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#### From the Supervisor's Desk

Each year that goes by, the activity and demands on Town government continue to increase and not too long ago I thought we were prepared for any new challenge that came along. However, no one obviously anticipated all that has unfolded since the beginning of the year. First and foremost, on behalf of the Town, I hope that all are safe, healthy, and weathering this proverbial storm we are facing. Over the past months the top priority while making and rethinking all decisions related to Town operations has been the safety of residents and Town employees. We all hope that life will move back towards normal in 2021 and we are always mindful that we don't want to look back and think we could have done more to protect our town.

Since the spring the Town has closed playgrounds, shelters, athletic fields, and other park facilities. The Town Board is as disappointed as all who have been affected by this, but we have worked diligently to ensure that the Town is in compliance with all rules, regulations, protocols, and guidance enacted by various levels of government. Looking to 2021, we all hope residents can rent shelters and the summer recreation program can resume, but as I write this WNY is on the verge of possibly going "orange". Bottom line, the Town Board will continue to do all that it can to keep Town facilities safe and in compliance with all forms of regulations.

The financial situation of counties and municipalities across the state has been a newsworthy item since the spring due in large part to decreasing sales tax revenue. The Town of Pendleton has been affected as much as every other town and fortunately we saw a strong increase from late summer into fall. However, we all know the uncertainty facing our economy and we all hope for the best, while preparing for the worst. This is always a good philosophy when crafting a budget and was on our mind during the recent budget process.

In early November the Town Board adopted the 2021 budget with the usual

conservative approach to estimating revenues and expenses. There were a few areas we experienced savings due to ongoing plans enacted to streamline operations and cuts to some areas of public works were necessary. Should we experience a strong increase in revenue next year, the Town Board will look at restoring some of the cuts. The bottom line is a budget is in place that protects the Town financially and keeps in place the essential operations all rely upon.

Looking to long-term budgeting, by now all should have received a refuse tote to begin using by January 1st. In collaboration with a consortium of other municipalities, the Town renewed its contract with Modern Disposal Services for refuse and recycling collection. We certainly understand that there are a few changes that we all must adjust to, but the long-term benefits outweigh any short-term inconvenience. The costs associated with the traditional collection procedures we all have become accustomed to will continue to increase at a drastic rate, meaning not making this change would cost each taxpayer a substantial increase over the coming years. Recent bid results from around the area attest to the increasing costs of traditional collection and we're confident that the savings are worth the effort expended as we work through this latest learning curve.

As each year comes to an end it's typical to receive news of a retirement and this year is no exception. Don Bergman, who has served many years as the Town's budget officer, is finally putting down his pencil and directing his energy towards more leisurely activities. We all have enjoyed working with Don and will miss his

presence around the Town Hall and at Town Board meetings. We all wish Don the best and thank him for all he has done! We are very fortunate to have a highly qualified and experienced

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#### PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

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**Above:** Lion Joe Biondo is handing the donation check to the Pendleton Food Pantry volunteers.

Right: Lion Dan Hamm received the Uplinger Award and Lion President Ken Smith received the Melvin Jones Award.





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- Norman Vincent Peale

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rank advancement, and community service.

For more information contact: Steve Scalzo, Scoutmaster 716-417-7710 (cell)



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successor to pick-up where Don is leaving off and this appointment will be made at January's reorganizational meeting.

With a new year comes new optimism for better, healthier, and less stressful times. Thank you all for being patient as the Town has worked to continue maintaining all operations while faced with everchanging regulations and guidance. Should you have

any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any member of the Town Board. Finally, we try to have as many open meetings as possible, but we have been forced at times to hold meetings online per the Governor's Executive Orders. However, all agendas, meeting minutes, and other information is always available on the Town's website for review.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding and stay safe and healthy. Joel



#### PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

As I sit and write this newsletter (11/13/20 yes, Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>) all I am hearing on the news is the panic in the voices of our elected leaders. The Covid virus has risen its ugly head and is threatening to grow

larger this fall and winter. Please follow the restrictions and recommendations put out by our leaders and those in the know, they are put in place for our own good.

The Pendleton Veteran Association (PVA) has been as active as we can be. The board of directors has met regularly and we did schedule several meetings which were sparsely attended. Our meetings were held at St Paul's Church meeting hall because the Historical building has been closed all year. THANK YOU St Paul's.

