach Ridge Road	Marusewski	230,000	210,000	1829	Ranch	2000	
12/04/14	4536 Beach Ridge Road	Osborne	175,000	130,000	1580	Raised	1986	
12/09/14	4939 Cloverleaf	Kennedy	369,000	290,000	3026	Colonial	2013	
01/26/15	5984 Tonawanda Creek	Phipps	245,000	179,200	2829	Cape	1953	1.30
01/26/15	4153 Beach Ridge Road	Nottis	250,000	205,000	2414	Colonial	1987	1.50

REMINDER

If you move from your primary residence in Pendleton it is your obligation to notify the Assessor's office. Each residence that is receiving the Star Exemption signed the Star application acknowledging that they would notify the Assessor of their change in residency.

Please remember all exemptions are due by March 1st. The most common exemptions are granted to Seniors 65 and older, Veterans, Disabled with limited incomes and committed agricultural land. If you will be turning 65 in 2015 you may be eligible for the Enhanced Star. If you believe you might be eligible please call the Assessor's office 625-8833 ext.16

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WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

First, I would like to say thank you to those who have helped to keep our fire hydrants cleared of snow. It has been a very tough winter with all of the snow, wind and cold. It is very much appreciated!

The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report should be completed by the end of March. This report will not be published in the newsletter anymore. For future reference you can refer to the town's website at www.pendletonny.us and look under the Water and Sewer Department for this information. It will also be posted on the Town Hall bulletin board and on the Water and Sewer office bulletin board located in the town garage. If you have any questions or concerns about the report or any other issues, please contact me at 716-625-8033.

Please note that the Town of Pendleton requires an inspection of public water and sanitary sewer prior to the transfer (sale) of real property. The inspection generally takes about 15 to 30 minutes. There is a \$25 fee that gets added to your final water bill. Please call my office at 716-625-8033 to schedule an appointment. We are available 7am to 3:30pm, Monday through Friday. For all water and sewer billing questions and final water reads, please contact our water clerk at 716-625-8833, ext. 11.

The town's ice rink is located behind the water tower and has worked out very well this year. Once the ice got thick enough it provided a good surface for all to enjoy! All of the snow we have had this season has made it a challenge, but we were still able to keep up on it. There have only been a few times that I have driven by and there was no one on the rink – even when the temperature read 0 degrees!

We will be continuing our grinder pump updates as soon as the weather breaks. We could not accomplish what we had planned due to the winter weather. We will be calling the residents that still have the original pump systems to set up a date and time to have the new unit installed. In most cases, a completed pump update generally takes three to four hours.

A reminder, with the warmer weather hopefully coming very soon, we all will be experiencing more on road and off road construction projects. Please pay close attention to all work zone areas, signs, flagmen, etc. and please slow down.

Also, please remember that before any digging or earth removal occurs, you must call Dig Safely New York at 811 or 1-800-962-7962 or online at www.digsafelynewyork.com. Dig Safely New York takes stake out request calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, free of charge. This is a law in New York State.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding public water, public sewer and storm water pollution at 716-625-8033.

Jim Argo, *Water/Sewer Superintendent*
Storm Water Officer

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Happy New Year! Just when you think that Mother Nature couldn't top last year's winter - she does!

As of February 24th, it has been 55 days in a row that I have performed the overnight road check. The men of the highway department have been working the majority of those days/nights plowing and salting roads. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them (Ken Smith: Deputy Highway Superintendent, Carol Gross, Craig Walter, Rick Geltz, and Mike Ball) for the outstanding work that they do keeping the roads of Pendleton clean and safe. I would also like to thank their families for whom they've seen very little of over the past couple months! A special shout out to Mike Ball, resident mechanic and newest member of the team for keeping our aging fleet operable while at the same time plowing his assigned route. Mike has had quite an initiation to the department with all of the repairs that had to be made this winter. At one point, we had six pieces of equipment in need of repair on the same day! Much of our equipment is well past its prime. Unfortunately, these guys have had to work more overtime than usual due to the reduction of positions in the highway department. Safety is our priority so I have had to be strategic about calling in the guys to ensure that they are properly rested. In addition, three of the Sewer and Water Department guys have helped out on occasion. Thank you to Jeff Jarvis, Pete Bayer, and Aaron Bair for pitching in! On another personnel related note, Tracy Graczyk has accepted a full-time position elsewhere. Tracy has been an outstanding employee for the past ten years. She has assisted many residents with her calming personality over the years. I would like you to join me in wishing her the best. She will be greatly missed. Peggy Gyberson will be holding down the fort until Tracy's replacement begins in a couple weeks. A big thank you to Peggy for stepping up to the plate.

Thanks to our neighbors from the Town of Lockport who loaned us a pickup truck with plow, the Town of Wheatfield who has been sending a tri-axle dump truck to haul snow from our subdivisions almost daily for two weeks, and the Town of Newfane who has sent two dump trucks for a week to help us haul snow. The Town of Cambria offered to plow a few of our roads if needed and the other towns and Niagara County have also offered anything we might need. In return we have sent our pay loader and snow blower to the Town of Newfane.

