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FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Another year is quickly moving along and as usual, there's a lot going on. I'll briefly provide updates on some of the more important items, but if anyone ever has a question or need for information on any matter, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm hoping someday things will be quiet around town and I'll be able to write a short article focused solely on all the great and positive things that are always happening.

Starting on a positive note, congratulations go to the Lions Club on their 50th anniversary. The Lions Club is a great Town organization with a great membership. Thank you to the Lions for all you do in Town! Also, congratulations to the Pendleton Veterans Association on their ongoing work establishing a new monument at the Town Hall. The PVA continues fundraising to finish the job, so please support them when you have the opportunity.

Earlier this year, there was an article in the Buffalo News focused on recent events in Federal court related to National Fuel's (NFG) proposed Northern Access Project and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's denial of air and water permits. For those who may not know, NFG's proposed project includes a large natural gas compressor station planned for Killian Road in the Town of Pendleton. I'll temper my comments on this issue because the Town is involved in ongoing litigation related to this matter, but I can assure all that the Town Board continues to work with its environmental attorney to ensure that we do all that we can to protect Town residents. Additionally, the Town Board is engaged in ongoing conversations with our elected leaders related to the Town's and the NYS DEC's continued work.

Another large proposed project that continues to take shape is the Bear Ridge Solar project, the location of which is nowhere near Bear Ridge Road. This solar project has been presented as creating potentially 100 MW of power, covering hundreds of acres of property in northern

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Pendleton and the Town of Cambria. Due to the size, this is an Article 10 project, which means a great deal of the decision making related to this project will happen through a Siting Committee that is formed by the NYS Department of Public Service. As this project slowly moves forward, the Town of Pendleton, in collaboration with Niagara County and the Town of Cambria, will work to

ensure the rights and interests of local residents are protected. For updated information, please check the Town's website.

The topic of electrical energy has inadvertently become a theme as I write, so I'll continue this a little further related to ongoing concerns and projects involving National Grid. First, I have been asked by numerous residents about power outages in roughly the northwest corner of the Town and a few other concerns that have been brought to the attention of the Town Board. The Town has a good relationship with National Grid leadership in Niagara County and we have been in communication regarding this matter. We'll continue to work on these issues and plan to have more to report soon.

Secondly, the Town is working with National Grid to upgrade all streetlights in Pendleton to LED. The LED lights will save money and provide better lighting at intersections. This project is anticipated to pay for itself in a few years, which means we will have a quick return on our investment and long-term savings. The streetlight upgrade is a follow-up step to the LED upgrade of all lighting in the Town Hall and Highway Garage two years ago, which has led to a noticeable reduction in power usage.

Another matter that the Town Board is addressing is resident concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety around the intersection of Tonawanda Creek Road and East Canal Road. The ongoing safety concerns are related to both the increase in traffic traveling through that area and the pending completion of the Canal Trail, with the opening of the last segment meaning a continuous trail from North Tonawanda to Lockport and beyond. The Town has been working to address safety concerns with state and county leaders since last summer, but a greater focus is being placed on the issue as the summer season approaches. As of the time of writing, a meeting is planned in early March that will involve multiple representatives from Pendleton, Amherst, Niagara County, New York State, and Senator Ortt's office. I'm confident that action plans will be formulated at this meeting to properly address the situation.

Hopefully by the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox the weather will be greatly improved and with nice weather comes an increased concern for road safety. The Town Board budgeted to continue the focused speed and safety patrols in Pendleton and we are currently working with the Niagara County Sheriff's Office to plan the patrols. Additionally, the Town Board will continue the conversation with Niagara County to formulate better ways to address traffic safety in Pendleton, as we do have a few new ideas we are researching with the hope of being able to provide increased patrols as near to year-round as possible.

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I'm sure all are ready for better weather as we have experienced an unusual stretch of snow, ice, and cold temperatures so far this year. We all owe our public works employees a debt of gratitude for the long hours and great effort that is needed to keep Town roads clear. Equipment breakdowns continued to be a problem this season, as insufficient funds were dedicated to equipment replacement and maintenance in the past, creating headaches that we are forced to deal with today. As mentioned in my last newsletter article, a large commitment to this year's budget is a new tandem axle plow truck. So all understand the cost of infrastructure maintenance, the new truck that was ordered is almost one quarter million dollars. Pendleton has four tandem axle and two single axle plow trucks, so a long-term vision for budgeting for this type of replacement is necessary. Thank you to the Town of Cambria for covering for Pendleton when we had two trucks down for repairs at the height of the worst winter storm we experienced this season.

