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## VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE

### Mayor Bowman's Letter to Rodinghausen on behalf of Pemberville

To the Burgermeister of Rodinghausen  
Herr Ernst-Wilhelm Vortmeyer,



Thank you for your letter of December 13, 2012. We enjoy hearing from you, and we are excited to learn about the success of your area and the progress you have made in the past year. Your leadership and enthusiasm seem to be paying rich dividends for your residents. Please convey our greetings and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year to everyone in the Rodinghausen area.

This past year, our community has maintained the status quo, with a few notable improvements. We are fortunate to reside in a county that is financially sound. Economic expansion has impacted several communities in Wood County, but has not yet reached Pemberville. Still, we are pleased to report progress here as well.



### Hirzel Canning—Pemberville Foods

Our largest employer purchased the Modine Manufacturing plant and grounds after Modine stopped operations here. The facility has been converted to labeling and packaging, as well as warehouse. Hirzel Canning packs a variety of retail tomato and sauerkraut products under the Dei Fratelli, Starcross, Prima Qualita and Silver Fleece labels, as well as private label packing for institutional use. This past year, the Pemberville plant processed over 27,000 tons of fresh tomatoes, and produced over one and a half million cases of product. Sales were over \$18 million. This plant started production in 1916. The Hirzel family purchased it in 1954, continuing to this day.

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### Countyline Co-op, Inc.—Pemberville Grain Elevator

Intense heat and drought threatened corn and soybean yields in July 2012. Our rich farmland produces some of the highest corn yields in the USA, but almost no rain for about 6 weeks threatened disaster. Fortunately, sub-soil moisture and late rains preserved about 80% of the corn crop. Soybeans recovered and produced a near normal crop. This elevator continues to offer more services to local agriculture, and recently constructed an additional grain storage bin with 185,000 bushel capacity. The new bin increased total storage capacity 20%. Grain shipments continue to slowly grow, with 2012 the fourth year in a row with over 2 million bushels shipped.



### Eastwood Schools

The Eastwood School District continues to be very sound, both financially and academically. The local school board and Superintendent Brent Welker provide excellent teachers and facilities that allow students to succeed. Each year, school districts are evaluated by the State of Ohio, and in 2012, Eastwood received a rating of "Excellent with Distinction", the highest rating. The District attracts several exchange students from Europe each year, and a group of students and teachers from China will be visiting Eastwood High School this winter. The graduation rate at Eastwood is the highest in the county.

### Pemberville Village

We were pleased to receive two grants to improve the Pemberville Community Pool. The Federal government is requiring improved access to all public facilities for physically challenged and handicapped individuals. We obtained a grant to install a chair lift that will allow physically challenged persons to be lowered and raised into and out of the pool.

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STATE OF THE VILLAGE

The financial stability of Pemberville continues to be good. Village departments have been conservative and responsible in providing services and maintaining equipment this past year. Tax revenues have been spent wisely maintaining the Village infrastructure, but some serious challenges appear on the horizon. (Read more about them in the Board of Public Affairs article.) The financial ledger balances have been maintained, even though tax revenue from the State continues to decline. Here’s a look at some coming activity in the Village this year.

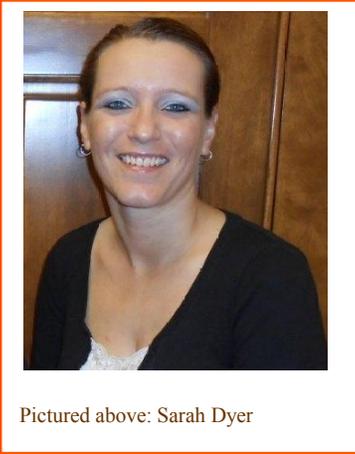
1. Personnel: Gale Loebrich will retire as Superintendent from the Water Department in November.



Pictured: Randy Ross and Gale Loebrich— Water Department

Randy Ross was hired January 2, 2013 to train with Gale and take over those responsibilities. Randy brings considerable experience in water services including Foreman of Distribution and Collection,

Ottawa County Sanitary Engineers. He also has two State Water and Wastewater licenses, and heavy equipment operation experience. Margaret Wilka retired this past year as Deputy Fiscal Officer after 26 years of service to the Vil-



Pictured above: Sarah Dyer

lage. Sarah Dyer was hired September 17, 2012 to fill the Deputy Fiscal Officer position. Sara has extensive experience in tax preparation, accounting and office management. Adam Waggoner of Wood County and Jared Hornyak of Oregon have joined the Pemberville Police Department as an auxillary officer.

