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FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

As 2020 quickly slips into the past, I hope all continue to be safe and learn to adapt to a new paradigm of living and social interaction. At the Town Hall, I must continue to compliment all involved in keeping the Town going, as everyone has had to continuously be open to operational changes while continuing to meet our residents' needs. Hopefully our state and country will continue to find success battling this pandemic, as I can say it has certainly been a drain on the Town's limited resources in addition to the many non-quantifiable negative effects on us all.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, I anticipate that the Town Hall will have reopened to the public. Due to the flexibility and dedication of our Town employees, most Town functions have continued without the traditional open door to the Town Hall we're all used to. As already mentioned, the Town does not have the depth of resources larger organizations have, so it's been easier to maintain compliance with state and federal requirements by limiting access to Town buildings. As of the end of August we have drafted a reopening plan and anticipate keeping the Town Hall open unless internal or external health concerns cause a change in plans.

As we move into the fall, budget season begins. I'll keep this short and to the point, as I outline budget concerns frequently in the Town newsletter. This year we face stagnant to decreasing revenue and the continual increasing demands on Town government. The Town Board will be faced with a difficult process as we work once again to remain under the tax cap. Despite the many executive orders coming out of Albany, as of this moment there has been no change in how the tax cap is calculated. With current information, this means a small increase in tax levy, which typically barely covers the basic increases in the cost of doing business. More to come in the coming months.

Speaking of budget season, I'm saddened to learn that long-time Budget Officer Don Bergman has finally decided to retire. It's been a truly great experience working with Don since taking office and despite the fact that it's sad to see him go, we're all very happy for him as he'll have more time to devote to the many activities he's part of. Thank you, Don, for all you've done for the Town! This being said, we will be looking for someone to fill Don's shoes, so if you have experience that fits the role of Budget Officer and are detail-oriented, please send me your resume. This is a flexible part-time position.

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I always seem to somehow come back to the theme of change and evidence of this is the fact that everyone's water and sewer bill showed-up a little late this past quarter. We are getting close to the end of a large project that began over a year ago that involves basically rebuilding the Town's network infrastructure and ensuring that all necessary security components and procedures are in place. In addition to the network project, we have been making changes focused on ensuring continuity of operations, as the recent upheaval caused by COVID has exposed vulnerabilities. Bottom line, network upgrades and personnel shifts delayed the mailing of water bills, but the work is done and all is well. Thank you all for your patience with this issue.

The last item I'd like to share is budgetrelated, but also will affect all residential property owners in Town. The Town currently contracts with Modern Corporation for refuse and recycling collection and additionally the Town has been a member of a consortium of municipalities with the contract, which has led to savings over the years. Earlier this year Modern decided not to continue with a contract extension, leading the consortium to create and publicize a request for proposals, with the intent being establishment of a new multiyear contract with a refuse and recycling contractor. Proposals were submitted by two local contractors and Modern Corporation remains the lowest bidder.

The main reason the Town was forced to explore a new contract with the consortium members is the increasing cost of refuse and recycling collection, mainly due to increasing regulations and personnel costs. We are no longer able to continue with our current model of collection, as doing so would be cost prohibitive. The biggest change we all will be facing is the move to refuse collection carts,

similar to the carts used for recycling. Though I know no one likes change, I can assure you that in the end the effects on our lives will be minimal. Keep in mind that we are looking at cost containment and maintaining the status quo is not an option anymore.

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PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Pendleton Veteran Association (PVA) has been active in communicating future Ideas and initiative during these unsettled times. No general meetings have been held March thru August. The Board of

Directors has had several informal meetings to discuss ongoing issues throughout the 6 month shutdown.

All summer initiatives and fundraising efforts were canceled including the above mentioned general meetings and Memorial day wreath laying ceremony, 4th of July celebration, Farm & Home days celebration and the Citizens Preparedness Training Program.

One bright spot that was well received was our virtual Flag Sale that continues to this day . All size flags are ALWAYS available for sale by calling Gordie at 625-4470 or Tom at 210-3015.

