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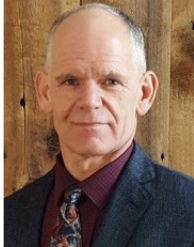


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A message from your Supervisor...

Work continues on multiple projects and we're looking forward to new facilities being available to the community soon. Driving past the Town Hall, you can't miss the new community center, which has been under construction for awhile now. Though you may not have noticed much change on the exterior lately, work on the interior continues. I won't attempt to make any promises on a completion date, but the work is on schedule and I would anticipate an initial opening taking place by late summer.

In previous articles, I've mentioned the paving that will take place around the Town Hall and park and plans are coming together to do this. This work will include repaving the main parking lot as well as paving the unpaved lot adjacent to the community center. This work is long overdue and we're certainly excited to finally see this happen.

Hopefully, the coming summer weather will be better than last year, as we're also looking forward to the opening of the splash pad. Once the park is dry, grading and seeding work around the park can finally begin, cleaning-up the areas around the splash pad and community center. As stated in the past, work last year was slowed by the near-continuous rain we experienced most of last summer.

I've received a lot of inquiries about the condition of the roller hockey and tennis courts at Depeau Park and we're nearing completion of grant funding that will substantially fund the cost of reworking these areas. If things go well, we may be able to complete the work by the end of the year. We also anticipate striping the tennis courts for tennis and pickleball, which has also been a request. As for the tennis courts at the Town, we're still evaluating options and hopefully we can address the issues there in the near future.

Other projects are in the works or complete. A standby generator was finally installed at the Highway Garage, as this was part of the project that also included the construction of a salt storage building. Work also continues on the town's computer network, including construction

of a new server room, installation of new and additional security cameras, and expansion of the access control system that controls access to the Town Hall, Highway Garage, and new community center. There are a lot of components to these projects, but I'm optimistic that all work will be substantially finished by the end of the year.

Other than this, there's not much going on. All are working hard to take care of the many basic operations that residents rely on. Have a great summer!



Joel

4TH OF JULY



We will be having a Magic Show by Ted for the kids at 6:00 pm, and at 7:00 pm we will be having music by Hal Ya until 10:00 pm. We will have food trucks there from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The Fire Works Show will begin at 10:00 pm.

The magic show and music will be in the town park. Come join us for a fun filled day! Hope to see you there!

Thank you -

Councilman Leible
Councilman Lombardo

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You're invited to Pendleton Center United Methodist Church!
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PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION



Here we are half way thru the year. Where has the time gone? Wow!! The Pendleton Veterans Association (P.V.A.) has been busy with several initiatives this spring. Thanks to all the P.V.A. members involved for their time and efforts.

The initiatives listed below have been completed or still ongoing this year.

- ✎ The “Hometown Heroes Program” has over 70 plaques mounted to the tennis court fence at the exit drive of the parking lot at Town Hall. Any town resident veteran can apply for a plaque. See Town Clerk for application. (on going)
- ✎ The P.V.A. annual flag sale, May 17-18 was a big success. Thanks to all that attended and purchased a flag. **FLAGS CAN BE PURCHASED YEAR ROUND.** Town Clerk has order forms. See you all next year.
- ✎ The P.V.A. has awarded 3 scholarships to Starpoint seniors directly related to a veteran. The recipients are Emma Diel, Benjamin Preisch and Madison Thompson. Congratulations and good luck in your future studies. (completed)
- ✎ The P.V.A. has obtained challenge coins for all members. Come to a meeting and receive yours. Non-members may come to a meeting and join the P.V.A. and get a free coin. Additional coins can be purchased. (ongoing)
- ✎ Annual P.V.A. member picnic was well attended and was held prior to our summer meeting recess. No meetings in July and August. Next meeting scheduled is September 4th, 2024, 6pm Town Hall board room.

- ✎ Memorial Day Service was well attended Monday May 27. Many thanks to Rev. John Rance for his invocation and thanks also to Tim Hortons for the refreshments.
- ✎ A committee has been formed within the P.V.A. to research town residents who fought in the Revolutionary War. A plaque with their names will be obtained and displayed at the Veterans Monument when research is completed.
- ✎ The P.V.A., as always, appreciate the support we receive from the Town, local organizations and merchants including, Fred’s Pizza, Tim Hortons, Pendleton Star Pharmacy, Smith’s Orchard, Uncle G’s Ice Cream, Craft Coffee House, Wendelville Fire Co., Pendleton Lions Club, Town of Pendleton Highway Department, Pendleton Town Clerk’s office and others. Thank You!

