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HOME TOWN NEWS

WINTER EDITION ~ 2015

FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK



Jim Riester
625-8833

As winter approaches and the Holidays are upon us we have to be thankful that the November storm, to a large extent, missed us. It is good to live here.

The budgeting season went very well, I think. First of all the majority of the 2014 budget looks like it will fall at or below budget for expenses. The revenues also look like they will meet budget or exceed the budgeted amount. Both reports are good for the town.

The interesting part of the budget process was creating the 2015 budget! When you read this 2014 will be just about finished. We were actually able to cut our taxes some. Our town tax was \$210,000 last year and we were able to cut it to about \$100,000 for this year. This means it will cut the town tax in about half. This is the newest chapter in our effort to reduce taxes..... considering we were at \$400,000 just a few years ago!!! I think we are headed in the right direction. We were able to do this by moving some sales tax money over to the Highway fund. I feel this was quite an accomplishment considering the workers compensation bill went up from \$4200 to \$49,000 this year. That's quite a big jump.

The water tax we did increase slightly to put some money away to be able to pay for new electronic meter readers. Some of the electronic heads are 15 years old already and need to be replaced. We put aside \$20,000 for this purpose. The sewer tax went down slightly because as we pay off the bond the interest drops each year. Soon we'll have it paid off then that will disappear from the tax bill. The fire tax remained the same at a \$1.01 per thousand as it has in recent years. Our fire tax rate, by the way, is the second lowest in the county. It pays to have only one Fire Company for the town. The Town and the Fire Company have worked well together for a number of years and it pays off in the long run.

The refuse rate also stayed the same in part due to the change in recycling that we went to last year. The every- other week pickup of recycling saves us about \$20,000 a year and helps to stabilize our rates. So, you might say, what does this mean to my tax bill? Well, it is a reduction of \$.16 per thousand assessed valuation. The average house in Pendleton is assessed at \$175,000 or a savings of \$28.00 per household. Not a ton of money; it won't change your lifestyle, but it is better than going in the other direction and better than most other municipalities.

On other issues the subject of Equate has calmed down. Quasar, the company that is looking to spread this material, has withdrawn its applications from the DEC to have new sites in Pendleton. We have not had an application to apply the material in Town.

FEMA issues - no news from FEMA on the flood plain updates. It's sad when we get 90 days to respond and they can take all the time in world to respond to us. I guess that's what happens when you make the rules.

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 and fruitful New Year!

As ever, Jim

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APPOINTMENTS FOR 2015

Position	Term
Engineer	1 year
Prosecutor	1 year
Town Historian	1 year
Conservation Board (1)	2 year
Board of Appeals (1)	5 year
Planning Board (1)	7 year
Recreation Committee (1)	7 year

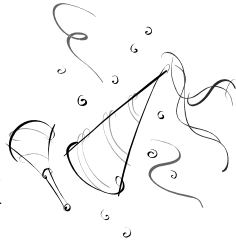
Please send a letter of interest to Supervisor James Riester or Town Clerk Terry Pienta by January 5th. Generally speaking if the Town Board is satisfied with the job that an individual has been doing and they request a reappointment the Town Board will reward them by reappointing them.

We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to look through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential.

-Ellen Goodman

**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

TOWN CLERK



Happy New Year everyone!

Hopefully by January 1st the Town Clerk's Office will be accepting some payments by credit card. There will be a "convenience fee" charged for each transaction so if you are willing to pay the fee it will be an additional option for you.

TRASH COLLECTION

No changes to the schedule for January-February-March
HOLIDAYS-TOWN HALL CLOSED

Christmas	December 25, 26
New Year Holiday	January 1, 2
Martin Luther King	January 19
President's Day	February 16

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please call me at 625-8833 ext. 12. All the information about holidays, trash collection, and dates for the various meetings can be viewed on our website www.pendletonny.us

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Ralph Waldo Emerson

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-Eleanor Roosevelt

TAX COLLECTION

Tax bills will be mailed out by December 31st. If you pay your bills on line please allow enough time for me to receive your check, the envelopes do not have a US postmark stamped by the US Post Office and cannot be considered timely in the event it is received after the due date. (Real Property Tax Law §925)

Preferred mailing address for your taxes:

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Buffalo, NY 14240-1310

You can also pay your taxes at the First Niagara Bank located at 5737 South Transit Rd. We will also accept payments at the Town Hall.