The Flag sale has always been our main fund raising effort along with generous monetary donations from local residents and friends of veterans. PLEASE consider a donation to our community minded organization.

A contingency of our members and Board members had the honor to attend a retirement ceremony this summer for Town Resident Captain Todd Ostrowski of the Niagara County Sheriff Dept. Congratulations Todd for your 20+ years of service to our Community and the County.

The PVA made a substantial donation to the Pendleton Food pantry this summer to help with the increased demands during the pandemic

Our September meeting is scheduled for 9/2/2020 at 1:00pm and will be held at the Historical Society Log Cabin or weather permitting at a picnic shelter in Town park. Social distancing procedures will be followed.

In closing "DID YOU KNOW" Mr Jack Striegel Pendleton Veteran Association Treasurer, Board member and former Pendleton Assistant Building Inspector is a U.S. Army Veteran, who served in Vietnam, in the Army Corp of Engineers attaining the rank of Captain. Thanks for your service Jack.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE NOVEMBER 3RD! Greg Metzger, Board Member





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New Lion's Executive Board: Past President Ed McDonald, 1st VP Chris King, Director Brian Mau, President Ken Smith II, Secretary Cheryl Smith, Director Mike Dio, Treasurer Tom Valentine, Tail Twister PDG Jeff Jarvis. Missing are: 2nd VP Kim Baglio and 3rd VP Dan Hamm.

WINTER PARKING REMINDER!

Parking is prohibited on all town roads, North Tonawanda Creek Road and Bear Ridge Road between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. December 1st – March 31st

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PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

The Pendleton Lions are staying active during these troubled times. The 1,000 N95 masks that we purchased have been distributed to our Senior residents, Pendleton Veterans and Pendleton Food Pantry volunteers.

Scholarship checks have been sent to the 8 Graduating Starpoint Seniors that won them. Please keep this in mind for your future Starpoint graduate.

By now you will have received your new edition of the Pendleton Directory in your mailbox. It is full of Town of Pendleton information and ads for our local businesses. Please take the time to read through it and check out how much our town has grown and the many businesses we have here. They need our support right now.

Keep in mind we do collect and distribute some minor medical equipment, canes, wheelchairs, shower seats, etc. We also will remove and reuse metal wheelchair ramps if they are in good shape and donated. Please be on the lookout for our Lions glasses donation boxes in our local businesses since we do collect, refurbish and donate those all over the world.

As always thank you very much for all your support, especially in these trying times.

Cheryl Smith, *Secretary* Pendleton Lions Website: www.PNYLC.org.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hello. As Fall rolls around we still have a lot of work to do.

We will attempt to Brush Hog all our off-road ditches. We did get a jump start as I was worried Hurricane Laura would bring us some heavy rain. Fortunately, it did not but at least we started in the Oakwood block. It usually takes 4 men and tractors approximately one month to get them all mowed. Priorities are of course the lowest wettest areas. I will also try to get into a few areas that we have not been able to get in the last couple of years. Those of you new to the area look for tractors to mow the Right of Way in your back yards. That being said please try to keep the area open so our tractors can get through.

We have been able to clean 2 major off-road ditches. One on Townline near Slusaric to help the road from flooding and the main ditch behind our Town Park. This gives us more opportunity to drain our Park much better than in years past.

As far as roadwork by the time you read this the Town Board would have finalized our budget due to the Covid19 crisis. Hopefully we can mill and pave all of Dunnigan Road. If not all, the part from Sheetram to East Canal where the blacktop is bad.

We have resumed chipping brush and it will take awhile to catch up. I will try to have our crew get through the Town every 2 weeks.

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Please watch the Town's website, Nextdoor.com, and your mailbox for more information and updates over the coming months..

In closing, I hope all have an enjoyable and healthy fall and let's all start hoping for a manageable winter. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to give me a call at 625-8833. Things are busy as ever, but I work to return missed calls as quickly as possible.