The PVA was scheduled to bury a time capsule at the new Monument site this fall however, because there has been a need to do some unexpected minor repairs to the monument we have postponed burying the time capsule. Any veteran that might want to add a pertinent artifact to the time capsule contact the PVA thru the Town Clerks office.

As always we have flags available for sale. To order a flag please contact Tom at 210-3015 or Gordie at 625-4470 thank you.

A hand made wooden plaque depiction of a American Flag was donated to the PVA on Veterans Day by 12 yr old Cole Kramer of Tonawanda Creek Road, along with a very generous monetary donation from the sales of similar plaques. WOW WHAT A KID. The Kramer family must be amazingly proud of their son. THANK YOU COLE.

Niagara County Community College Veterans Services office director Joseph Potalivo is in negotiations with the NCCC Foundation to obtain funding to expand and beautify the NCCC Community Veterans Memorial Park into a destination Veterans Memorial Park. For more information or to contribute contact Mr Potalivo at 716-614-5291 or jpotalivo@niagaracc.suny.edu

At the time of this writing the future meeting dates and location have yet to be determined for January thru March. We are not sure as to them being just board meetings or general meetings. When meeting dates are decided we will e-mail members and post times and location on the electronic billboard at town hall.

All officer and board seats will remain the same until next December (2021) unless Covid goes away and a election can be held earlier in the year, which at this time looks doubtful.

If any member or resident of Pendleton has knowledge of a Veteran residing in town that is not listed on our Honor wall in Town Hall please contact us so they can be added in our next update.

Normal dues will be due from all PVA members in January of 2021.

The PVA honor guard is always available for all town of Pendleton resident veterans funerals, wakes and grave side services.

IN closing "<u>DID YOU KNOW</u>" - PVA members Katie and Nick Graves the owners of CRAFT HOUSE COFFEE in Pendleton are both U.S. Air Force Veterans. Katie is an Iraq War Veteran and Nick is currently stationed at the Niagara Falls Airbase. Please stop by and thank them for their service and support a veteran owned business. They are currently the proud owners of the newly remodeled former Brauers tavern.

Greg Metzger VP



Photo left:
Cole Kramer
is holding
his
beautiful
hand-crafted
donation to
the
Pendleton
Veterans
Association.
Thank you
Cole!

#### 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. from December 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Hello, Just before winter hit we were able to mill out a section of Dunnigan Road that was bad and put on a thick layer of "Hot" blacktop. After that we put some "support" along the edge where we could, consisting of stone and millings. This area was between Sheetram and East Canal roads. Due to the Corona Virus the Highway budget was cut to \$125,000 in anticipation of low sales tax revenue. Hopefully, sometime next year things will start returning to somewhat better circumstances.

We were also able to accomplish cleaning a couple of off-road drainage ditches. One was the main ditch behind the Town Park which will have a huge impact for park drainage once a few ditches can be cut into the park to help the entire park complex. The other was an off-road ditch on Townline near the Slusaric intersection. This should help the Townline Road flooding problem in that area.

As for roadside ditch cleaning, we concentrated as much as possible on Dunnigan Road. Usually when a road gets paved it is most important to keep the water flowing so the base under the road stays as dry as possible to extend the life of the new blacktop.

At this time, we have started putting up our stakes mostly in the sub-divisions to help guide our plows around during the snow season. If you were missed or feel a stake might be helpful please call us at the Highway Garage. Please keep in mind of the Town "Right-of Way" as we are not responsible for any

"landscaping", lawn sprinklers, etc. If we hit your mailbox, we replace it with a standard "Home Depot" type mail box.

Please make sure your snow plowing contractor knows to not plow into or especially across the road as this becomes a danger to all traffic coming thru.

We are still <u>way</u> behind in our piping of ditches. Many of you are being patient and please continue to do so. Our priorities, when we can, start with ditch cleaning, then any collapsed old steel pipe. If the weather allows, piping ditches is something we can do during the winter months. If this opportunity arrives we will be contacting those of you that have been waiting, with updated prices for the pipe and fittings. That being said, a reminder to anyone with steel pipe; it is rotting and at some point, it will need to be changed to plastic. Before you pave your driveway, call us and we will do an inspection of the pipe in your yard especially under your driveway.

As always anyone with special needs, seniors, and veterans, do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns.