Terry Pienta, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

RECREATION

Just a reminder, Pendleton's Family Swim Program is "FREE" and is open to all Pendleton Residents. The program will be held on the following Fridays: January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 13, 27, 2015, in the Starpoint School Pool from 7-9 PM. All children must be accompanied by an adult. If the school closes on Friday due to weather or emergency, the swim program will be cancelled for that evening.

Our ice rink is located behind the water tower, just past the batting cages. To balance rink usage between hockey and free/open skating (no hockey games, sticks or pucks allowed), please be aware of the following: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday are designated for hockey related activities. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday are designated for free/open skating. It takes approximately five straight days of constant freezing temperatures to produce a safe ice surface. Signs will show when the rink is open. Hours of operation (when open) are from 7 am – 9 pm.

Here's a note about the Pendleton 2015 Summer Recreation Program at Starpoint School. We received numerous requests from parents regarding our Wednesday Field Trip days. Specifically, when a child is not on a field trip, parents requested that the camp continue to be open. So, in 2015, on the days we offer field trips, we will also be open for both camp and swimming.

Have a happy and healthy holiday season.

Charlie Langlois
Recreation Director

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TOWN OF PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Winter is almost here and Christmas is on the way. Everyone is looking forward to the holidays. Our meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the Log Cabin on Campbell Blvd. The Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 P.M. The meetings are at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. For information call Jane Walter at 693-6966 or Carol Moeller at 625-8769.

Jane Walter, *Secretary*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I would like to take a minute to wish all of you a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, And may we keep all our soldiers in our thoughts and prayers who are not able to be home for the holidays with their loved ones.

Sincerely,
Councilman David Leible

PENDLETON SENIORS

Winter is on the way and everyone is getting ready for the holidays. The Pendleton Seniors meet the first and the third Wednesday of the month at the Pendleton Town Hall. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. We eat at noon. You must be 55 years of age or more and a resident of the Town of Pendleton. We have one more trip this year. We are going to Batavia to Bohns Restaurant for lunch and the entertainment. The entertainment will be the band, Anastazja. It is a musical family of eight children and both parents who play musical instruments and also sing. Please remember our Armed Forces and our Veterans. If you have any questions please call Jane Walter at 693-6966.

Jane Walter, *President*

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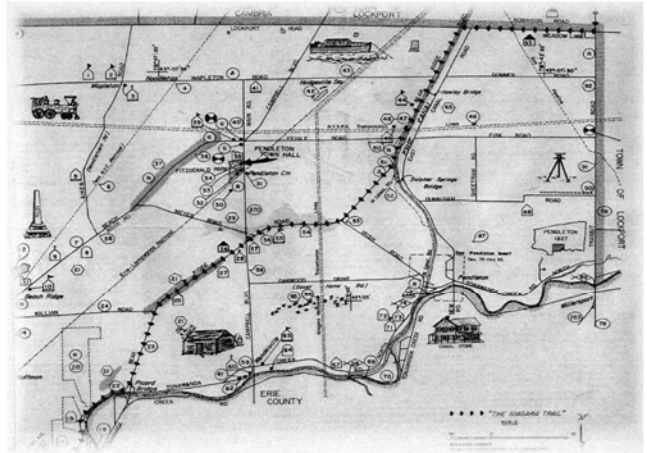
WENDELVILLE SENIORS

All the holidays are over and I hope enjoyed by all. I hope Mother Nature is kind to us this winter. The Seniors have four new trip directors. They are Carol Moeller, Beverly Richardson, Doreen Neilson and Dorothy Berlander. We give them our best wishes. They will welcome any suggestions for new places to visit in January. Our next trip will be in March 2015. The Wendelville Seniors have two new members join us. They are Gary Gilman and Pat Ball. They were given a round of applause. If you wish to join us you must be 55 years or older and a resident of Pendleton. We meet the second Monday of the each month at the Pendleton Town Hall at 12:00 noon for a "pot luck" lunch. 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 short meeting and play Bingo afterwards. Please remember our Veterans and those serving in the armed forces. Keep healthy, warm and safe.

Lorraine Gately, *President*



Sylvester Pendleton Clark - The Founder of Pendleton
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PENDLETON HISTORIAN

Hello Pendleton!

I wanted to thank everyone for making the effort to be at the ceremony for the memorial to Sylvester Pendleton Clark, as it is a great addition to our community and pays homage to a great man.