Take care! Joel



Many of you are waiting for us to pipe your front ditch. This has been getting tougher every year as the Town continues to grow. It takes basically a 5-man crew to dig out the ditch and install the pipe and cover it with dirt. I've tried to fit some in as we try to prioritize our projects. We will try to get as many as possible as the weather starts getting worse and other projects can't be done.

Speaking of weather getting worse, we usually start putting our Plow Stakes in November to help guide our plow drivers, mostly in the sub divisions.

Please call (625-8033) or e-mail (jstowell@pendletonny.us) me with any questions or concerns. Sincerely, Jeff Stowell Highway Superintendent

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NEWS FROM NIAGARA COUNTY

by Legislator Tony Nemi

While COVID-19 has obviously taken up much of the attention of Niagara County

government, the regular functions of government have continued. I want to focus on a couple of those issues that you may have missed.

This past summer proved to be a very successful season for road construction across Niagara County. Our Department of Public Works was able to complete many projects during this season, with most coming in under budget and ahead of schedule. One of these projects was the joint Niagara/Erie County Tonawanda Creek slope stabilization and roadway reconstruction effort. This \$7.4 million effort was comprised of three projects in Pendleton, Lockport and Clarence respectively.

The Pendleton portion of the project, costing \$4.1 million, was a 2.5 mile segment of Tonawanda Creek Road between Campbell Boulevard and Irish Road. As I pointed out during the ribbon cutting, Tonawanda Creek Road has long ceased being a winding country road. Instead, it is a major East/West connection used to carry kids to school and get people to work every day. I congratulate DPW, the contractors and the construction workers for their excellent work.

waste drop-off programs, but those were postponed this year. In their place, we implemented a free household hazardous waste residential voucher program. Niagara County residents will be able to dispose of up to 50 pounds of acceptable waste at no cost. Acceptable materials include oil base paints, fluorescent bulbs, spray paint, aerosols, paint thinners and stains, cleaners, pesticides and glues/resins/adhesives. All weight over 50 pounds and all latex paint is subject to a \$.75 per pound fee. Alkaline batteries, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, electronics, tires, smoke detectors and waste oil will be accepted but with additional fees.

To get your voucher, residents just need to go to rethinkyourwaste.com, select events and follow the link "Apply for voucher." Once you enter all the required information, you can choose a date to drop the waste off at Hazman, located in the City of Tonawanda. Those with questions can email recycling@niagaracounty.com.

Last, in an effort to make government more transparent, we are now streaming the Niagara County Legislature meetings live through a partnership with LCTV so those without cable can watch over the internet. In addition, any of our previous meetings can be watched any time by going to lctv.net, clicking on-demand under the programming tab and then choosing Niagara County Legislature. I also encourage you to check out Niagara County's Facebook page for up-to-date information on county government services and programs.

In past years, Niagara County has run successful

TOWN OF PENDLETON APPOINTED POSITIONS

The Town of Pendleton is currently accepting letters of interest for a position on the Board of Assessment Review. This three-year term will be appointed in September 2020. All letters of interest for this position are due by September 25, 2020.

Below is a list of openings for various Town appointed positions for 2021:

Budget Officer Conservation Advisory Council Engineer Planning Board Prosecutor Recreation Committee Summer Recreation Counselors (2021 season) Summer Recreation Lifeguards (2021 season) Swim Director (2021 season)

The incumbent in some positions may indicate a desire to continue, however, final decisions for appointment will be made at the January 2021 Organizational Meeting.

Letters of interest for these positions are due by December 15, 2020. Please mail your letter of interest to: Deborah Maurer, Town Clerk *OR* Joel Maerten, Town Supervisor, 6570 Campbell Boulevard, Lockport, NY 14094.

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FROM THE WATER/SEWER BILLING DEPARTMENT

What a year this has been. Normally, I would start this quarter's article with a huge shout out to all who helped put together our annual Pendleton Farm and Home Days, not this year unfortunately. It seems like this Covid thing has lasted a lifetime already. I want to wish all the teachers, custodial staff, bus drivers, aides and all of the students who will be going back to school next month the best of luck with the new learning adaptations. Things will certainly be different for all involved, stay healthy everyone!

