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Resident opposes rec grant for trails

By Jim Thaxton

FALMOUTH — Pendleton County Fiscal Court last week accepted a \$200,000 federal matching grant to develop recreational trails over the opposition of a resident who claimed that grant would raise taxes while being of little real benefit.

In a letter submitted for a public hearing on the grant opportunity, Falmouth resident Donald Wenzel wrote, "To all taxpayers concerned, I oppose any action by the Pendleton County Fiscal Court that would further increase my tax bill from 200% to 250%..."

Judge Executive David Fields asked county Economic and Tourism Development Director Tami Vater to summarize the proposed grant prior to opening the public hearing.

If awarded, the grant would provide \$200,000 if the county pitched in \$50,000 to make improvements to the Athletic Park, including adding shade and improved walkway access for the elderly and people with disabilities, Vater said.

When Fields opened up the public hearing to the floor, Wenzel stood and asked, "Is this truly necessary for the wellbeing of the people of Pendleton County?"

Wenzel pointed out how difficult it is to make ends meet on a fixed income. He said his farm is next to the Gene Snyder Airport and complained that the airport received a tax exemption after taking away a half dozen taxable farms for its property. He claimed that the lost revenue has to be made up somewhere.

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It's fair week!



Mom Caitlin Ramsey of Falmouth, left, fills out the entry forms Sunday afternoon at the Pendleton County Youth Fair for the art projects created by her twins, Briella and Bohan Ramsey, 8, who are 4-H Cloverbuds. Bohan, center, holds a bulldozer that he welded from various scrap metal pieces including disc blades, bicycle chains, Allen wrenches and drill bits. Briella holds a sketch that she drew of her Papaw Curtis. One of her paintings is on the table. Fair set-up and exhibit registration was Sunday. Photos by Burton Cole.



LEFT: Anna Carson, 6, of Butler, left, holds Cinnamon, a lionhead rabbit, while her sister, Paisley, 9, nuzzles Sunflower, who is Cinnamon's mom. Along with rabbits, Paisley also shows goats this year and hopes to show steer at the fair in coming years.

ABOVE: Crews hang signs on the livestock barn and show ring.

ABOVE RIGHT: A trailer full of rides is parked and ready to be set up on the carnival portion of the fairgrounds.

Pendleton County Youth Fair

WHEN: Sunday, June 15, to Sunday, June 22

WHERE: Pendleton County Fairgrounds, 68 Fairgrounds Road (Fred Hafer Lane), Falmouth

ADMISSION: \$10 Monday to Thursday; \$15 Friday and Saturday; \$50 week-long passes; free for children 2 and young-

er. **CARNIVAL HOURS:** 6 to 10 p.m. daily

MONDAY HIGHLIGHTS:
• 6 p.m., kiddie tractor pull, open youth horse show

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