Focusing on more summer topics, plans are being formulated for the construction of new bathrooms in the Town Park. A lot of improvements in the park have been noticeable in recent years and we continue to be committed to moving forward with more work. Thank you to Mason's Mission for the ongoing work with the all-inclusive playground, as a new piece of equipment is in place for all children to use. The Highway Department will continue work on drainage in the park and more path paving is planned this summer.

Regarding budgeting, the Town continues to experience an increase in sales tax revenue, which is great news. As mentioned in the past, the Town Board has underestimated sales tax revenues in the past few budgets to avoid being surprised in a bad way by years of disappointing revenues. Instead, for 2018 we were surprised in a good way as actual revenue exceeded budgeted revenue by a considerable amount. With a lot of large and necessary projects happening in Town this year, the 2019 budget conservatively reflects a need to use savings for things we cannot ignore, like computer server and IT security upgrades in addition to equipment acquisition and public infrastructure maintenance. However, with the current trend of revenues, it's looking optimistically like the Town Board's conservative budgeting is working well and we're optimistic we'll be able to keep the Town's savings in place after all.

Finally, we have two new additions to our Town organization. In January, the unpaid positions of Emergency Services Coordinator and Town Coordinator were established by the Town Board. We appreciated the dedication of Mark Walter as the first Emergency Services Coordinator and John Higgins taking on the role as Town Coordinator. As you can tell by the length of this article, there continues to be a lot happening in Pendleton and the dedication of all, from unpaid volunteers to the full-time employees, is greatly appreciated. Thank you all who dedicate time and effort in even the smallest way to making Pendleton a great place to live. Mark and John will be working hard with the Town Board, helping to move a lot of projects forward.

In closing, feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, ideas, or anything else. Have a great spring and summer!

Sincerely, Joel Maerten

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TOWN CLERK

It's been a long, cold winter and we are all looking forward to warm spring days ahead. Thinking about getting out fishing? Well, the new 2019-20 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide is available in our office. Stop in, say hello and pick up your copy. Our office is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. except for the following holidays:

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – TOWN HALL CLOSED Good Friday, April 19 • Memorial Day, May 27

TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	DATE	EFFECT
Memorial	Monday,	Tuesday will be delayed until
Day	May 27	Wednesday, May 29
		Wednesday will be delayed until
		Thursday, May 30

FOR APRIL-MAY-JUNE

The 2019 Recycling & Trash Collection Calendar is available on the Town's website at www.pendletonny.us. There are no Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events scheduled for this quarter, however, The Niagara County Department of Public Works is introducing a limited voucher program available only to Niagara County residents. This program will allow you to bring up to 50-lbs. of acceptable household hazardous waste, at your convenience, to a collection site located in Tonawanda, NY. Please go to https://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/events for more information.

I'd like to remind you that all dogs in the Town of Pendleton over four months in age are required to be licensed. The licensing fee is \$4.00 for spayed/neutered dogs or \$15.00 for unsprayed/unneutered dogs. Proof of rabies vaccination is required. Here is some information regarding free county sponsored rabies clinics:

Did you know we sell E-ZPass tags at the Clerk's office? It's true! Tags can be purchased for \$25.00. Once you register for your tag the \$25.00 will be moved to your E-ZPass account. Safe travels!

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please feel free to contact me directly at 625-8833 ext. 112.

Deborah K. Maurer



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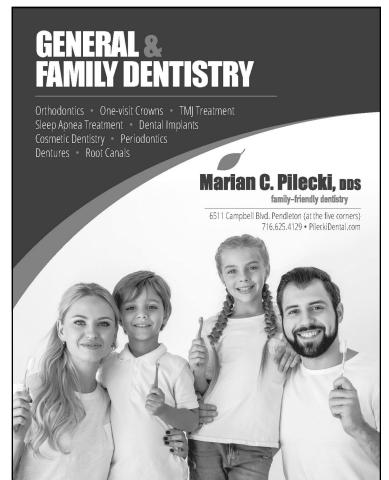
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PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

Our next big event is our 50th Anniversary Celebration. It is being held March 30, 2019 at Classics V 6PM to 11PM. For tickets please call Lion Steve Lorenzo at 716-553-8867. More information is on our website so please check it out.