Well, here it is the last week of August and we are finally getting some much-needed rain. This was a very dry Summer to say the least. Hopefully we will have a nice Fall this year, my favorite season of all. I've been told the Farmer's Almanac is predicting a very wet winter this year, I hope by "wet" it doesn't mean a lot of snow.

I am expecting the consumptions for the October water billing to be higher than normal this year due to the dry Summer we've had (the consumption period for your October water bill reflects water used in July, August & September). Remember that when you compare your water consumptions you must compare billing period to billing period (ex. Oct. 2020 with Oct. 2019; Oct. 2018 with Oct. 2017 and so forth) not previous bill to current bill.

I have been very busy getting ready for the upcoming levy. Remember that there will be a \$100.00 surcharge for any account that is unpaid as of 4:00, Friday, September 25, 2020. Letters will be going out to anyone this may apply to. I noticed that a lot of water bills have been coming back to me this year. Water bills do not get forwarded, so if your mailing address changes you need to notify me as soon as

possible. This includes phone numbers too, we need your phone number in case of an emergency (i.e. broken water lines, sewer breaks, water being shut at the road, etc.) so please contact me if your phone number changes.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE TOWN OF PENDLETON DOES NOT MAKE ADJUSTMENTS FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS OR THE FILLING OF SWIMMING POOLS.

- Billing cycles occur in January, April, July and October.
- Water bills are mailed out by the last Friday of the billing month.
- If you do not receive a bill by the end of the first week of the following month please contact the billing department at 625-8833, ext. 111.
- For your convenience there is a lockbox located in the foyer at the back entrance to the Town Hall.
- If you pay online please allow <u>10 business days</u> for mailing. If you are selling your home please contact the Water

& Sewer Department at 625-8033, as soon as possible to schedule a **MANDATORY** compliance inspection. YOU MUST HAVE THE COMPLIANCE INSPECTION COMPLETED BEFORE YOU CLOSE ON YOUR HOUSE!!! There is a \$50.00 fee for the inspection. If any repairs need to be made, there may be additional fees involved. If you are purchasing a new home please contact our office ASAP to set up an account.

If you are leaving temporarily (i.e. Vacation) please consider prepaying your account to avoid late fees. Again, water bills are not forwarded.

Please remember ALL of the men and women in our Armed Forces, past and present. Hope everyone has a wonderful Fall!

Rita Dispenza, Account Clerk

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TOWN HALL 625-8833	EXT.
ASSESSOR - Jim	116
BUILDING/ASSESSOR CLERK - Kim	131
BUILDING INSP/CODE ENF - Ron	115
BUILDING INSP/CODE ENF - Joe	114
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - Noreen	110
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - Stephanie	109
JUDGE KEVIN MACK	128
JUDGE MACK'S CLERK - Jim	119
JUDGE EDMUND MAZIARZ	117
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PLANNING BOARD - John	125
SUPERVISOR - Joel	113
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The Town Clerk's Office is now accepting Credit Card Payments*



*A convenience fee of 2.45% will be charged for each transaction (minimum of \$1.75)

PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The board of the Pendleton Historical Society has decided to cancel all meetings and events for the remainder of 2020. Even if we could meet, for the health and safety of our members and any speakers we thought this action to be the best as most of our members are 60+ years old. Thanks to President Carol Moeller, the plants in front of the porch have been faithfully watered. Look forward to 2021 and the restart of our meetings and events. Thankfully, we have enough in our funds to pay our utility and security bills. Think of things we can do in the next year. So, no cookie sale and Christmas party. Bake your own cookies. It certainly has been a strange time, but we will survive. If you need some history lessons look up the Black Death from the 1300's. It was worse then and many more people succumbed to the plague, but the world went on. Have a great rest of the year and see you in 2021.