2. Installation of hand-capped accessible chair lift at Pemberville Pool— Pemberville was awarded CDBG funding to provide Justice Department mandated access to public pools for physically challenged individuals. Last September, Wood County Commissioners approved the \$11,000 project to install a mechanical chair lift

that could lower and raise individuals in and out of the pool, and could be operated by the individual. Installation will take place this Spring before the pool opens.

3. Installation of new pool heater—Pemberville was awarded \$11,784 by Wood County Parks for the purchase of a new 35,000 BTU heater for the Pemberville pool, and new fixtures for the change/restrooms at the pool. This new gas powered heater will be installed by Village employees, and should operate at improved efficiency. The pool water is heated nearly every day from season opening through June, and then as needed throughout the season. Installation will take place this Spring before the pool opens.

4. Purchase of a new Police cruiser—To replace the old 2008 Ford Crown Victoria cruiser, the Police Department purchased a 2013 Ford Police Interceptor, with delivery in approximately 90 days. The Village received a donated 2007 police vehicle by the good graces of the City of Perrysburg, to be used as a backup until the new police vehicle can be delivered. The replacement car was repainted, and some mechanical work was done.

5. PIMA (Pemberville Independent Merchants Association) and Village Coun-

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## LETTER TO RODINGHAUSEN cont

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And we received a second grant to replace the aged pool heater. This new heater should be 15% more efficient. Our public library celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Village is purchasing a new Police cruiser. A new retail store, "Dollar General", has opened just outside the Village limits.

Mr. Robert Bruning, of Pemberville, made arrangements with his cousin Ute Wortmann of the Rodinghausen



Pictured (from left to right): Ann Bruning, Inga Offerman, Bob Bruning, and Mayor Bowman for Rodinghausen Flag Recognition Ceremony.

area, to purchase a flag of Rodinghausen, which now hangs proudly in the Pemberville Council Chambers. Please extend our warmest greetings to everyone in your community, and we hope prosperity and good health follow you this entire year.

Yours truly,

Gordon Bowman, Mayor

## VILLAGE INCOME TAXES

Village Income returns are due Monday, April 15, 2013. Tax forms are available at the Town Hall, Pemberville Public Library, or visit our website at [www.pemberville.org](http://www.pemberville.org) for fill-able PDF forms. If you require assistance with your Village of Pemberville form, feel free to stop in the Town Hall.

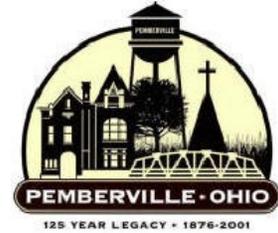
## STATE OF THE VILLAGE cont.

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cil have agreed to co-produce a new Village Directory. The last Directory was produced in 2007, and listed all local businesses and government phone numbers. In addition, businesses are encouraged to place ads in this publication. Distribution will be at local businesses, or residents can pick up a copy at Village office. This directory will also be included in Welcome Packets for new residents who move to Pemberville. Completion date for the Directory should be July, 2013 or sooner. If you are a new business or a home-based business, be sure to be listed in this new directory. There is no charge for the listing. Ads in this new directory are available in business card, half page and full page sizes, at very reasonable rates. Contact PIMA at 419-287-4926 or email: [pemberville-pima@gmail.com](mailto:pemberville-pima@gmail.com).

6. A new 2013 Village Events Calendar is available. Pick up your copy at the Town Hall, Union Bank, or visit our website at [villageofpemberville.org](http://villageofpemberville.org).

7. Village Council is considering installing a cardboard recycling pickup site, to increase the amount of recycling opportunities by Village residents.



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Any residents who are interested in Pemberville local government are encouraged to get involved and volunteer for a standing committee. A list of committees and their meeting times are listed below. If you are interested or feel you could contribute, contact Mayor Bowman or Fiscal Officer Stephanie Bowe (419-287-3832). In addition to those listed below, there is an Alternate position available on the Zoning Board of Appeal.