On a sad note, The P.V.A. would like to extend condolences to the Lanternier family on the passing of Donald (Don) Lanternier. Don was a P.V.A member and a 65 year member of the Wendelville Fire Co, a Town Justice and a member of several other community centered organizations. Don - May you rest in peace!

Greg Metzger, *Vice President*
Pendleton Veterans Association

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- **Anonymous**

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TOWN CLERK

Hello there! Things are bustling around the Town Hall again this summer. T-Ball for the little ones started already and the Splash Pad should be filled with children by now.

The town's Summer Recreation Program will be off and running by the time you read this newsletter as well. I want to give a very special thanks to our new Recreation Director, Patrick Covell, and Summer Recreation Director, Monica Wall, for all they have done to get this up and running for the 2024 season!

Don't forget to stop out to the Town Park for the **Fourth of July Celebration**. There will be a magic show from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, live music beginning at 7:00 pm and fireworks at dusk. We hope that you enjoy the show!

Also, the **Pendleton Station Market** runs every Sunday (except Labor Day weekend) from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Due to construction at the Town campus the market's location will be behind Town Hall again this year. Check out the vendor list and schedule at <https://www.pendletonstationmarket.com/>.

Below are some important dates for you to easily reference:

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – TOWN HALL CLOSED

Independence Day	July 4 th
Labor Day	September 2 nd

TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

HOLIDAY	EFFECT
Labor Day	Tuesday's collection on September 3 rd will be delayed until Wednesday, September 4 th

BULK COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

See maps at www.pendletonny.us

Week A (RED Map)	Week B (BLUE Map)
July 16 th	July 23 rd
August 13 th	August 20 th
September 17 th	September 24 th

Any calls regarding uncollected refuse or recycling should be made by calling Modern Disposal directly at 716-754-8226.

The Niagara County Division of Environmental and Solid Waste and Starpoint will be holding a **PAINT ONLY** Collection event on Saturday, July 27th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. **Pre-Registration is REQUIRED.** To register or find out more information you can call 716-439-7242 or go to <https://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/events>.



FREE NIAGARA COUNTY RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR 2024

Saturday, July 13th 9:00am – 12:00pm	Town of Lewiston Highway Garage 1445 Swann Road Lewiston, NY
Saturday, September 14th 9:00am – 12:00pm	Town of Lockport Highway Department 6560 Dysinger Road Lockport, NY 14094

Pre-registration for the rabies clinic is mandatory and can be made online at www.niagaracounty.com/health or by calling 716-439-7490.

As always, please feel free to contact me directly at 625-8833 ext. 112, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.
Best Regards, Debbie Maurer

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"Then followed that beautiful season... Summer...filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood."

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"The flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds we sow today."

- Author Unknown

"We cannot DIRECT the wind but we can ADJUST the sails."

- Dolly Parton

"There shall be eternal summer in the GREATFUL HEART."

- Celia Thaxter

"Rise above the STORM and you will find the SUNSHINE."

- Mario Fernández

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 LA	STYLE	YEAR BUILT	LAND (acre)
02/01/24	6700 Aiken Road	Raymond Oliver Estate	\$280,000	\$170,000	2233	Ranch	1960	2.6
02/13/24	7337 Paddock Ridge Road	Ivoclar Vivadent Inc.	\$749,900	\$311,400	3008	Colonial	2011	0.73
02/28/24	7266 Edgewater Circle	Joseph & Wendy Meenaghan	\$570,000	\$256,200	2687	Colonial	1999	0.43
03/01/24	6771 Bear Ridge Road	Toth Family Trust	\$341,500	\$205,000	2428	Ranch	1960	17.46
03/26/24	4369 Tonawanda Creek Road	Edward & Susan Barone	\$215,000	\$85,000	1050	Old Style	1870	1.0
04/11/24	6520 Sheetram Road	Curran, Kevin & Mary	\$285,000	\$125,600	1472	Raised Ranch	1981	0.6
04/15/24	7237 Townline Road	Ward, Patricia & David	\$650,000	\$310,000	3534	Ranch	1998	4.9
04/23/24	4555 Beach Ridge Road	Sciolino, Michael	\$300,000	\$155,000	1765	Colonial	1964	1.9
04/24/24	5548 Irish Road	Martin, Sean & Janelle	\$450,000	\$190,000	1964	Colonial	1992	0.94
04/29/24	5288 Irish Road	Brenon, Lee & Judy	\$825,000	\$320,000	3899	Colonial	1992	10.9
04/29/24	5300 Irish Road	Blas, Michael & Lisa	\$779,900	\$267,000	2335	Ranch	2018	11.83

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.