Thanks - Janet Karnes, Vice President

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*
01/03/20	6 Alexander Parkway	Betty Pels	\$213,000	\$85,000	1302	Ranch	2002	.67
01/03/20	7161 Pendale Circle	Anthony & Marilyn Link	\$337,000	\$210,000	1821	Ranch	2000	1.03
01/10/20	4682 Beach Ridge Road	William Mesler	\$340,000	\$180,000	2429	Split Level	1977	2.20
01/21/20	1 Alexander Parkway	Robert Burgio	\$229,900	\$90,000	1381	Ranch	2001	.67
01/29/20	4282 Beach Ridge Road	Thomas & Sharon Crowe	\$215,000	\$120,000	1064	Ranch	1962	1.05
02/13/20	6955 Creekview Drive	Albert & Marie Prout	\$220,000	\$165,000	1936	Colonial	1972	.86
02/14/20	6813 Campbell Boulevard	Diane Alba	\$500,000	\$368,200	3490	Ranch	2018	2.20
03/06/20	6820 Bear Ridge Road	Marilynn Holler	\$337,500	\$277,800	2789	Ranch	1994	3.0
03/06/20	4520 Beach Ridge Road	Brett & Lynn Lombardo	225,000	157,500	1428	Ranch	1978	.72
03/10/20	4250 Beach Ridge Road	Lorenz Gregor	\$185,000	\$175,000	2108	Colonial	1957	.58
03/10/20	4417 Mapleton Road	Bernard & Jacqueline Robichaud	\$175,000	\$130,000	1296	Ranch	1955	.87
03/26/20	4194 Beach Ridge Road	Louis & Mary Kudla	\$280,500	\$177,200	2870	Old Style	1880	1.0
04/20/20	6650 Bear Ridge Road	Salvatore & Julia Mattina	55,000	54,500	2332	Old Style	1940	1.7
04/20/20	5856 Dunnigan Road	Rocio & Josh Novak	\$345,000	\$213,000	2414	Colonial	1998	.85
04/29/20	6640 Aiken Road	Deutsche Bank	\$60,000	\$100,000	1224	Cape Cod	1960	.49
05/04/20	46 Alexander Parkway	Charlene Beno	\$248,000	\$90,000	1537	Ranch	2002	.67
05/14/20	4624-4638 Beach Ridge Road	Bear Ridge Homes	\$105,000	\$120,000	1026	Ranch	1947	6.0
05/21/20	6147 Aiken Road	Todd & Heidi Hopkins	\$250,000	\$165,000	2416	Colonial	1997	1.2
05/21/20	7288 Ridgeview Drive West	Stephan & Katrinka Griggs	\$390,000	\$267,500	2786	Colonial	1998	.80
05/27/20	5808 Tonawanda Creek Road	Steven Kosmoski	\$185,000	\$130,000	1245	Ranch	1967	2.3
05/28/20	5584 Mapleton Road	Mikhael and Heather Pilato	\$185,000	\$104,300	1040	Ranch	1969	.85
06/02/20	6148 Aiken Road	Bachare Distributing Co Inc	\$265,000	\$216,300	2810	Old Style	1860	1.3
07/01/20	4974 Cloverleaf Lane	Scott Dickerson	\$430,000	\$330,000	3474	Colonial	2016	.57
07/10/20	7035 Townline Road	Adam Maj	\$40,000	\$73,100	825	Ranch	1977	.65
07/10/20	7163 Pendale Circle	Joseph Asselta & Amy Jorrisch	\$390,000	\$235,000	2253	Colonial	1998	.70
07/28/20	7244 Edgewater Circle	Michael & Wendy Kubiak	\$454,000	\$275,000	2600	Colonial	2001	.60

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 1**st. 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. If this is your **FIRST** time applying for Enhanced Star, then you will do so through our office. If you are switching to the **Star Credit Check**, then you do so online at www.tax.ny.gov or by calling (518) 457-2036.