Please remember your winter driving skills and drive safely. Please enjoy your family and friends this holiday season and best wishes for good health and happiness.

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

Jeff Stowell Highway Superintendent

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- Norman Vincent Peale





Happy New Year!

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#### FROM THE WATER/SEWER BILLING DEPARTMENT

All water/sewer payments should be mailed to: Pendleton Town Hall – Water 6570 Campbell Boulevard Lockport. NY 14094

Lockport, NY 14094

- \* Remember to include the **small** portion of the water bill with your payment.
- \* Please do not staple or paperclip your payment.
- \* Billing cycles occur quarterly 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.
- \* For your convenience there is a lockbox located in the fover at the back entrance to the Town Hall.
- \* If you pay through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party (your online bank payment) please allow 10 business days for mailing.
- \* You can now pay online with a credit card at: www.pendletonny.us Look on the left hand side for pay water bill

If you are **selling** your home please contact the Public Works Department at 625-8033 as soon as possible to schedule a **mandatory water/sewer line inspection**. There is a **\$50.00 fee** for the inspection which will be added to your water/sewer bill. The inspection takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. **You** must have your water & sewer lines inspected before you sell your house!!!

When you receive your actual closing date, please contact the billing clerk at 625-8833, ext. 111 to schedule a final reading.

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. Please consider prepaying your bill to avoid late charges.

If your contact information changes (phone number and/or mailing address) please notify the billing department as soon as possible. We need updated contact information in case of an emergency situation.

Please visit our website at www.pendletonny.us for more detailed water billing information.

When you get to the homepage click on <u>Departments</u> at the top of the page, scroll down and click on <u>Water/Sewer</u>, go to the right side of the page for Rates and Information.

You can also view Meeting Minutes and previous Town Newsletters by clicking on the respective link from the homepage under Town Highlights. The Town Code link is also there.

I know that the holidays are going to be very different for all of us this year, but I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and all the best for a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Stay safe and wear a mask!

Please remember ALL of the men and women in our Armed Forces, past and present. Without them we would not have the freedoms that we enjoy each and every day.

Rita Dispenza, Account Clerk

#### PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hello everyone. The Pendleton Historical Society has not met in months, and the first meeting of 2021 is still uncertain. Our member's health and safety are of prime importance. The building is small and the seating is tight. Air circulation is drafty and non-

filtered. Hopefully we can reopen sometime in 2021 when a vaccine is available and the Covid 19 pandemic is in ;the history pages. Over 100 years ago the Spanish Influenza tore through this country. I presented a talk on it early in 2018. Who knew that in 2020 we would face another pandemic. Similar to Covid 19, the Spanish Influenza came in waves- first in February 1918, then in

September, then finally in January and February of 1919. Unlike now, it struck mainly 20-40 year old people. It left 28% of the people sick and weak and killed 675,000 lives. Hopefully our final numbers of deaths will be much less. Our world is a different place 100 years later. Looking forward to better days we will reopen and work on different community events and get back to normal. Also, in the coming years we will have a new community center and place of meeting. And maybe a new museum to house our artifacts. The fate of our log cabin complex is in the air as of now. So safely keep in touch - Wear Your Mask, get your flu shot, and get your Covid shot when available.