As the holidays come around, I propose a challenge to your families. While you prepare for the holidays, think about the traditions that you and your family partake in. Did they come from your grandparents? Beyond that? Are they new traditions or from the old world? What influences your holiday spirit? I don't think you need to bring history into your home, as it's already there. You just need to notice it and it can really be fascinating. If you find any tradition that you believe has deep roots, I would love to hear about it!

As always, my email is open at tpellish@gmail.com and feel free to send pictures, stories, or ask questions!

Happy Holidays!
Tori Pellish

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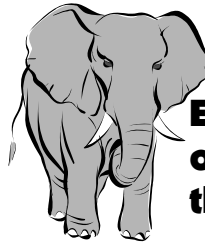
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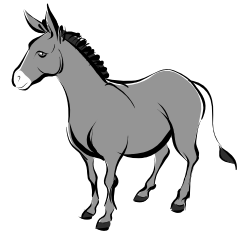
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You must have your water & sewer lines inspected before you close on your house!!!

If you are purchasing a new home please contact our office ASAP to set up an account.

If you are leaving the area temporarily (i.e. Vacation) please be advised that **the post office will not forward water bills**, even if you have a forwarding request at the post office.

To avoid late fees to your account you can pre-pay your bill(s), or have your bill sent to the temporary address. Please contact the billing clerk at 625-8833 ext. 11 to make these arrangements.

Please visit our website at www.pendletonny.us for more detailed water billing information. When you get to the homepage click on Town Departments at the top of the page, scroll down to Water/Sewer Department, then click on Information under “Water Billing Department.”

You can also view previous Town Newsletters by clicking on Newsletters, located on the right hand side of the homepage.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all the best for a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Please remember ALL of the men and women, past and present, serving in our Armed Forces.

Rita Dispenza

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WENDELVILLE FIRE COMPANY NEWS

As you receive this 2015 will be on our doorstep! The firefighters at Wendelville would like to thank the residents of the town for their ever-present support of all of our activities and programs. We could not maintain our standards of protection without you.

We do have some news to report... and depending on your opinion, this can be taken as good or bad news! At our October meeting, the membership decided that our field days had run its course and voted to discontinue it. Weekends of rainy weather, lack of crowds, changing gambling preferences, and many other reasons has forced us to take a hard look at the energy expended into Field Days and the return, both physically and monetarily and do some evaluation. When the dust settled, the membership decided that times have changed, family structures and opportunities are different now than in years past, so the Field Days have lost the strong draw they once had. Our most recent chairperson, Tom Elbersen, is to be commended for the new ideas he put in place trying to pump new life in the old format, but once again Mother Nature had the last laugh, with two days of rain! We are working to come up with new ideas to replace the Field Days, chowder sales, entertainment

nights etc, but no one activity has shined forward as yet. We will certainly keep you posted!!

Just a few reminders for the winter months –please help us by making sure your house numbers are clearly visible and large enough to read from the street. Check your smoke and CO2 detectors for working batteries and make sure these items are in good working order. Remember to shovel and salt steps and sidewalks that you use frequently so as to keep them free of ice. Take that extra minute to use the precautions you should to make sure that the danger of falls is minimal. But remember... we are there if you need us!!

WENDELVILLE LADIES AUXILIARY

Happy New Year to all. We have a new executive team for 2015. Mary Korkus, President, Cheryl Smith, Vice President, Aimee Jarvis, Secretary, Sandy Farnham, Treasurer, Marie Mc Donald and Judy Rudes are the Trustees. Spring will be around the corner so our annual chowder sale and flea market comes soon. Interested in joining? Just send us a letter in care of the Wendelville Fire Company. We meet the second Tuesday of the month. Thanks again and Happy Holidays!

Aimee Jarvis Past President

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-Melody Beattie

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hello, This has been another difficult year for me. Basically we had four full-time workers for almost half of this year. Obviously we did not get as much work done as usual, but that was not for the lack of effort.

For me personally, I lost my mother on October 3rd after a long battle with cancer. She basically had similar cancer and treatments as Jim Kelly. It appeared she would beat it but then it came back with a vengeance this summer.

My mother actually drove bus for Ridge Road Express until she was 80 years old. She lived a pretty simple life. She loved her kids on the bus, her gardens, her friends, traveling and, of course, her six children, eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren (so much for that simple life!). She also loved her cats and all of children's and friends' dogs.

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.

-Denis Waitley

This will be our first holiday season without our Mother. Most of you know how I am feeling as you have been through this and more. I had the pleasure and honor of spending my 55 years being with her.