Anyone receiving the Enhanced Star including Aged exemption recipients must now be Enrolled in the <u>mandatory</u> New York State Income Verification Program (IVP) ****IF YOUR INCOME IS \$30,000 OR LESS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE****

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"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except for the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Somewhere, inside of all of us, is the power to change the world." - Roald Dahl

"Too many people fought too hard to make sure all citizens of all colors, races, ethnicities, genders, and abilities can vote to think that not voting somehow sends a message." - Luis Gutierrez

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors." - Plato

"We realize the IMPORTANCE of our VOICES only when we are silenced." - Malala Yousafzai

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF PENDLETON NEW YORK 1921***WENDELVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY*** 2021

We are proud to announce our year of celebration beginning on January 1, 2021 till December 31, 2021! And it will include all the people of Pendleton in many ways. There will be activities during the year to invite you all to join in our happiness. Let me make a brief list...

January 2021 – Fall 2021; Floral Competition to express our chosen theme, to be revealed in the January Newsletter. 2 special Raffles, one in early Spring and one in mid-Summer! These help us fund the celebrations without touching our Fire Company Budget. And they are so much fun!!! There is a winner every day!! So really this can be looked at as an investment instead of a chance.

Our MAIN COMMUNITY CELEBRATION on August 14th! This one is for you to enjoy!

NO ADMISSION!

Starts at 3 pm in the Pelitera's Grove! Chowder ready at 3 pm. Centennial Parade at the corner of Campbell and Tonawanda Creek Road at 5 pm with band music in the beer tent to follow.

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and other Field Day treats will be available from other service organizations of our town at a nominal cost. Ice Cream, Pop; Beer tent at nominal cost.

Best of the evening...West of the Mark

(WNY Premium Country Band...Featuring Jay Urbaniak and Bruce Rounds)

Limited Gambling...Like the old Field Days, but a bit smaller!!

Couldn't be better!! Mark this date on your calendar.

More info as it becomes available. Plan to Celebrate with us on August 14, 2021!!!



WENDELVILLE FIRE COMPANY

We are really in October; really. Seems like so many things have changed since last March, So much! What a summer – or lack of it. Not the weather, that was pretty great, hot, sultry...and our gardens have never looked better! That's because we finally had the time to give them the care that they need. No fairs, no field days, no theater in the park, not much gathering either. Now the schools have reopened in so many forms; virtual, brick and mortar, or a mix of the two – who would have thought??? And we still don't know what's ahead. Our condolences to those of you who lost anyone during these uncertain times and those of us who have suffered in one way or another because of this virus. We praise and thank those of you who have helped a neighbor or a stranger. This is our way of life, coming to the assistance of others, with no thanks required, just the great feeling that comes from helping folks over the rough spots!

Did you ever think of joining us in being the lifeline for another human being? Well, let me recommend this to you. 32 years ago I was frustrated by hearing my husbands' pager go off when he wasn't available. So after many months of pondering and wondering if this could ever work, I did it! I applied to the Wendelville Fire Company! Me! A woman in her mid-thirties, 3 kids, no training, just a real desire to help others when they were faced with a situation they couldn't handle. Of course, there were issues, there always are. No other woman had ever applied before; I would not be an exception in my physical training, I had to do just what the guys did. But please join with me in praising this group of men; they gave me a chance and accepted me into membership! I kind of think they thought I'd do myself in, I wouldn't need any help from them. But they were kind – and fair. So I took Essentials of Firefighting, and passed. Things were a little scarce as far as EMTs, so we worked to build up our compliment of valid EMTs, and I was one of them. When my older children were home, they watched my 6 year old, or when it was my husband or I, he went. Several years I made over 100 calls in the year. It could be anything from illness to trauma, to just being a familiar face to ease the tension. Went on my share of Fire calls, ambulance calls and some real life and death situations. I always found the strength I needed; You do what you have to when it is a necessity. And my brothers, and they really are, soon found that I could be of service to all, including them, at times. I am proud that I was the first woman President of a company in Niagara County; I am proud that my husband has served as President of the company and First Aid Captain; I am proud of my 2 sons that they were both valuable members of the company and that my son has served as chief of the company and presently serves as the Vice president. I am proud that our daughter took the EMT course, passed and went on to BSN in Nursing. These are quiet reflections in my mind. But if you think you could be of service to the community, I urge you to call and talk to one of our officers. Believe me, You won't regret even the time in deciding. Please take the time to think about the difference you could make.