As a resident/owner of property in Pendleton, there are property tax exemptions that you may be entitled to – including STAR, Enhanced STAR, Senior Citizens, Veterans, Agricultural, people with Disabilities and Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers. For information on any of these exemptions you can either visit the New York State Department of Tax and Finance website www.tax.ny.gov, our website www.pendletonny.us, or visit the Assessor's office at Pendleton Town Hall or contact us by phone at 716-625-8833.

If you are signing up for Basic STAR, you need to go to the New York State website noted above or call (518) 457-2036 to sign up for the Basic STAR Credit (which is a check from New York State vs. receiving an Exemption). Additionally, any resident/owner who is currently receiving a Star Exemption can switch to the credit program by contacting the New York State Department of Tax and Finance, via their website or phone number.

All Enhanced STAR applications require enrollment in the New York State Income Verification Program (IVP). Note, if you are currently enrolled in the Enhanced STAR Exemption or Credit, you do not need to renew your application (unless you are contacted by our office or New York State).

The forms for all the exemptions and the IVP program are available at the Town Hall or can be obtained via the Pendleton or New York State websites. Deadline for all exemptions is March 1st.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENDLETON

The Historical Society of Pendleton (our new official name) held its latest meeting on Monday, May 20. We had a great speaker, Ann Marie Linnaberry. She spoke on the Pan American Exposition of 1923. One hundred years ago this great event was held in Buffalo. We remember it kind of sadly, as President William McKinley was assassinated. Buildings still exist.

Ann Marie will soon retire from the Niagara County Historical Museum and we will surely miss her informative talks. She has spoken to our group about two times a year on various local topics. We welcome others to speak to our group.

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of the month. We do not meet in July, August, January, and February. We always welcome new members and guests. Our June meeting held our potluck dinner. Hotdogs were provided. Members were told to bring a dish to pass, beverage of choice, and table service. We discussed the new building and summer events. Hopefully, at our September meeting we will be in our new space and planning our exhibits in our display room. Have a great summer - enjoy the park and the new splash pool.

PROCLAMATION HONORING TROOPER ADAM MOEN



WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Pendleton honor all public servants who serve to protect and faithfully respond when called to do so; and
WHEREAS, Trooper Adam Moen has served with the

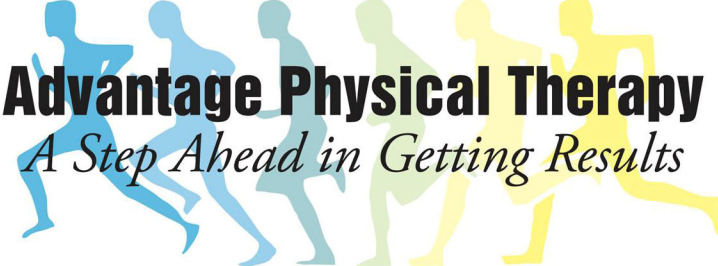
New York State Police since 2013 and is stationed in Troop A at NYSP Barracks Niagara, where he serves as a Field Training Officer and member of the Mobile Field Unit; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2024 Trooper Moen and his partner responded to a motor vehicle accident and a law enforcement patrol vehicle on fire; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Moen took immediate action, assisting the officer to safety and providing emergency care, selflessly assisting a fellow member of the law enforcement community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton, on behalf of the citizens of this great town that Trooper Adam Moern is hereby recognized for his dedication and contributions to our community and we thank him for his service in the law enforcement.

Pendleton Town Board, on behalf of the Citizens of the Town of Pendleton, issued this proclamation honoring commitment and service to the community.



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This Pendleton Trail Head kiosk at Townline Road was designed and built as an Eagle Scout project by Drew Zimmerman of Troop 47, Good Shepherd Church. It exhibits the historic and natural features of the area.