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. 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*
07/01/20	4974 Cloverleaf Lane	Scott Dickerson	\$430,000	\$330,000	3474	Colonial	2016	.57
07/10/20	7035 Townline Road	Estate of Adam Maj	\$40,000	\$73,100	825	Ranch	1977	.65
07/13/20	7163 Pendale Circle	Joseph Asselta	\$390,000	\$235,000	2253	Colonial	1998	.70
07/29/20	7244 Edgewater Circle	Michael Kubiak	\$454,000	\$275,000	2600	Colonial	2001	.60
08/03/20	7185 Creekbend Drive	Geoffrey Zielinski	\$585,000	\$359,000	3760	Colonial	2008	.80
08/12/20	4967 Cloverleaf Lane	Julie (Garcia) Bellanca	\$380,000	\$220,000	2333	Colonial	2015	.80
08/12/20	4446 Mapleton Road	Andrew Small	\$270,000	\$178,000	1872	Colonial	1992	1.30
08/13/20	4961 Devonshire Lane	Keith Rapp	\$398,000	\$240,000	2448	Colonial	2016	.57
08/17/20	4292 Beach Ridge Road	Daniel Janicki	\$210,000	\$155,000	1527	Colonial	1992	1.10
08/24/20	5355 Feigle Road	Timothy Masters	\$282,814	\$90,000	?	?	2019	3.8
08/24/20	5226 Pendale Court	Philip Wilcox	\$348,900	\$215,000	1948	Colonial	1993	.65
08/26/20	4755 Tonawanda Creek Road	Robert Fisher	\$405,000	\$230,000	2450	Colonial	2001	9.8
09/10/20	4834 Meyer Road	Estate of Lillian Pearce	\$155,000	\$120,300	1244	Ranch	1957	3.3
09/21/20	4682 Beach Ridge Road	John Majewski III	\$380,000	\$180,000	2429	Split Level	1977	2.2
09/28/20	7285 Paddock Ridge Road	Mark Twinem	\$440,000	\$377,000	2997	Colonial	2017	.74
09/29/20	7274 Edgewater Circle	John Alvarado	\$395,000	\$251,600	2462	Colonial	2000	.60
09/30/20	7277 Pendale Drive	Leonard Primm	\$438,000	\$274,900	2684	Colonial	1994	.90
10/02/20	4599 Beach Ridge Road	Thomas See	\$355,027	\$210,000	1829	Ranch	2000	.77
10/05/20	5045 Feigle Road	Nikolay Yatchuk	\$296,000	\$154,000	1536	Colonial	2015	1.39
10/07/20	4928 Meyer Road	Carolyn Roos	\$246,500	\$170,000	2538	Raised Ranch	1987	1.40
10/09/20	7186 Pendale Circle	Robert Graczyk	\$420,000	\$273,100	2926	Colonial	2000	.80
10/14/20	5425 Tonawanda Creek Road	Christian Dipasquale	\$201,000	\$100,000	1282	Old Style	1850	.60
10/14/20	5172 Oakwood Drive	David Odden	\$350,000	\$270,000	3969	Duplex	191	5.5
10/19/20	6617 Bear Ridge Road	Theresa Laudico	\$152,000	\$130,000	1610	Ranch	1968	.85
10/19/20	5822 Dunnigan Road	Thomas Elberson	\$260,000	\$175,000	1864	Colonial	1987	.85

#### 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<sup>st</sup>. If you will be turning 65 in 2021 you may be eligible for the Enhanced Star. If you believe you might be eligible, please call the Assessor's office 625-8833 ext. 131 or 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)\*\*\*

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- Henry David Thoreau

"Don't give up in times of difficulty. Persevere on as there will be an end to these."

- Edward Dunedin

"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for extraordinary destiny..."

- CS Lewis

#### PENDLETON LIONS CLUB



The Pendleton Lions have been meeting and keeping busy via Zoom, email and of course cell phones.

At our September meeting Past President Ed McDonald presented Lion Dan Hamm with

the <u>Robert J. Uplinger Award</u>. It is awarded to an outstanding Lion who performs exemplary service to a club, district, or community. Lion Dan has done all of this.

Past President Ed McDonald then presented <u>Lion Ken Smith</u> with the <u>Melvin Jones Fellowship Award</u>. It is the highest form of recognition to acknowledge an individual's dedication to humanitarian Service. Lion Ken has continuously participated in every part of our Lion service to our community and in our Lions Club since joining. This is his second time serving as our President.

We had our District Governor Richard Battaglia visit in October. He gave out Lion's 10-year membership Chevrons to Pendleton Lions Wayne Wright, Dan Hamm and Sam Mattina. DG Battaglia then spoke on how Lions

serve and how to grow Lion membership.

We would like to thank all who have sent in donations following our delivery of the Pendleton Directory. These donations are used to serve our Pendleton Community. We have donated to the Pendleton Food Pantry for the holiday season. We have been helping residents with medical equipment needs. As always, we help with eye exams and glasses if someone needs assistance.

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. We do the same with hearing aids, so feel free to put them in too.

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

Stay safe and have a Happy Holiday Season, Cheryl Smith, *Pendleton Lions Secretary* www.PNYLC.org

"Become a possibiliterian. No matter how dark things seem to be or actually are, raise your sights and see possibilities — always see them, for they are always there."