Our Fall time is usually quiet, we have election of officers and the new training season begins just like school. I can tell you that I will bet Santa will be out right before Christmas to greet all the children of Wendelville, so keep your eyes and ears open!

We are continuing with our Annual Fund drive till the end of the year, with the second mailing coming out soon. Again, thank you for your generosity. **The folks of Pendleton are the best!!!**



PENDLETON TOWN HISTORIAN

"Each year's work in any

4-H Club activity should be so different in terminology, arrangement and bearing, that it will, in effect be a new activity.

In other words, it must have the novelty which in turn challenges thought, stimulates interest and usually results in renewed effort." '4-H Club Work:

A Guide for Local Leaders'

(1938) by Gertrude L. Warren

The concept of an idyllic yet practical agricultural life in rural America encouraged an alliance among the youth. This alliance morphed into the program known as 'Boys and Girls Club Work'. In 1917, it was given a makeover by a Pendleton native.

Gertrude Warren was born into a family of farmers on November 17, 1884 in Pendleton, New York. An ambitious woman early on, she graduated Lockport High School in 1904. She furthered her education by attending Teacher's College, Columbia University. Ahead of the curve, she obtained her Master's Degree in Home Economics and taught it at her alma mater.

The US Department of Agriculture came calling in 1916. Her creativity and enthusiasm was vital to the homemaking phase of 4-H club work.

This became a federal position for Miss Warren. She would find new meaning in her work for the next 35 years (it can be said 63 years since she knew not a true retirement).

The rural communities were close to her heart (having been a farmer's daughter) and she took it upon herself to train volunteers for different programs and opportunities.

An official 4-H Pledge stated the following: I pledge - my head to clearer thinking.

My heart to greater loyalty

My hands to larger service

My health to better living

For my club, my community, my country and my world.

A list of objectives was assigned to 4-H members: To encourage rural youth in technical and homemaking aspects of farm life, develop a scientific attitude toward farm and home, and encourage healthy living.

When Gertrude began to dissect the small catalogue of 4-H activities, she realized the only activity for women was canning. Today such divisions as clothing making and room improvement are options (in addition to livestock care, crafts and a vast assortment of activities).

She encouraged the growth of surplus produce for hungry America during the second World War.

As a team player, she felt rural Americans would benefit from learning and demonstrating their newly acquired skills. Her bulletin. 'Organization of 4-H Club Work for Use of Local Leaders' has been translated into several languages. She also penned articles for Encyclopedia Brittanica and other major publications concerning 4-H basic concepts. Gertrude



took notes at national conferences about the development and legacy of 4-H.

She was also a member of President Hoover's Commission on Child Welfare and Eighth Scientific Conference of the Americas.

After nearly a century of passion, her time drew to a close at Sibley Memorial Hospital on September 6, 1979. She was 95 years old. A sister, Mary Margaret Warren was listed as surviving her.

Thank you, faithful citizens of Pendleton, for your interest and passion in our local history.

If you have anything you would like to correct or add to this, perhaps something you wish to explore, you're welcome to contact me:

> Carissa D. Smith - CSmith @pendletonny.us Phone - (716) 342-9767 God Bless.

"The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future."

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TOWN CLERK

This sure has been a summer for the record books! Record temperatures and a record breaking pandemic. My thoughts and prayers are with all of those who have been affected by this deadly COVID-19 pandemic. To say that it has changed our way of life is

certainly an understatement. I want to personally thank you all for your patience during the past few months. We have been trying our best to meet most of your needs while the office remained closed to the public. I am hoping that by the time you have received this newsletter we will have Town Hall open to the public for most of our services. We are excited to be reopening because we miss seeing our residents! Our main goal though is to keep both the public and our employees safe and healthy during this upcoming fall season. Please continue to be patient as we adjust to this "new normal".