Pendleton-Wendelville Seniors, the Pendleton Lions Annual Senior's Dinner at Wendelville Fire Hall will be held April 28, 2019. Watch your church bulletins and club news for further information.

Our **Annual Seal Drive** letter has been sent out. If you are not listed in the directory the inserts will advise you how to get your name and phone number in our Pendleton Lions Directory.

On March 3rd we participated in the Olcott Lions Polar

Bear Swim for Sight, it was their 50th Anniversary for this event. We sold 21# of Maple Hotdogs and donated all monies to Olcott Lions PB Swim for Sight.

The Lions Club Scholarship for Starpoint Seniors is again ready to award \$500.00 Scholarships. Last year we gave out 8 to deserving applicants. Seniors remember to contact your student services office for the details. This includes Seniors applying to a 2 year college. Please get your applications in.

To all our residents, don't forget this year is the 50th Annual Kids Fishing Derby. It will be held on Saturday, June 8th, 2019 starting at 8AM. There will be prizes for every child that signs up.

Please check out the **Pendleton Lions Website** at www.PNYLC.org.

Thank you for your support and donations. Lion Secretary, Cheryl A. Smith





"Dear Pendleton Residents,

On Friday February 22, 2019 you came out by the masses to help the Pendleton Lions Club support our GREAT Veterans of Pendleton. I would like to thank the community and many numerous local businesses for the generous gifts to our fundraiser. Our raffle was a huge success, and that raffle would not have been possible without the help of our community. The proceeds will be used to help fund the Pendleton Veterans Monument that is currently being constructed in front of Town Hall. You are truly making a difference for our community today and for future residents/veterans of Pendleton.

Thank you on behalf of The Pendleton Lions Club, Pendleton Veterans Association and myself Lion Dan Hamm.

To see a list of all the donors please visit the Pendleton Lions Website at: https://pnylc.org"



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FROM THE WATER/SEWER BILLING DEPARTMENT

I received a lot of calls this year, asking if water rates went up, so I would like to reiterate what was printed in the **Spring, 2018** Town Newsletter:

The Niagara County Water District has increased their rate on the water that the Town of Pendleton purchases from them, as a result, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE MINIMUM CHARGE FOR WATER HAS INCREASED FROM \$11.00 TO \$15.00 FOR ALL TOWN RESIDENTS.

In addition, the returned check fee has been increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00; the Mandatory Water/Sewer Line Inspection, **required for ALL sales in the Town of Pendleton,** has increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00; and

beginning this year, there will be a \$100.00 surcharge for all unpaid water/sewer amounts that are Levied to the Niagara County Tax Bill. A letter will be sent out at the end of August to any resident that this matter pertains to.

I would also like to remind those residents who have sewer that your sewer charges are **based on your water** consumption, the more water you use the higher the sewer charge will be. Water/sewer bills are mailed out by the last Friday of January, April, July and October. If you do not receive your water bill by the end of the first week of the following month (February, May, August or November) please contact the billing clerk at (716) 625-8833, ext. 111.

Many of you are now making online payments through your personal financial institution. Please be aware that these payments are disbursed by batches, NOT DAILY. Please make these payments as early as possible to avoid late charges. 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. Online bank payments DO NOT HAVE A US POSTMARK on their envelopes.

For those of you who read the "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report," which is normally enclosed in this edition of the Newsletter, please be advised that it will now be on the Town of Pendleton website. A direct link, once established, will be printed on the April water bill, which will be mailed out by April 26th.

If you are selling your home you must contact the Water/Sewer Department ASAP at (716) 625-8033 to schedule a **MANDATORY WATER/SEWER LINE INSPECTION.** There is a \$50.00 fee for the inspection that will be added to your water bill. You cannot sell your home without this inspection! Please schedule this appointment as early as possible, as the seller is responsible for any updates before a Certificate of Compliance can be issued. In addition, you must contact the billing clerk at (716) 625-8833 ext. 111 to schedule a final read ON THE DAY OF YOUR CLOSING.

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.

Now for the good news, by the time you receive this newsletter Spring should be on its way! I can't wait to see the daffodils, hyacinths and crocuses start to show their beautiful blooms. After the harsh winter that we have experienced, I am hoping that Mother Nature will be good to us and provide us with a nice spring season this year, but just in case, 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.