The Highway Department needs your help. Please be a good neighbor by: not plowing or snow blowing snow into the roads. It poses a serious safety hazard for drivers, not to mention that it is illegal; ensure that fire hydrants are accessible - it is unacceptable to me and absolutely unsafe to you and your neighbor to have snow piled on/around the hydrant; and please don't obstruct the right of way or line of sight with high piles of snow at the end of your driveway. In addition, moving your mailbox to the right side of your driveway (facing the house) will allow for better snow removal. When it is on the right at least we can push back the snow on the left side. Whereas when it is on the left side we can't push back either side and the snow ends up in your driveway. Please assist your elderly or

special needs neighbors. We have received many calls for assistance from our seniors and people with special needs. We will make every effort to assist them. Please don't feel guilty or hesitate to contact the office for assistance.

It is great to see folks skating on the ice rink and using the bike path during the winter months. I try to keep both free of snow throughout the season. Obviously this year we had an exceptionally large amount of snow, so I appreciate your understanding and patience as we make sure the roads are clear and safe first before clearing these two areas.

It won't be long until we turn our attention from the snow to the parks, drainage, and road repair. I'm afraid that once I finally get the opportunity to evaluate the damage from the harsh winter that our limited budget might not cover the work that has to be done. Though we always have a plan to make certain repairs, sometimes things don't always go according to plan. The nature of our work requires us to be flexible so that we can prioritize and re-prioritize when necessary. With this year's budget of \$68,000 for labor to cover ALL road and roadside drainage projects and repairs it's not likely that we will be able to accomplish the work that we had hoped to do.

The Highway Department will again be taking reservations for park shelters this summer. Please contact the office at 716.625.8033 to make your reservations.

Town residents interested in working in the Parks Department this summer should stop by the Highway Department and complete an application. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a valid (and clean) driver's license, and pass a drug test.

If you any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 716.625.8033 or jstowell@pendletonny.us.

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Below is a little something on our lions who are helping out worldwide to provide sight to people who cannot get help. Please read and enjoy their efforts.

Nicaragua Eye Care Mission

The 2015 Hopeful Ways Nicaragua Eye Care Mission Project was a tremendous success! Why Nicaragua? Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere after Haiti. The people are friendly and welcoming, but they have few resources, and they work hard to scrape a meager living for their families.

The Hopeful Ways medical brigade of eye doctors and support staff provided free eye care to the poor mountain people near Camoapa Nicaragua. These ranching communities rarely have an opportunity for proper medical care. Some patients from the poorest barrios traveled more than 8 hours and/or over 50 miles to receive eye care services. To them, a pair of eyeglasses could cost 6 months earnings.

The 14 day mission provided eye care services to 2,647 patients, distributed over 1,633 prescription eyeglasses, 2,400 sunglasses and safety glasses, and performed 30 surgeries for cataracts, pterygium and other vision ailments.

A future project will be planned for the Camoapa area. The 32 person Hopeful Ways brigade included Pendleton Lions Jim Carlins and Brian Mau and their wives, Loretta and D. Ann. The project partnered closely with the Camoapa Lions Club, who contributed significantly to the project's success. Spanish translators were volunteers from the Peace Corps and local Nicaraguan community leaders and students.

A special "Thank You" to all who donated eyeglasses, sunglasses and financial support, including 11 WNY Lions Clubs. The mission could not have been as successful without this support.

Our annual seal drive was held at Wendelville Fire Hall on February 11th at 6:30PM. A special Thank You to all the Lions & family members who helped. If you are not listed in the directory the inserts will advise you how to get your name and phone number in our directory. To those who will donate to the Pendleton Lions Club seal drive we would like to thank you for your support once again. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us support all these worthy causes in the town.

As a reminder to our residents with seniors attending Starpoint HS, the Lions Club Scholarship for Starpoint Seniors who reside in Pendleton is again ready to award 7 (seven) \$500.00 Scholarships. Seniors remember to contact your student services office for the details. If you would like to apply for our scholarship please see your Guidance officers at the school early in the year. This year we are encouraging seniors who may think that their average is too low and because they are only going to a 2 year Junior college they do not qualify, think again. We are looking for seniors who want to go into Junior college; this is how we started this program to help students continue their education now we want to go back to those times.

As our year winds down let me remind everyone of our coming events. We continue to hold our lion's club meetings at 6:30 PM at Brauer's on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of each month of the year. Please join us there if you are interested in healthy fun. Please feel free to contact any member of the Pendleton Lion's Club for more information. Also, just a reminder to all our residents, don't forget this year's 36th annual kids fishing derby to be held on Saturday, June 6th, 2015 after 8AM. Come early and enjoy the fishing and fun. Grandmas and Grandpas gather up your grandchildren and bring them all along and let's make this another great day. We guarantee no rain on this day. There will be prizes for all kids who sign up and for those who catch those great big fish again this year.

Thank you in advance for your support with our fund drives. If anyone knows of any resident who might need some assistance, maybe with a wheel chair ramp or some sight or hearing related need or some other needy project, please look in the directory and contact any Lion. Also remember please continue to support our directory advertisers. Thank you again for your continued support and donations.

Lion Secretary, Joe Biondo

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SAFE BOATING AND PWC COURSE

The Niagara County Sheriffs will be holding a Safe Boating and PWC Course on May 2nd at the Wendelville Fire hall on Campbell blvd and Tonawanda Creek Road. The class will run from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

The cost of the class is \$10.00, and will provide coffee and a lunch for the cost of \$5.00. You will need to pre-register. Contact Dave at 957-6242. This is a state course, and all ages need to have it for jet skis.

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