I want to remind all of you to spend as much quality time as you can with your loved ones. That includes family and friends. I want to thank all of my friends for sending thoughts and prayers as my mom passed.

With the winter weather upon us, I would like to remind everyone to drive safely. Please have a safe, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I dedicate this newsletter to my mother, Dorothy M. Stowell.

Jeff Stowell
Highway Superintendent
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Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation. -Brian Tracy

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

-William Arthur Ward

TOWN OF PENDLETON ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

To all of our town residents. I am happy to announce that the electronic waste recycling program is back on again. We ran into a few issues with the State DEC and their new regulations. They have indicated that there is no redeeming value in recycling CRT monitors. These are the old-style computer monitors and the old-style TVs. This does not include the newer style flat screens. For this reason, we are forced to make changes to our current program.

At the state level, they are working on legislation for this problem and hope to have an answer in the next 12 to 18 months. Rather than wait for the state to provide us with an answer to the problem and what the cost will be, I have discussed the situation with several of the larger in-state recyclers and believe I have come up with a program that should be fair and equitable to everybody.

CRT monitors and televisions under 30 inches will be a cost to you of \$15. 30 inches and larger will be a cost of \$20. Any TV or monitor that has broken glass or is out of it's case will be a cost of \$35. All freon devices such as refrigerators, air-conditioners, humidifiers and

dehumidifiers are \$10. microwaves are \$10. Small electronics such as radios, computers, laptops, flat screens, keyboards, electronic games and telephones will still be collected at no charge.

There will be a complete list of the acceptable and non acceptable items at the drop off station and will soon be posted on our town website. Please be aware that our refuse pick up will not pick up electronics or TVs. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW for them to pick it up. This is why we have a recycling program.

The hours of operation to drop off electronics are as follows: Monday to Friday 7:30 AM to 3 PM. You must first check in at the department of public works office and the staff will assist you. You cannot just drop off without checking in first. We are working on a weekend drop off schedule and information regarding that will be forthcoming. I ask that the rules are followed and that you exercise patience so that we may have a successful recycling program.

If you have any questions concerning our electronic waste program, please feel free to call me and I will try to help you as much as possible.

Sincerely
Ronald Morrison. 716-909-7932



PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

We Serve

The Pendleton Lions Club volunteered to construct a Handicap accessible ramp at Camp Kenan in Barker, NY. As the Lockport Sun & Journal called it our "Ramp of Caring", will allow campers to safely enter the building. In all the ramp was greater than 50 feet and 6 feet off the ground. This idea was brought to us by assistant director for the Camp, Scott Litterman, who is a Pendleton Resident. The camp is



Lion Paul, President Rich and Lion Wayne starting the first Platform in late September.



Lion's Tom, Lion Dan and Lion Bruce work to finish the ramp in late October.

working on becoming more handicapped accessible and having their buildings ADA certified. The ramp took us a little longer than we would have liked because as Lion Paul Aswad said, "It's a huge project with two platforms." The Lions were able to save the camp over \$3000 after it was all finished. As Lion Paul said, "It is a lot of work but we are happy to do it for these kids and the local YMCA that serves all of Niagara County."

This past October 28th at the Starpoint School art room we met with Lions and art teachers, principles' and administrators to select our three Peace Poster winners. The children we selected drew three enlightening posters that we think depicted this year's theme "**Peace, Love and Understanding.**" perfectly. We had three young 7th grade students Julia Maslanka selected first over all, Anna Polito second and Kailey Schwab third. Art teacher Amanda Alveraz worked only with the 7th grade, with about 120 students participating in the contest. We will now bring all three winners to the board of education meeting November 3rd to introduce our winners to the community.

On November 3rd our three winners met us at the Starpoint School board meeting to receive their awards for their posters. The 1st place poster winner, Julia Maslanka also had the opportunity to pick a charity that the Pendleton Lions would donate to in her name. She selected the Ronald McDonald house of WNY. All three were introduced to the board and they explained how their posters depicted this year's theme, which changes every year. All three did a great job.

On October 30th the Pendleton Lions presented a donation of \$1000 to the food pantry of Pendleton at St. Paul's United Church of Christ on Tonawanda Creek Road. The gift was very welcomed and will be used for Thanksgiving dinners for the clients of Pendleton and surrounding towns. Then during the early November meeting we took a collection from all members and guests for thanksgiving turkeys and other dinner foods. We collected a large amount of money and donated the turkeys and yams and other vegetables to our local food pantry for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Lion Secretary, Joe Biondo

Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.