Photo left: Scholarship Awards presentation; Emma Diel, Erin Benson, Zachary Ely, Lions Brian Mau and Cheryl Smith, Emily Weaver and Jamie Fraas.

Photo below right: Lion Mike Dio helping out at the Pendleton Lions Fishing Derby.



Photos left: Pendleton Lions Senior Dinner 2024.

PENDLETON LIONS CLUB



Summer greetings from the Pendleton Lions!

To start, thank you all for your generous donations to our Seal Drive. Your kindness and generosity go a long way in our mission to assist those in need. We are looking into creating our own

Loan Closet herein Pendleton we receive so many requests. This would allow us to build our own inventory of equipment and have quicker response times when someone calls. We also are working on building our metal ramp inventory as we seem to get monthly requests for those as well.

We always help with eye exams and glasses if someone needs assistance. Please contact us if you are in need. We have 4 Enhanced Vision machines available for loan. If you are interested in borrowing one, please contact Lion Chris King at 716-628-1723.

We just held our Pendleton Senior Dinner at Wendelville Fire Hall on May 19, 2024. It started with cocktails and a Cheese and Cracker Platter. A BBQed half chicken, butter & parsley potatoes and green beans were the entree. This was followed by a large Sundae Bar which everyone enjoyed.

The Lions Club Scholarships have been awarded! There are 8 available to not only Starpoint graduating

Seniors, but also to graduating students living in the Town of Pendleton that attend other High Schools. They can be for 2 or 4 year colleges. This year we had 5 applicants. The \$500 Scholarships went to: Erin Benson, Emma Diel, Zach Ely, Jaimie Frass and Emily Weaver. On June 8, 2024, we held our Annual Kids Fishing Derby from 9-12 at the West Canal Marina Niagara County Park. Every child received a prize. A lunch of Hotdogs and drinks were also provided to the children and their families.

These are all things we could not do without your support. Thank you for your donations for the Seal Drive and Town Directory and also throughout the year. Reminders: Please be on the lookout for our Lions glasses collection boxes in our local businesses, Pendleton Star Pharmacy, Craft Coffee House, Pendleton Town Hall, Pendleton United Methodist Church, and St. Paul's United Church of Christ. We do collect, refurbish and donate these all over the world. We do the same with hearing aids, so feel free to put them in too.

We also collect and distribute some minor medical equipment (canes, wheelchairs, shower seats, etc) We will remove and reuse metal wheelchair ramps if they are in good shape and donated. We are trying to build our inventory of these items, as mentioned earlier. **As always, thank you very much for all your support!**

Cheryl Smith, *Pendleton Lion Secretary*
www.PNYLC.org





WENDELVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Our wonderful Summer has arrived! Now we must try to make the most of sunny days, long evenings and the many Festivals that fill our all-too-few

weekends! What does the Summer bring from your Fire Company? It brings our Annual Fund Drive to your mailbox, along with the promise of the 27th ANNUAL HARVEST MOON 5K AND FUN WALK scheduled for Wednesday, September 4th. All the excitement for young and old from the KID'S RACE to the 2 Mile FUN WALK to the main event, the 5K and the PARTY that follows! Our application for entrance can be found below in this newsletter. Non participants who wish to, can attend the Party by purchasing a wrist band to join right in! Read the application carefully and call Jim @ (716) 382-5915 with any questions.

News for the near future; Wendelville will run another great MEAT RAFFLE and we are looking at Saturday, October 19th. Don't miss it...mark your calendars now!

We want to share with all of you a moment of pride in two of our stalwart members, Matthew Berry and William Drexler. Both gentlemen were recently honored by the Western New York Volunteer Firefighter's Association naming them FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR in their years of meritorious service here at Wendelville; Matthew for his 20 years and Bill for his 39 years of dedication. Both are Past Chiefs of the company, having proceeded through the line with many years of Firematic training and service. Their true characters shine especially in the years spent in serving the community in varied capacities such as fundraising and

direct community contact like Open Houses and Fire Prevention Instruction. The combined hours given freely by these men are almost innumerable. And while I list them together, they each claim their own exceptional achievements. Needless to say, we are exceedingly proud of Bill and Matt as they are honored.

