

Help wanted

Snowfall spurs emergency crew hirings

By Jim Thaxton

FALMOUTH — On a snowy late Friday afternoon Jan. 10, Judge Executive David Fields called an emergency meeting of the Pendleton County Fiscal Court. The agenda was short.

The meeting can be captured in a single sentence: It was called to order at 6 pm followed by a prayer, the pledge, a brief explanation of the need for seasonal workers at the Pendleton Road Department, discussion, a motion, vote, and call for adjournment.

Fields requested approval to hire two additional seasonal workers to assist with the county's response to snow removal.

Seasonal employees are not necessarily restricted to part time status. They can work up to 40 hours a week for up to nine months.

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Group ready to fight fires

By Nila Harris

FALMOUTH — On Jan. 1, the Pendleton County Fire Department officially opened its doors to service the community.

Although the department does not have its permanent building completed, PCFD will operate out of the former county barn on State Street, Falmouth, where the county had stored its road salt.

County Judge Executive David Fields said he anticipates the ground-breaking for the new fire department building by the end of March, depending on the engineering plan and subsequent bidding process. Fields is scheduled to meet with the engineer for the project on Jan. 15.

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Snow daze



ABOVE: Steve Spegal took this photo of “my kids having fun in Demossville.” BELOW LEFT: Chevona Simpson said, “This was Monday morning (Jan. 6) about 8 a.m. till roughly 1 p.m. on Middleton Road (northwest of Falmouth). This storm had us stuck till Thursday. Even though I was stressed from missing work, I really enjoyed being stuck at home with my kids!” BELOW RIGHT: Andee Shields of Falmouth said, “The kids loved the snow. I was hysterical, though, because I’m pregnant and was craving a fried bologna sandwich. All the stores were closed besides Family Dollar and Family Dollar didn’t have bologna. So I was persistent and texted every person in Falmouth that I know and I found some bologna. The day was saved and we enjoyed being snowed in for two days.”



How much snow?

According to official records, just shy of 5 inches of snow fell on Pendleton County on Jan. 5, and nearly 3 more came down on Jan. 6. Actual depths varied across the county. Since Jan. 1, Pendleton County has been hit with more than 13 inches of snow. Temperatures in that span largely remained below freezing, with a low mark of minus-1 on Jan. 7, contributing to icy conditions. The official highs were 39 on Jan. 1 and 2, then dropping before finally reaching 37 — some areas of the county reported temps in the low 40s — on Jan. 12.



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