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

Wishing you all a very Happy Spring, Rita Dispenza



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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hello, Hopefully when you receive this letter the Spring season is well under way and Winter is long gone. This winter has been another challenging season for my crew and me. I've lost track as to how many days I've gotten out at 3am to check roads. I've always said give me an old fashion snow storm and stop with the "dustings" and "coatings" of snow. The month of February was loaded with "coatings." To me it's an easy decision when we get larger amounts of snow as to what's needed from our crew. We've also had many sleet/freezing rain events which were also very challenging.

I want to first thank my crew for an outstanding job of keeping the roads as safe as possible. I know they were starting to wear out from the constant, long hours in the plow trucks so THANK YOU to them.

Speaking of wearing out, we continue to pay the price for letting our equipment age. We had 3 trucks break down at the worst possible time, during one of our heavy snow, sub-zero wind chill events. Our mechanic and 2 of our men had to work outside on one truck during one storm as we couldn't get it into the garage due to the type of breakdown. They spent several hours outside in early am darkness repairing the truck in crazy conditions. Thanks again to them.

This is important for some of you that were upset that the roads weren't cleared when they normally would have been.

It's also important for you to know that our 4 large tandem trucks are approximately 15 years old. We do have one new one coming on order and hopefully will be here in time for the start of the 2019/2020 season. The cost for a fully equipped tandem dump truck with front plow, wing, and salter is approximately \$220,000.

I try to keep you informed as to some of the costs of these so you understand the cost and how and why our tax dollars are needed and spent.

This up and down temperature swing also is very bad for our roads. This year seems like we've had more potholes on our town roads than normal. The freeze/thaw cycles are very tough. Potholes form from a variety of factors including: poor base under the road surface, poor drainage of the sub-base, water penetrating the top surface, and more.

Once the weather breaks and we can take apart at least one of our plow trucks, I plan on cleaning a lot of roadside ditches. In the last 5 years or so we have fallen way behind and need to play "catch up."

Also once winter weather breaks I will take a good look at all of our town roads and come up with a repair schedule and process. I try to be patient this time of year because the roads are at their worst until all the frost comes out of the ground. The one road I plan on working on for sure is Mapleton between Campbell and Bear Ridge.

This year's road work budget is around \$250,000. Last year most of the budget money was spent on Ridgeview sub-division milling and paving. We do have a fair amount of concrete drainage in various sub-divisions to contract out. We will start bidding those out as the weather breaks.

I should have much more information during April as related to the Fisk Road construction. At this time I'm pretty sure we will be in construction sometime this summer. We are still in final design stages with our engineer and the engineering firm that will be designing the project. As another reminder the \$2.8 million grant has strict rules containing the contracted work to within the 49½ right-of-way. We will

definitely be doing some of the work outside of the right-of way basically relating to shoulder and drainage work. There will definitely be some congestion/slow traffic at times with alternate routes as well but one of our main goals is to not dramatically hurt our small businesses on Fisk near Transit, especially the "walk in" business at Chiavetta's. Please do your best to support them and all businesses in Pendleton. We will try to have another public meet but feel free to contact me with any concerns regarding this project at any time.

BRUSH: We are preparing our chipper and will start chipping brush immediately. We chip brush up until July 4th. We then concentrate on our drainage and roadwork so we don't chip during summer again until after Labor Day. I've heard from some that I need a detailed schedule as to when we chip. I don't believe that is possible due to manpower, weather, equipment issues, and such. All I can say is we try to "sweep" the town every 2 weeks. Last fall we did have issues with our new chipper and had to borrow one from Cambria until ours was fixed which definitely affected our process. Remember to properly place your brush with butt ends facing the road with spread out rows instead of real high stacks. We will not chip your brush if you put it out in random piles. I would always suggest calling our office and usually we can give you estimates as to when we will be out chipping.

PARKS: We continue to work on the future of the park including on going work with Mason's Mission. We plan to build a new all inclusive bathroom facility near the one existing and hope to start when weather breaks along with continued drainage work and more blacktop paths. We also look forward to another great 4th of July picnic and fireworks. And please make note of the continued and constantly evolving Farm and Home Days event this August 16th-17th. Watch for more news from the great volunteers that run this event.

Anyone interested in working in the Parks Department this summer especially Park Security on weekends please stop at our garage and fill out an application. This is more of a "helpful" position by helping people in and out of picnics an safely enjoying our park area.

