

# Pe Ell Sun

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## Pe Ell Sun Welcomes New Editor

As we welcome in 2023 the Pe Ell Sun will also welcome in new Editor, Krista Little. For the 14 years I have really enjoyed my position as Editor but as life and work gets busier I feel like its time to pass my position on to someone with newer and creative ideas. Along with new ideas Krista will also bring in the energy and time that it takes to fill these pages. I appreciate Krista's willingness to step in and take over.

Thank you for 14 years!

Eddi Peterson

I'd like to welcome Krista to the Pe Ell Sun!!!

Hello all, my name is Krista Little, some of you know me and others will get to know me here in these pages of the Pe Ell Sun. I have lived around these parts since 2003, raised my 4 children here, and have been quite active in many aspects of our community. My talents touch in many areas, from photography/design to crafts, and crocheting to cooking.

I have been involved with the Women's Auxiliary of Fire District #16 since 2004 and many more since, from Youth Cheer to Youth Fastpitch, and Youth Basketball to the school Booster Club at times. I worked in the school for 10 years as a paraprofessional and mostly as a school bus driver.

I was introduced to the Pe Ell Sun in 2008 when founder, Faye Webster handed the publication over to Eddi Peterson-Nelson. I was able to participate with Eddi during the time of transition and I am even more excited to be here to do it again and keep the Pe Ell Sun coming to this community. I look forward to adding my ideas, design, and flare.

I would like to express my grateful thanks to Eddi for all her devoted work dedicated to the Pe Ell Sun and its residents.




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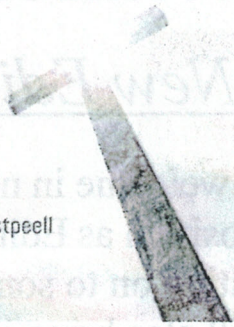
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---Pe Ell Community Chatter---  
By Kristi Keller Milanowski

### *Kristi's Korner*

Have you made your list and checked it twice? Have you been naughty or nice? Christmas is right around the corner and Santa has eyes on YOU!!

A HUGE thank you to Jilona Speer, Lee Montgomery and ALL the volunteer elves who decorated Memorial Park and Main Street Pe Ell!! It looks beautiful and festive!!

A BIG thank you to Robert "Bob" Gudyka for his generous donation of the beautiful new sign at Forest Lawn Cemetery!!

Congratulations to Charlotte "Charlie" Carper on being recognized as WIAA Athlete of the Week!!

### **Lighted Tractor Parade!!**

**December 17th from 5:00 p.m.~7:00 p.m.**

### *Get Well Blessings & Prayers*

Please keep Janice Cox, Louise Powell, Camrin Wood, Mickey Taylor, Kelly Risley, Anthony Hadeen, Ellen Kiser, Kim Evans & Rochelle Frailey in your prayers.

### *\*Passages*

Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Jeanne McKenna.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Cindy Fletcher Birchall.

Heartfelt sympathy to the family of Carol Iverson Strommer who passed on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Carol was a PHS graduate and daughter of longtime Pe Ell School educators Wendell and Anne Iverson and the proud sister of celebrated Coach Carl Iverson.

Deepest sympathy to pet parents Richard & Janelle Sedy (Ozzy), Jim & Lisa Elliott (Blue) and the Heartsong family (Simon) on the loss of their beloved canine & feline family members.

\*Due to limited space, I'm unable to list all survivors in passages. May all your loved ones rest in peace.

### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

*Sagittarius the archer is the zodiacal sign for birthdays spanning November 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ December 21<sup>st</sup>. Flowers and gemstone for the month of December are narcissus & holly and turquoise.*

We begin the first half of December Happy Birthdays with Cynthia Helms Walton, Barbara Justice, Maryann Wooster, Debbie Justice Bush, Debbie Perkins Justice, Nathan Holmes Sr., Richard Justice, Taylor (19) Briggs, Ed "Speedy" Merrill, Tina Randall, Randi Belanger, Kara Pierrepont, Samantha Glenn. Dave Smith, Jackie Pace, Nathan Holmes Jr., Megan (21) Krafczyk, Amy Rasmussen Manning, Angie Denney, Kelly Risley, Mark Miller, Blake James Nelson, Bobby McCalden, Ken Dittus, Mike Hartnett, Oaklee (2) Lorton, Sophia (15) Milanowski, Gary Hanson, Wyatt (21) Bush, Jaxson Selle, Lori Gartland, Bonnie Marquardt, James Harris, Ricky Senn, Carly Coleman, Dallas McGrath, Jennifer Glaze, Jan Fuss Jr., Bill West, Don Webster, Duane Bryant, Renee Toepelt, Mike Toepelt, Erin Muller Frasier, Brady Taylor, Kellie Schulz, Angela Holmes, Titus (21) McKenzie and Johnny Zock. Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Josh Whaley and Layla Smith.

Extra Special Happy Birthday Wishes with much love to Devin Peterson from Joleen, Presley, Payton and all your family and friends!!

Special Happy 91st Birthday wishes with much love to a great lady, Thelma Fluke!!