During these past few months we have instituted the use of a lockbox at the back entrance of our building. This lockbox is checked regularly throughout the day. Please feel free to continue to use this lockbox for any documents or payments. We ask that payments placed in this lockbox are made by check, money order or cash in the exact amount due. Receipts will be mailed to anyone utilizing this lockbox. This process will continue to be available even after the Town Hall is open to visitors.

Online payments can also be made on the Town's website at http://pendletonny.us/ for water bills and dog license renewals. Please note that a small convenience fee is charged by our payment processing vendor.

Speaking of dog license renewals...please note that renewals cannot be processed if the rabies vaccination has expired. I understand that many veterinarians were not open for business during the NYS PAUSE for COVID-19, however, per NYS, a license cannot be renewed without a current vaccination. Please contact my office if you are faced with this situation so we may help you determine how to proceed. Please do not let the dog license lapse without contacting us regarding this matter. Also, due to the pandemic, the

"Autumn is the season

to find contentment at

home with what we already have." "No Spring nor Summer beauty hath such grace as I have seen in one Autumnal face."

"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year

for the grand finale."

RU.

- Lauren DeStefano

scheduled dog enumeration process has been postponed.

I also have some exciting news to tell you about. The Town of Pendleton has been tentatively approved as a PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE AGENCY. My office staff is currently undergoing training for this project. Once we have completed the training process we will be fully approved to conduct business. This is just another way we try to meet the needs of our residents. More details to come!!!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – TOWN HALL CLOSED

Columbus Day	October 12th
Election Day	November 3rd
Veterans' Day	November 11 th
Thanksgiving Day	November 26 th
Day After Thanksgiving	November 27th
Christmas Day	December 25th

TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Tuesday trash collection will not be affected by the holidays during this quarter.

Each household is allowed one large item per week. Please remember to contact Modern Disposal directly at 1-800-330-7107 to arrange for pickup of any items containing Freon. Also, electronics will not be picked up curbside. Please see the Town's website at http://pendletonny.us/trash-recyclingguide/ for more information on trash and recycling.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to call me at 625-8833 ext. 112.

Wishing you all peace, love and health during the upcoming holiday season. Debbie Maurer dmaurer@pendletonny.us

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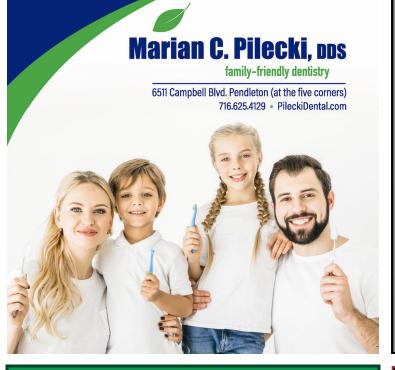
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Mason's Mission

Every child deserves the right to play

Hello Pendleton! We at Mason's Mission hope you have tried to enjoy this beautiful summer the best you can. It has been different I will give you that. We see many, many people taking advantage of the park and playground lately which is nice to see. A few announcements this article. We are happy to announce our third Mason's Mission (by the time of this print) will be open in Holland. Yes, we went south! Also, we did purchase a hand sanitizer station for our park here in Pendleton and a special 'Thank You Highway Department' for putting it together and installing it for us.

Department' for putting it together and installing it for us. We are also running a year end fundraiser this year to hopefully make up for the three we had to cancel of which all proceeds' will be going to Supermatty's Water Park here in our town park 2021. 1st winner is \$12,000!!!! We will also have 4 \$500 prizes and a home technology prize worth \$1,500. We could use the community's help in selling this out. We are only selling 2,000 tickets total, they will be 1 for \$25 or 3 for \$60. The winners will be announced live on New Year's Eve at noon!! Call foundation for tickets 200-7346. Thank you all for your support,

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