- Norman Vincent Peale

#### .....WENDELVILL FIRE COMPANY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE.....

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration, the Wendelville Fire Company will be sponsoring a Garden Contest. Residents who choose to participate will have a garden judged by a panel and be eligible for some nice prizes, along with bragging rights!

Our theme is "Our Centennial Year", meaning a garden based on the Red, White, and Blue. Gardens will be judged on multiple items, including cleanliness, use of texture, plant size, and of course sticking to our theme. Start thinking and planning now! More information will follow in early spring. So sharpen those shovels, and get ready to brighten the Town with your ideas!

#### WENDELVILLE FIRE COMPANY NEWS

As you read these words we will officially well into winter, full of hope in 2021, but still reeling from the blows that 2020 knocked us around with. We can only hope that this New Year will be kinder to us all and provide some healing for those who need it.

First and foremost are thanks are due to the residents of the town for your generosity to our Annual Fund Drive! Once again, due to you, it was successful! We couldn't serve you in the manner we strive to do without this help.

More thanks to those folks who purchased a ticket 4403.

for our Holiday Raffle! The proceeds from this are earmarked to offset some of costs of the Celebration. Remember to mark your calendars for August 14<sup>th</sup>, the Community Celebration of the 100 Year Anniversary of Wendelville Fire Company. Chowder, games, refreshments, Parade, Music, and WNY's Premier Country Band, "West of the Mark".

We have set a date for Our Spring Sportsmen's Raffle; we hope to be back to our "usual" format, but there are no guaranties. But one way or another, it will happen on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20 and are available from any firefighters or call Mark at 471-4403.



"Once you start practicing being

grateful and thankful for things, people,

and events, you may notice that you start

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positive things,

people and events

in your life."

- Stephanie Conkle

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- Norman Vincent Peale

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#### **TOWN CLERK**

Happy Holidays! What a year this has been! I think we are all looking forward to 2021 and hoping that things will return to "normal" very soon. Blessings to you all and best wishes for a safe, healthy and happier new year.

I do not know what the next month will bring or if the Town Hall will be open for business when you receive this newsletter. Be rest assured though that whether the building is open to the public or not we will continue to provide services to our residents to the best of our ability. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

I have included some important information for the upcoming months below.

#### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - TOWN HALL CLOSED

New Year's Day Martin Luther King Day Presidents' Day January 1st January 18th February 15th

#### TRASH COLLECTION

As you are aware, there will be changes to our refuse and recycling procedures beginning January 1, 2021. You can find answers to many of your questions by viewing the *Frequently Asked Questions* document located on our website at http://pendletonny.us/trash-recycling-guide/. The 2021 Recycling & Trash Collection calendar, which will include the new *Bulk Trash Pick-Up Schedule*, will be mailed to all residents from Modern Disposal Services at the end of December. This can also be found on our website once it is released. Here are some important tips to remember:

- 1. Only waste placed inside the cart is accepted. No bags, unless they are tagged.
- 2. Extra capacity tags can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office for \$5.00 each.
- 3. Bulk trash is collected once per month. Each parcel is allowed a maximum of three items. (Schedule to be announced.)
- 4. If your cart is damaged, please call the Town Highway Department at 625-8033.

If you have a missed collection, please call Modern Disposal's customer service number directly at 1-800-330-7107.

We understand that this is quite a change from our previous procedures and ask for your patience during this transition.

## TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH

Tuesday Trash Collection will not be affected by the Holidays during this quarter.

#### TAX COLLECTION

Town/County tax bills will be mailed out by December

31<sup>st</sup>. Bills must be either paid in person at the Town Hall, Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, by placing in the locked drop box outside of Town Hall, or by mailing to:

Town of Pendleton PO Box 2305 Buffalo, NY 14240-2305

## \*THIS IS A <u>NEW MAILING ADDRESS</u>. PLEASE UPDATE YOUR RECORDS\*

You may also pay **ONLINE** by going to https://egov.basgov.com/pendleton/.

IMPORTANT: If you pay your bills through your bank's online bill paying program, please make sure that you are sending them to the **NEW** address stated above. You will also need to allow enough time for your check to be mailed to and received at the collection office. The envelopes sent by your bank DO NOT have a USPS postmark that is stamped by the Post Office therefore it will be considered paid the day it is actually received in the office. The payment MUST BE received in the office by the due date in order to consider it a timely payment. (Real Property Tax Law §925.)