For those of you who haven't heard, Water/Sewer Superintendent Jim Argo retired January 1st. Happy, healthy retirement to Jim. The town board has chosen to put the departments back together under my leadership along with my deputy. Many of you will be talking to Craig Walter and myself on after hours calls and of course during the day. Not only is this a big savings of money but I believe this makes us a more efficient team working together.

Pendleton has approximately 900 grinder pumps in certain sections of the town. Mechanically they breakdown a fair amount of the time and we maintain them. Those of you new to town and have one of these and don't know how they operate please call the office and we will let you know some of the problems you can avoid. We will also send someone to show you a little more about the system as well as learning where your alarm is and what to do in case your alarm goes off. One of our main goals is to train all of our employees to be able to do any job needed. I look forward to reacquainting with many of you that I haven't seen in awhile.

As always, please feel free to contact me at 716-625-8033 or jstowell@pendletonny.us.

Jeff Stowell Highway Superintendent

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- Ron Hall

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*
11/05/18	6566 Sheetram Road	David L Berryman Estate	\$290,000	\$180,000	1,740	Cape Cod	1997	
11/05/18	4825 Tonawanda Creek Road	David W Paolini	\$300,000	\$228,000	2,229	Ranch	2001	
11/09/18	6103 Townline Road	Deutsche Bank	\$275,6687	\$281,300	3,574	Colonial	2003	2.00
11/20/18	5338 Tonawanda Creek Road	Carolyn Jarvis	\$139,500	\$ 95,000	2,100	Cape Cod	1946	1.50
11/29/18	7245 Edgewater Circle	William & Linda Tiger	\$443,000	\$290,000	3,436	Colonial	2002	
11/30/18	7072 Bear Ridge Road	Douglas Buchner	\$190,000	\$170,000	1,416	Ranch	1950	2.10
12/04/18	4606 Beach Ridge Road	Victor & Kim Lemieux	\$370,000	\$189,300	1,939	Colonial	2002	1.20
12/11/18	5982 Hopi Court	Bill & Gail Kraft	\$382,000	\$297,600	3,198	Colonial	1994	.70
12/12/18	6570 Aiken Road	Brian Hahn, Et Al	\$186,500	\$108,600	1,320	Old Style	1911	7.20
12/21/18	5977 Hopi Court	Adam & Melanie Oliver	\$439,000	\$291,000	2,956	Colonial	1993	
12/21/18	4536 Beach Ridge Road	Larry & Kathy Regan	\$197,000	\$130,000	1,580	Raised Ranch	1986	
01/04/19	6479 Townline Road	Pegasus 1 Enterprises LLC	\$156,000	\$115,000	1,310	Ranch	1954	1.20
01/10/19	4760 Tonawanda Creek Road	Michael & Katherine Kamm	\$135,000	\$125,000	1,695	Old Style	1847	1.80
01/10/19	4371 Beach Ridge Road	6167 Aiken Rd. Property LLC	\$275,000	\$140,000	1,488	Ranch	1958	20.60

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. If you will be turning 65 in 2020 you may be eligible for the Enhanced Star. If you believe you might be eligible please call the Assessor's office 625-8833 ext. 116.

Anyone receiving the Enhanced Star including Aged exemption recipients must now be Enrolled in the mandatory New York State Income Verification Program (IVP)

TOWN HISTORIAN NEWS

How exciting would it be to go back in time to the early 1800's and live what the people in Pendleton lived at that time? ...to experience all the ups and downs of their every day existence as it was along the Erie Canal? ...to work hard and to risk your life and limb, to execute incredible work ethic for the good of one's family and community...the greater good, not selfishly in the least? ...to live and work and play along the "living, breathing Eric Barge Canal"? ...to participate in a lively town centered on the PLACE of Pendleton and the PEOPLE of Pendleton as our town began? Well...you can have that very opportunity this summer!!! "Get to Know the Pendleton Portage" bike tour is what it's called, and you can go on a learning excursion along the bike trail that follows this route along the canal and recreates the 1823 Pendleton Portage route taken at that time. How cool!!!!! Come with me!!!!! As we know, our town was vital in the early days of the canal when goods and travelers had to be guided seven miles by land from Lockport to Tonawanda Creek. This seven mile route followed by travelers from 1823-1825 is how and where they carried their cargo by land since this section of the canal was not fully complete yet. This tour will allow the biker to "see" what it was all about for these men and women. Riders will learn various facts and folklore of Pendleton canal history. The halfway point of this journey will be at our very own Uncle G's ice cream, which as you know is AWESOME!!! Thank you Rachel Lindamann and staff for all the positive changes to this historic place, and how special it will be to have so many visitors on the trail this summer. It will be a 14 mile, 2 hour trek where each

