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Tail*Winds*

Dear PG Community,

With planting season gearing up, it's time for a project update. Panther Grove has continued with roadwork, turbine construction, and development plans across its footprint in Woodford and Livingston counties throughout the last several months. In this edition of Tail*Winds*, you'll find construction updates, local business spotlights, important contacts, and more. And of course, if you ever have a question, you can reach us at (888) 238-1494.

~The Panther Grove Team

Construction Milestones

January 2026

- PG1 completes 50 miles of road upgrades
- PG2 submits public road work design

February 2026

- 22 turbines installed for PG1 with U.S.-made steel and Colorado-manufactured components
- PG2 incorporates public road work design feedback from road authorities

March 2026

- PG2 starts public road upgrades
- PG2 breaks ground

Landowners Notice: Construction Scheduling

We're meeting with PG2 landowners now to give updates on how and when we'll be visiting your property. These meetings will continue throughout April and May, and our construction team will attempt to meet with you 1-2 months in advance of breaking ground on your property.

A Legacy in El Paso

In the heart of El Paso, the Legacy Building once anchored the community's commercial and cultural life. Home to City Hall, First National Bank, and the Opera House in the late 1800s, the Legacy drew performers, artists, lecturers, politicians, writers, and more to the bustling town.

The Legacy's current owner, Tabitha Nowark, is determined to see her building, and El Paso, flourish again. In 2018 the Pacific Northwest transplant, captivated by the Legacy's rich history, purchased the infrastructure and embarked on ambitious preservation efforts.

Today the Legacy Building, where Panther Grove has hosted several landowner dinners, features sophisticated, high-end space for weddings, company meetings, photography sessions, parties, and other events, as well as boutique hotel suites that attract visitors from all over.

"It sat dormant for over 100 years with crumbling plaster and only a small footprint kept it alive," Nowark said. "The intricate details, tall arched ceiling, stage with original fly loft systems, natural lighting, and unmatched acoustics — it all screamed, 'save me.' So I did."

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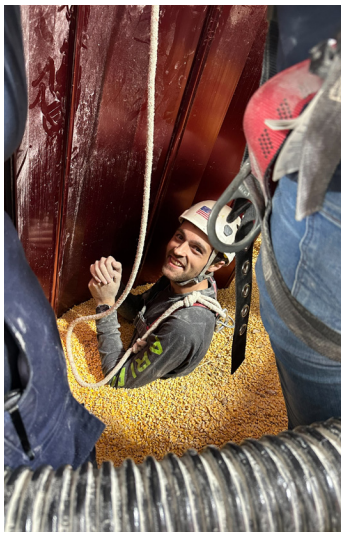
Community Spotlight

Landowner Dinners

Over a series of evenings, more than 100 landowners gathered at the Water Tower Gridley to hear updates about their turbines and the ongoing construction process for PG1 and PG2. They enjoyed great food provided by locally owned Common Grounds Café & Pie Shop. The team is planning more information sessions as PG2 ramps up in earnest this spring. Thank you to all landowners and your families for your continued support and participation.

Pontiac Holiday Tournament

Panther Grove sponsored the high school holiday basketball tournament, one of the oldest in the U.S., held every December in Pontiac. Teams from all over the state competed in 26 games over the three-day tournament, which saw its highest attendance in the past five years. In 2026, the tournament celebrates its 100th year. Expect an even bigger celebration to come!



Grain Bin and Safety Rescue Class

The El Paso Fire Protection District held specialty training for 80 volunteer emergency responders from several area towns focused on rural agricultural safety. Stateline Farm Rescue from Orangeville brought its mobile grain bin simulator, designed and built by Stateline owner Mark Baker, to El Paso so that class attendees could better understand how to manage fires in grain bins. Thanks to local donations, including Panther Grove's, the fire protection district offered this vital safety training free to volunteer emergency responders in the region.

Community Calendar

March 28, 12 – 4 p.m.

Blooming Spring Market
The Eagle Conference Center
319 N Plum St., Pontiac

April 6, 7 p.m.

Pontiac City Council Meeting

May 2-3, All day

2026 Red Carpet Corridor and Swinging Bridges Art Festival
Celebrate the Route 66 Centennial
Downtown Pontiac - Madison Street

May 28, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Community Blood Drive
Pontiac Township Building

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Nowark's passion for the restoration is rooted even deeper in its history. At one time the Legacy Building also housed a barbershop owned by David Strother, who became the first African American to vote in Illinois after the 15th Amendment's ratification in 1870. His preserved barbershop now anchors Project XV Museum, a non-partisan voting rights institution dedicated to civic education and the ongoing fight for suffrage.

"Project XV Museum has welcomed visitors from around the world and stays busy hosting field trips for high schools and Illinois universities," she said. "We are a multi-faceted organization that centers civic engagement and partners with the State Archives, Illinois Humanities, and educators across the Midwest to preserve local and national history."

The museum also has been designated as a stop in the Illinois America 250's Passport to Illinois initiative, celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States in July. The passport activities invite participants to explore places, people and events in Illinois that have shaped the nation's history.

"Restoring the Legacy Building has been a significant contribution to the social and cultural fabric of El Paso by reclaiming lost history and dawning it for a new day of social engagement," Nowark said. "It has been an honor to help make El Paso, Illinois a travel destination once again."

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Landowner Information

Please contact Kristin Hurd at (309) 230-5016 or stop at the construction laydown at 1767 State Route 251 in Minonk (across from Woodford Elevator) if you have:

- Purchased, sold and/or inherited property participating in Panther Grove Wind Project
- A name change to an entity that is a participating property in the Panther Grove Wind Project
- Changed your address (or temporarily moved to a winter address)
- Changed your phone number
- Changed your banking information (in case you have elected to be paid using ACH/Wire Transfer)