In the near future you will see a new EMS Rescue Vehicle as we respond to calls. Our new M10 is a direct result of funds allotted to Fire Companies all across the nation by the American Rescue Plan (April 2020) during the Covid 19 Pandemic. The funds were obtained by the Town of Pendleton and the company supplemented our award to cover the cost of M10 as it was built to our specific needs. And now it is here to help us serve you more efficiently. Your Fire Company at work for you.

Wendelville Fire Company Auxiliary News

The Wendelville Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Fall Plant Sale on Saturday September 7th from 10am-1pm at the Fire Hall at 7340 Campbell Blvd. All are invited!

Please visit our Facebook Page; Wendelville Ladies Auxiliary for more information and upcoming events taking place this fall and winter.

Looking for more ways to serve your community? The Auxiliary Is looking for new members! Membership is open to the general public but members must be 18 years of age. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We assist the Fire Company with events, fundraisers and community affairs. We are always looking for new ideas for our Auxiliary to assist the Firefighters and the community. For more information please contact President Danielle Soluri by phone: (716)909-1203/email: wendelvilleladiesauxiliary@gmail.com.



Please complete entry form below or click on QR Code at left to register online.

Non-participant Wrist Band to attend party \$10 per person.

Pre-registration Fee \$30.00 Run & Fun Walk, \$10 Kid's Race (US Funds).

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Wendelville Harvest Moon Entry Form

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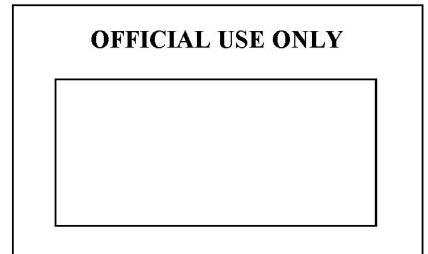
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Signature _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18 Date _____

PENDLETON SENIOR CITIZENS

We have welcomed several new members to our group recently and we welcome any Pendleton resident aged 55 or over to join us.

We meet at the Wendelville Fire Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Members bring a dish to pass for our potluck lunch at noon. The food is always varied and delicious. From time to time, we put aside our favorite recipes and let someone else do the cooking. That was the case at our Spring Party where the food was prepared for us by Mr. and Mrs. Catering.

Spring brought the start of our bus trips which will continue into the Fall. All town residents who are Seniors can take part in these trips.

A list of the remaining trips include:

- **July 23** - Sam Patch Tours - A cruise through

the Lock systems.

- **August 20** - Mayor Brothers Cider Mill and a tour of Graycliff designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, a residence in Derby, NY.

- **September 20** - Deer Haven Park featuring unique wildlife on its 3,000 acres. It's A Wonderful Life Museum in Seneca Falls completes the day.

- **October 15** - Sprague Maple Farms for a pancake, turkey or BBQ meal followed by a visit to the World War II Museum in Eldred, PA.

And, a first for our travelers, an overnight trip to the 1,000 Islands which will include museums, Uncle Sam's Boat Tour, Boldt Castle, and more, happening this September, the 24th - 26th.

For more detailed information, and to sign up for trips, contact Joe Kania at (716) 625-8118.

As always, we remember, with fond gratitude, all those - past and present - in the Armed Forces.



NEWS FROM NIAGARA COUNTY

Column by Legislator Tony Nemi

Usually, I like to cover very local issues in my columns. But this month, I think it's important to inform the public about some environmental regulations that New York State is trying to pass in

regards to Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) that are used in all sorts of cooling equipment. My colleagues and I in the Niagara County Legislature submitted comments to the state Office of Climate Change opposing these policy changes because once again, it seems the state is taking action that is poorly thought-through, will negatively impact residents and produce very little to actually address climate change.

Let me first say that just because I raise questions on state policy – like the idea of taking away gas furnaces in a region like ours with cold winters – does not mean I am against taking reasonable steps to enhance environmental protections. What I do oppose is New York acting by itself on climate policies that will have no real impact on the environment but will create tremendous hardship on our residents and even put lives at risk.

So, back to HFC rules. HFC refrigerants are important to grocery and convenience stores, schools, hotels, restaurants and other retailers that rely on large freezers and coolers. Not only would the state ban HFCs, their policy would force businesses to replace or retrofit existing equipment, regardless of its age, performance, or remaining service life, with alternative refrigerants that are not readily available, not proven to be safer or higher performing, and not compatible with current infrastructure. In other words, it would require a solution

that cannot be reasonably implemented.