historical stop along the way holds a special place with its own stories and is an important destination on the trail. Each bicvelist will see structures and artifacts related to how the canal worked as well as hear some of the stories and legends that went along with the workers. Where Uncle G's is located is where the travelers and workers could once again board a canal boat to continue on to Buffalo via the waterway. Dates for the tours are currently scheduled for August 10, 17, and 31 with more dates possibly being added in September. The trail should be completed in its entirety by these dates, and another history tour will be added next year. For information and to make a reservation, please visit locksdistricttours.com, or email locksdistricttours@roadrunner.com. There will be 35-40 spots for each tour, at a cost of \$18 per adult and \$13 per child. Buckle on your helmet and let's go for a ride back in time and dive into our rich canal history together!!!

Stephanie Chase, town historian schase@pendletonny.us

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HIP HIP HOORAY, JUST SIX MONTHS AWAY! PENDLETON FARM & HOME DAYS AUGUST 16TH& 17TH, 2019

As the winter weather continues, we can't help but look forward to summer, and the upcoming Third Annual Pendleton Farm and Home Days! On August 16th and 17th, 2019, we are prepared to pack Pendleton Park once again, with a massive assortment of performers, crafters, vendors, community organizations, local businesses, and food vendors.

On Friday night, the classic rock band "The A-List" will be taking over the Buffalo Roadhouse Grill Beer Tent as they play their way through a set that covers decades of music. Then on Saturday, everyone's favorite 80's party band, "Nerds Gone Wild," will have you dancing as they make their Pendleton Days debut!

One of several new features this year will be Cow Chip Bingo, starring Pendleton's very own Freddie the Cow. A large section of the park will be divided into numbered squares. You will be able to purchase a square for a chance to win the Grand Prize. How do you win? You'll have to pick the square where Freddie will leave the first cow chip. It's sure to be a unique and unforgettable event, however the cow chips may fall.

Back by popular demand, the Car Cruise will be taking place on Friday night. The Historical Society will be sponsoring their pie contest once again, and you will have your choice of food trucks and vendors to please everyone in the family. There will be plenty of attractions for kids of all ages as Mobile Mountain Entertainment joins us for another year. Don't forget how much fun the petting zoo and other animal groups are, too! We will be crowning a new Prince and

Princess of Pendleton, as well as a new winner of Pendleton's Got Talent. If you would like to be a contestant in the Pageants or Pendleton's Got Talent, please contact Marisa Lucci (417-6463) or Julie Haylett (432-2160).

We are hoping to add a



number of attractions this year, including a chainsaw artist, stilt walkers, clowns, and magicians. Just wait until you see this year's Kissing Booth. And everyone will have a hilarious time as they try Laughing Yoga!

As always, there will be opportunities for businesses, organizations and individuals to advertise in our "Pendleton Promoter." This brochure is proudly distributed to Pendleton Days guests. You ca also become an exclusive sponsor of one of the Pendleton Farm & Home Days events where your name will be prominently displayed on signs and promotional materials. It's a great way to let your neighbors know that you are supporting our community. There are a variety of ways that you can get your business' name out there. Contact Denuelle Meyer (553-3545) or Joanne Zimmerman (579-4102) for more advertising information.

Our mission continues to be to bring together the families, organizations, and businesses of Pendleton to celebrate our wonderful town. If you want to be a part of this growing Pendleton tradition as a volunteer or a financial supporter, please call Joanne or Denuelle to see how you can become part of the team. Look for our article in the next Pendleton Newsletter for more details and schedules.

WENDELVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NEWS

So, winter keeps on coming to the Town of Pendleton...below zero wind chills, weather advisories; Hope by the time you read these words things have changed and we are seeing sun and feeling balmy breezes.

With the coming of the new year we have elected new officers for our company and for our Auxiliary. These wonderful men and women give of their time and talent above and beyond to guide the membership through activities, intricate calls and tough situations. They're the people who accept the responsibility of upkeep on all of our equipment and the prudent stewardship of our resources. In other words, the buck stops here.