Raise a Happy Anniversary toast to Tom & Donna Drevniak Muller, Steve & Cheryl Smaciarz, George & Missie Holmes, Norm & Patti Belanger, Richard & Holly Woodward and Bill & Melinda Smith Brown.

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Roy and Cheryl Waid!! With all our love, Kellie, Rob, Josh & Andrew.

*Wishing everyone a blessed and beautiful Merry Christmas 2022!!*

*Cheers to one and all!!*

Until the next **Pe Ell Sun** rises, here are a few words to ponder: "Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think."  
*Winnie-the-Pooh*





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Special Meeting  
Resolution #268- 2023 Property Tax Levy

11/22/22

5:30 p.m.

**HYBRID MEETING-** The Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Willey at 6:00 p.m. C.M. Milanowski, C.M. Dodd, and C.M. Nichols, Clerk/Treasurer Oster, and Mayor Willey were present. C.M. Speer, C.M. McRoberts, and Attorney Unzelman were absent. There was 1 citizen present.

Clerk/Treasurer Oster notified the council that the request for the full amount allowed by law for the property tax levy would result in an increase of \$8,650.13 from last year.

A motion was made by C.M. Dodd and seconded by C.M. Milanowski to pass Resolution #268- 2023 Property Tax Levy. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Milanowski and seconded by C.M. Dodd to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:34 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Workshop

11/22/2022

6:00 p.m.

**HYBRID MEETING-** The Budget Workshop was called to order by Mayor Willey at 6:00 p.m. C.M. Milanowski, C.M. Nichols, C.M. Dodd (remote), C.M. Speer (remote), Clerk/Treasurer Oster, and Mayor Willey were present. C.M. McRoberts and Attorney Unzelman were absent. There was 1 citizen present.

Clerk/Treasurer Oster stated the following changes were made to reflect more current revenue and expenditure projections:

**Current Expense**

Increase Property Tax revenue to \$93,000

Increase Codification expenditure to \$5000

Reduce Morton police contract expenditure to \$110,000.

Reduce AWC insurance expenditure to \$4000

Increase Care & Custody of Prisoners expenditure to \$14,800

**Sewer**

Reduce AWC insurance expenditure to \$31,500

Increase Repair and maintenance expenditure to \$33,200

**Water**

Reduce AWC insurance expenditure to \$31,500

Increase Repair and maintenance expenditure to \$30,300

A motion was made by C.M. Milanowski and seconded by C.M. Nichols to adjourn the budget workshop at 6:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.



Public Hearing  
2023 Final Budget  
11/29/2022  
6:00 p.m.

**HYBRID MEETING-** The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Willey at 6:00 p.m. C.M. Nichols, C.M. Speer, C.M. McRoberts, C.M. Milanowski (remote), C.M. Dodd, Clerk/Treasurer, and Mayor Willey were present. Attorney Unzelman was absent. There was no citizens present.

There were no questions or comments on the proposed final budget.

A motion was made by C.M. Speer and seconded by C.M. Dodd to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Meeting  
12/6/2022  
6:00 p.m.

**HYBRID MEETING-** The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Willey. C.M. Milanowski, C.M. Dodd, C.M. McRoberts, C.M. Speer, Mayor Willey, Clerk/Treasurer Oster, and Attorney Unzelman were present. C.M. Nichols was absent. There were no citizens present.

A motion was made by C.M. Milanowski and seconded by C.M. Speer to approve the agenda with the addition of the Gray & Osborn contract amendment for bridge load ratings. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Speer and seconded by C.M. Milanowski to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting on 11/16/2022, Budget Workshop on 11/22/2022 at 6:00 p.m., Special Meeting for Resolution #268 on 11/22/2022 at 5:30 p.m., and the Public Hearing – 2023 Final Budget on 11/29/2022 at 6:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Speer to approve Blanket Voucher #202223 for Claim #'s 20780-20781 and 20791-20813 in the amount of \$141,292.52 and for Payroll #'s 20782-20790 in the amount of \$16,150.56 for a Grand Total of \$157,443.08. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Dodd and seconded by C.M. Speer to approve the purchase order for a quote from Advanced Electrical Technologies to repair the turbidity output board including parts and time at the water treatment plant in the amount of \$2300.00. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Dodd and seconded by C.M. Milanowski to approve the utility bill adjustments for Acct# 1524.4 Refund in the amount of \$312.75 for an overpayment on final bill and Acct# 1594.1 Refund in the amount of \$34.76 for an overpayment on final bill. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A motion was made by C.M. Speer and seconded by C.M. Dodd to pass Ordinance #575 setting the clerk's salary. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Dodd and seconded by C.M. Speer to move Clerk/Treasurer Oster to step 7 increasing pay by \$2.00/per hour effective January 1, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by C.M. Dodd and seconded by C.M. Speer to set June 10<sup>th</sup> for the 2023 Spring Clean-up and recycling event. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Speer and seconded by C.M. Milanowski to accept the Lester Creek Project as complete. Motion passed unanimously.







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