As you can imagine, this is particularly problematic for the grocery industry and there is no doubt that this policy will raise the cost of groceries on every family in New York State. Every person who walks out of a grocery store is shocked and angered about the price of butter, milk and other basics, and the state seems determined to make it worse. State leaders seem to fail to realize that when they impose higher costs in the grocery supply chain, those costs are ultimately paid for by consumers. And worse than that, these rules will force many small grocery and convenience stores to go out of business, creating more “food deserts” across the state where people do not have easy access to grocery products.

What is particularly maddening is that the federal government already has a timetable for phasing out certain HFCs that applies equally to everyone across the country and provides ample time for businesses to make the necessary changes. New York State usurping federal guidelines will have no appreciable impact on climate change, proving that this initiative is really about a few policymakers being able to show how “green” they are to special interest groups, regardless of its impact on regular citizens.

My colleagues in the Niagara County Legislature cannot vote to stop these actions, but we are doing our best to raise awareness and get the public involved so we can force the state to reconsider this policy. I always welcome your input on these major policy issues so please feel free to share your thoughts with me at Anthony.nemi@niagaracounty.com.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Spring has been a wet one and hopefully by the time you receive this summer is approaching and drying things up. We have been working very hard cleaning roadside ditches and installing culvert pipes to fill in front ditches. We have a long list and we are trying to catch up as time and manpower allows.

BRUSH COLLECTION

Reminder, chipping dates will be posted on the Town Hall electronic sign. It will also be listed on the town website and Facebook for everyone's reference.

REMINDER, WE DO NOT CHIP BRUSH FROM JULY 4TH TO LABOR DAY.

All brush must be placed neatly in piles that our town workers can safely pull apart. Brush should be sticking out butt end at the road no bigger than 6 inches in

diameter. Stretch the piles out rather than stacking them too high for the safety of our workers. Do not stack higher than 2 – 3 feet. We do not chip brush that contains vines nor poison ivy.

The town does not chip brush that comes off vacant lots or wooded areas. Please be advised that this service is provided for yard clean up purposes only.

When you hire a contractor to come in and remove a tree or limbs, it is the responsibility of the contractor to chip and remove the tree and/or limbs properly.

Enjoy your summer!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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TOWN HISTORIAN

"He extended his hand and said, 'I am glad to see one real American here.'" I shook his hand and said, 'We are all Americans here, sir.'

Brigadier General Ely S. Parker (Donehogawa) on his meeting with Confederate General Robert E. Lee at the McLean House, Appomattox, Virginia in April 1865.



Before the curious gaze of the first European settlers, this land was nurtured by deeply connected people. Their customs and culture were diametrically opposed to the pale strangers that appeared in gradually larger numbers. With hundreds of tribes spread across an unsullied landscape, these people favored a matrilineal society, tracing lineage through the mother's line.

Before Pendleton was a dream in the mind of its creator, it was a wilderness with springs and streams. The clay soil yielded medicinal herbs and edible plants. It was pregnant with life. This land sustained the Wenrohronon, or Wenro, people. Their name translates to "people of the place of the floating film," referring to the oil spring by which they lived in Cuba, New York.

The Wenro people, like their small tribal kin: the Petún (tobacco), Neuter (neutral), Erie, or Huron, were an Iroquoian language tribe. Like their tribal kin, they did not stand a chance against the mighty Seneca nation. Armed with sheer force and sophisticated means, the Senecas dominated the fur trade. The Beaver Wars of the 1600s were fought along Western New York into its Southern Tier. The Wenro and their tribal kin were all but conquered; the few left assimilated into nearby tribes or

were pushed further south. The remnants of the conflict can be found in many local places.

The marshy areas of Pendleton, particularly those along Tonawanda Creek, were fertile areas for the Wenro. If one looks closely, perhaps in their backyard, the remains of our indigenous neighbors can be found. History is indeed

alive and well.

A special 'thank you' to Carson Red Eye, of the Seneca Nation, for his unwavering love for his people's way of life and oral tradition. A mighty nod to YouTube user, Jaguar Bird, for the image and mastery of local indigenous preservation.

God Bless.

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