-Helen Keller

Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning, but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.

-Hal Borland

I hope in this year to come, you are making mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.

-Neil Gaiman

Words of Wisdom for the New Year...

For last year's words belong to last year's language And next year's words wait another voice.

And to make an end, is to make a beginning.

-T.S. Eliot

A Happy New Year! Grant that I may bring no tear to any eye. When this New Year in time shall end, let it be said I've played the friend, have lived and loved, and labored here, and made of it a happy year.

-Edgar Guest

New Year's Day. A fresh start. A new chapter in life waiting to be written. New questions to be asked, embraced, and loved.

Answers to be discovered and then lived...in this transformative year of delight and self-discovery. Today, carve out a quiet interlude for yourself in which to dream, pen in hand. Only dreams give birth to change.

-Sarah Ban Breathnach

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*
08/01/14	5459 Oakwood Drive	Shackelford	130,000	109,800	1510	Raised	1968	
08/08/14	5584 Mapleton Road	Tabone	154,640	104,300	1040	Ranch	1969	
08/14/14	4080 Beach Ridge Road	Morath	165,000	150,000	1792	Old	1880	
08/14/14	5050 Oakwood Drive	McKay	135,000	150,000	1930	2 styl apt	1960	4.00
08/18/14	6983 Arrowhead Drive	Pierson	267,000	257,000	2520	Colonial	1994	
08/19/14	7273 Lakeview Court	Noe	380,000	328,000	3646	Colonial	2004	
09/16/14	4573 Ridgeview Drive South	Sidoni	360,000	323,000	3286	Colonial	1995	
09/16/14	7150 Pendale Circle	Jabaji	315,500	289,500	2731	Colonial	1995	
09/18/14	5757 Tonawanda Creek Road	Rakieick	179,900	145,000	1468	Ranch	1989	
09/18/14	5000 Fiegle Road	Mingle	177,500	125,000	2400	Colonial	1965	
09/19/14	6679 East Canal Road	Kathke	127,720	89,900	1091	Cape	1958	
09/22/14	6531 Sheetram Road	Kujawa	185,400	160,000	1867	Ranch	1988	1.40
09/30/14	6652 Aiken Road	Fricano	105,000	105,000	1224	Cape	1959	
09/30/14	4688 Kriston Lane	Hergott	335,000	336,500	3877	Colonial	1993	1.20
10/10/14	6615 Aiken Road	Gondek	143,000	110,000	1336	Ranch	1953	1.30
10/17/14	6912 Creekview Drive	Sterry	172,000	165,000	1728	Ranch	1974	
10/17/14	7012 Hidden Oak Drive	Biernat	250,000	185,000	2304	Cape	1995	
10/20/14	4691 Kriston Lane	Hodan	350,000	300,000	3017	Colonial	2011	
10/22/14	5176 Fiegle Road	Loyd	168,500	144,900	1347	Ranch	1991	1.40
10/22/14	4292 Beach Ridge Road	Keating	191,000	155,000	1527	Colonial	1992	1.10
10/23/14	5062 Oakwood Drive	Flick	135,000	130,000	1100	Ranch	1962	3.20

PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Pendleton Veterans Association honored all veterans during an assembly on Veterans Day, 11/11/2014 at the 11th hour. The gathering was organized by William Rott. We wanted to express our gratitude to all the town residents for a great turnout of approximately 120+ people. A special thank you to Pendleton's two Boy Scout Troops #47 and #98 for their Color Guard Service and presentation of a wreath at the WW1 vintage Naval Gun in front of the town hall.



Even though the weather was beautiful the activities were moved inside the town board room. At this time, Bill Rott gave a speech honoring veterans. We also want to give a special thanks to Assemblyman Ray Walter who presented the Pendleton Veterans Association with a formal citation from the New York State Assembly for the work we are doing to accomplish our mission.

The mission of the Pendleton Veterans Association is to identify veterans, past and present, in the Town of Pendleton and pursue a course to display appreciation and gratitude for their service to our country.

Refreshments were provided by Smith's Apple Orchard and Tim Horton's.

Submitted by: Tom Thompson VP
Pendleton Veterans Association
Photo by: Glen Christman



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PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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TO IDENTIFY ALL VETERANS,
PAST AND PRESENT IN THE TOWN
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APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE
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*Any help in identifying Any and All Town Resident Veterans,
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