COMPANY FIREMATIC OFFICERS FOR 2019: Chief - James McDonough, Captains: First Assistant Chief - Matthew Berry, Kenneth Kalbsleisch, Kieran Hickman, Richard Misztal, Second Assistant Chief - Shawn Christman, Lieutenants: Third Assistant Chief - Bruce Culligans, Zachary Pronti, Michael Johnson, Jacob Wagner. EMS Officers: EMS Captain - Steve Keelty, EMS Lieutenant - Jim Riester. Administrative Officers: President - Glen Christmann, Vice President - Mark Walter, Recording Secretary - Russell Talma, Financial Secretary - Ed McDonough, Trustee 2 year, TBD, Trustee 3 year - Tony Licata, Seargent at Arms - John Sattleberg. Fire Police: Captain - Ed McDonough, Jeffrey Bannister, John Foucie, Thomas Izard, Joseph Kania, Dennis Kenny, Scott Lombardo, Paul Lukowski, Brian Mau, James Mcdonough, Andrew Pilecki, John Sattleberg, Mark

Walter. **Wendelville Auxiliary Officers:** President - Mary McDonough, Vice President - Beverly Richardson, Secretary - Nancy Wild, Treasurer - Jackie Albert, **Trustees:** Doreen Nielson, Judy Rudes. Remembering...Judy Lyon, Jack Short, Msgr. Paul Belzer.

As spring is supposed to be on it's way, let's begin to speak of Easter! Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for the day before Easter, Saturday, April 20th at 1 pm sharp at Hall 1 on Tonawanda Creek at Campbell. For Pendleton residents, only, please! The hunt is designed with 3 age groups: 4 years and under, 5 to 7 years, and the older kids up to and including 13 years old. Rain or shine, it will be outside, so dress your hunters appropriately. Seriously, can't wait!!!

As you read this, we will have had our Annual Sportsman's raffle at the end of March. A jewel for you sportsmen and women, it is a well received day of fun and food. The rewards are quite plenty and pretty good, as well. Mark your calendars for next March for your ticket!

Our biggest deal of the year is by far our famous LOBSTERFEST!!! It is returning on June 22nd and the cost is the same again this year! How can you beat it if you love lobster, 2 whole lobsters (that's 4 claws and 2 meaty tails), salt potatoes, corn on the cob and your beverages for \$35.00! The trick is getting a ticket, and when you have your ticket, you are guaranteed your dinner. Our contact for tickets is Tom Elberson and his cell number is 870-4424. Just leave a message, and Tom will get back to you. You know this is a great time, you know you want to enjoy this Lobster...you have a while to save up, so why not? Treat Yourself!!!

PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

On April 2nd, of this year, the Pendleton Veterans Association (PVA) will be celebrating its 5th anniversary. We have come a long way and are very proud of the services and accomplishments we have provided to all Veterans and citizens of the Town of Pendleton. With that in mind have you seen the progress on our current initiative, the veteran monument on the Town Hall campus? Although progress has come to a halt for the winter, completion is still anticipated for late spring. A formal dedication date will be announced as we approach completion, and all will be invited.

The PVA would like to thank SERV NIAGARA, a veteran's advocacy organization, for their kindness shown to all Pendleton Veterans at Christmas time this year. Hats off to you, the hams were delicious. What a great organization! Thank you!

The PVA was very fortunate to be the recipient of the proceeds from a meat raffle sponsored by the PENDLETON LIONS. The raffle that was held 2/22/19 at the Wendelville Fire hall and was extremely well attended with a packed house of our neighbors, fellow Veterans and friends. The proceeds will go a long way in pursuit of our initiatives. Thank you Pendleton Lions!

Other PVA initiatives

Regular attendance at Starpoint School board meetings

advocating for the Veterans school tax exemption and other issues. **PVA Honor Guard** attendance at town Veterans funerals.

Monetary donation to Pendleton Food Pantry.

<u>Our annual flag sale</u> May 17, 1-6 pm / May 18, 9am to 5pm...all size flags available. Pendleton Historical Building Log cabin.

On going recruitment into the PVA.