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please call me at 625-8833 ext. 112.

Warmest regards, Debbie Maurer

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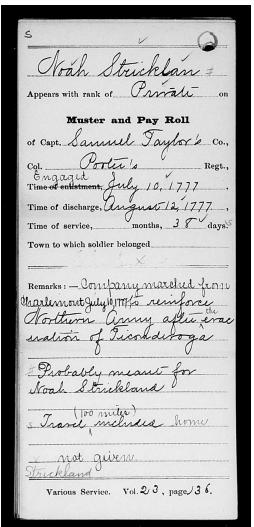
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Thank you for your business!
Wishing you Happy Holidays
and the very best in the New Year!



#### PENDLETON TOWN HISTORIAN

In order to understand (or better grasp) a man's character, one must trace his footsteps. What made him want to forsake the safer shores of life, to embrace uncertainty? Thus it is but few that possess a



true explorer's spirit. It is within that frame of being that one may proceed forward.

Noah Strickland was born on January 8th, 1760 to sturdy New England stock, Roger Strickland and Mercy Thrall. His arrival was wedged between siblings: Roger jr., Anne, John and Samuel. Prior to 1762. the Strickland clan was part of a mass exodus out of New England to New York (Otsego to be precise).

When the American

Revolution reared its defiant head, Roger jr. and Noah signed up to fight for the colonies. Noah was assigned to Captain

Samuel Taylor's Company (a unit under Colonel Elisha Porter's regiment). His rank was private and he served for 38 days - July 10th, 1777 to August 12th, 1777. The objective of his company's mission was to evacuate the Continental Forces from Fort Ticonderoga and disrupt the British Stronghold (headed by General John Burgoyne). The British had encircled them with heavy artillery fire (which spawned a surprise attack by the Americans and was promptly thwarted). Eventually, the British surrendered in October and destroyed their fortifications.

After his stint in the military, Noah married Martha Gould in 1781 (in his home state of Massachusetts) and a woman named Polly in 1815. He sired children (with a son taking his namesake - born in 1805). His settlement was on Aiken Road (lost to the ravages of time). He died on October 15, 1829. His final resting place is the Poole-Beach Ridge-Andrus #8 cemetery.

In 1972, his tombstone was replaced by a benevolent group of veterans. In 2019, he was honored with a visit from his 5x great grandson, Bobby Strickland, a touring musician with Todd Rundgren. This made the local news!

Thank you, faithful citizens of Pendleton, for your ongoing support and vested interest in our local history. Any questions, comments, corrections or additions, please feel free to contact me at: email: CSmith@pendletonny.us or Phone: (716) 342 - 9767.

God Bless. Carissa Smith Pendleton Town Historian





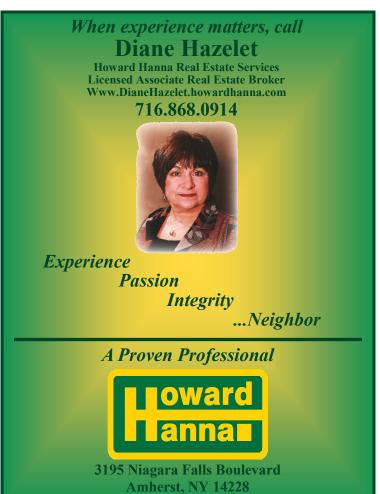


## Mason's Mission

Every child deserves the right to play

By the time you get this newsletter we will just about be ready to do our live winter raffle drawing. If you have Facebook we will be going live at noon on New Year's Eve to see who will take home one of our 5 prizes, the big one being \$12,000!!! I would like to thank those residents who purchased tickets already and a real big thank you to our amazing school district Starpoint for rallying around us again and helping us with this effort. As of the date of this print we have about 80 tickets left. So if you are still interested please call the foundation ASAP at 200-7346 to see if we have any remaining tickets left. We are on target with collaboration with the town board and highway to start Supermatty's Water Park in honor of our beautiful son Matthew Jason and our new 100% accessible bathrooms in time for 2021. Go to our website to see full renderings at www.masonsmissionfoundation.org. So let's all pray that there are no major issues along the way. So on behalf of Myself, my wife Jennifer and the foundation have a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year and good luck to those that







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