<u>Solemn wreath laying ceremony</u> Memorial Day May 27, 2019 at Town Hall 11:00am, Public invited

<u>Future meeting dates</u> are as follows March 6^{th} - 7pm, April 3^{rd} - 1:00pm, May 1^{st} - 1:00 pm , June 5^{th} - 7pm , Summer recess July and August meetings resume in September. All meetings held at the Historical Society Log Cabin on the town campus.

<u>DID YOU KNOW</u> - The Pendleton Veterans Association has 2-WW2 Navy veteran as members. <u>Leonard Pogorzala</u>, 60+ year resident of Pendleton, served in the Pacific theater in WW2 and Korea. Multiple medals recipient and served from 1944 thru 1953 <u>Anthony Stanczyk</u>, 60+ year resident of Pendleton, served in the Pacific and European theater's on 8 different ships from 1940 thru 1946 receiving multiple medals.

THANK YOU <u>LEONARD</u> AND <u>ANTHONY</u> FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Greg Metzger, Board Member

THANK YOU FROM THE PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

We started receiving donations for the Pendleton Veterans Association (PVA) Monument at the end of 2015, even before we had a design, site location, or estimated costs. We hired local Pendleton contractors when possible. Jeff Stowell and the Pendleton Highway Department have done a great job with the initial site work. Hopefully the project will be completed by Memorial Day 2019. The PVA fund drive has ended with the meat raffle 2/22/19 sponsored by the Pendleton Lions Club. Any further donations will be accepted and appreciated.

The Pendleton Veterans Association would like to thank all the donors and hope we haven't missed anyone in the following list.

Tom Thompson PVA President

Major Donors: Pendleton Lions Club, Terry (Thompson) Carbone, Brauer's Fishing Club, Uncle G's / Chicken BBQ, Ed Gabrys, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 77 (VVA77), Kyle Stoddard, Greg& Karen Metzger, Wm Rott Co, Tom& Sandy Thompson, Carl & Jackie Brown, Anthony J. Nemi, Rod& Susan Neubauer, Angelo& Marcia Otero, WNY Heros Inc, Daniel Gafus, Pendleton Historical Society, Gordon Bellinger, Ron Sikinoff, Mike Kloch.

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Welcome Spring!

PENDLETON-WENDELVILLE SENIORS

The Pendleton-Wendelville Seniors meet the second Wednesday of the month at the Wendelville Fire Hall, 7340 Campbell Boulevard, North Tonawanda. We enjoy having new members, so come join us! Any resident of the Town of Pendleton, age 55 years or older, is invited to attend.

For the potluck lunch at noon, everyone is asked to bring your own table service and a dish to pass or a donation of \$5.00. Bus trips are available for anyone who is a resident of the Town of Pendleton. For information on the trips, you can contact Bev Richardson at 434-7609, Doreen Neilson at 692-6652, Carol Moeller at 625-8769 or Dorothy Belanger at 639-0430. Lots of interesting places – lots of fun!

Please remember members of the Armed Forces and our Veterans. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Lane at 625-8789.

Rabies Immunization Clinics for 2019				
Saturday, April 6	Town of Porter Highway Garage			
2:00pm - 4:00pm	1800 Braley Rd, Townof Porter			
Saturday, June 1	Hyde Park - Oasis/Centennial Pavilion			
9:00am - 11:00am	911 Robbins Dr, Niagara Falls			

You can pre-register for the Rabies Immunization Clinic online at: http://www.niagaracounty.com/health/Services/Environmental-Health/Rabies/Rabies-Clinic



I would like to start off with a VERY, VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT. All parents of Starpoint students that attend Fricano and Regan schools you have less than one week left by the time you read this for the awesome fundraiser being put on by Starpoint for Mason's Mission "Playing for Playgrounds". You have gotten all the flyers and hopefully seen the amazing prizes we are offering to the kids for helping us create inclusive lifestyles through play and interaction. Please help the kids for us for this great event! We would like to thank so very much the staff and faculty especially Mr. Kevin Caputi and Mrs. Karly Allman two wonderful teachers that took the time to help us and spread the word about inclusive play! Thank you both so very much!

The new bathroom project is well under way as well and we hope to have that compete be early summer if all goes well. We will have extra space three bathrooms to include a men's, women's and a family bathroom that we hope will have a permanent piece of equipment called a Hoyer Lift which allows and aides the care taker in picking up a larger size child and/or an adult. So keep our fingers crossed it would be another first in WNY right here in our park! Enjoy the break and Happy Easter! The Evchich's

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