**Finance, Purchasing, Budget, & Records** – meets as needed

**Flood** – meets as needed



**Parks/Swimming Pool** – meets fourth Monday at 3:30pm

**Personnel** – meets second Thursday at 7pm

**Planning Commission** – meets third Wednesday at 7pm



**Lands & Buildings, Streets, Alley & Sidewalks** – meets third Thursday at 3pm

**Safety** – meets as needed



**Tree Commission** – meets last Thursday of each month at 3pm

**Utilities** – meets first and third Mondays at 7pm

**POOL  
POSITIONS  
NOW  
AVAILABLE!**

**nixle**

Pemberville Police Department is utilizing a new communications service that allows us to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology. The Nixle Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone, text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's website at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

Messages may include emergency messages regarding gas leaks, crime, amber alerts, etc., as well as other relevant safety and community event information. The service is secure, reliable and easy to use.

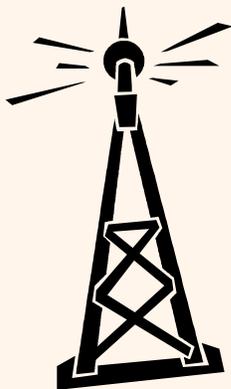
The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a ¼ mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text or over the web.

Nixle builds on the foundations of other public-to-public communication services, such as Twitter, Facebook and MySpace, but adds a key component: security. When residents receive information from Pemberville Police via Nixle, they know it can be trusted.

Residents of Pemberville and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text, email or web by registering at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

Residents are also encouraged to visit the Pemberville Police website, [www.pembervillepolice.com](http://www.pembervillepolice.com), for extra services and information.

And for general news and information, visit the Village website, [www.pemberville.org](http://www.pemberville.org).



THANK YOU  
CITY OF  
PERRYSBURG  
FOR THE DONATED  
2007 POLICE  
CRUISER!

## NOW HIRING FOR SUMMER POOL POSITIONS

The Village Parks & Rec Committee is seeking a qualified individual to serve as Pool Manager this coming Summer. This is a full-time position, working in a great venue. In addition, we are seeking applications for lifeguards. Please read the Help Wanted ads below.

### Community Pool Manager

Full-time seasonal working manager for Pemberville Community Pool. Must be accredited lifeguard, with WSI certification, with some Pool Management training or experience, and cash handling experience. Certified pool operator preferred. Responsible for all daily pool operations including hiring, training, scheduling, up-keep and safety. Season is May 1, 2013 thru September 7, 2013. Compensation: \$11.85/hr — \$14/hr. Apply/Resume online by March 4, 2013 to [clerk@villageofpemberville.org](mailto:clerk@villageofpemberville.org) or Village of Pemberville, PO Box 109,

### Community Pool Lifeguard

Part-time positions for Lifeguards at Pemberville Community Pool. Must be accredited, with WSI certification. Must be able to work all 7 days. Compensation: Ohio minimum wage plus \$.25/hr. for WSI certification, and additional \$.25/hr. longevity pay. Apply online to [clerk@villageofpemberville.org](mailto:clerk@villageofpemberville.org) or Village of Pemberville, P O Box 109,



## BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS NEWS

The Board of Public Affairs anticipates a busy year ahead, with several projects to be completed this year, and planning for the future. The three members of BPA, Charles Schulte, Tom Oberhouse and Dean Krukemyer along with Clerk Sandy Miesmer, work many hours each month to oversee Village utility services and infrastructure.

### SOUTH WATER PLANT

Four active wells feed the South Water Plant and provide more than half of the systems water volume. The first of three projects here will be replacing the old chlorine gas system with sodium hypo-chloride liquid system. History buffs may remember that chlorine gas was used in WWI. The new system will be less likely to leak and will be much less toxic. Tiny amounts of chlorine are mixed into our water to kill any bacteria or pathogens that might be present. Our water is tested frequently, and it is consistently high quality. EPA standards for any new system installation are high, so safe guards for leak containment and metering will be installed as well. The Village purchases lots of salt every year, not just for melting snow and ice on streets, but also to regenerate softeners (mineral reduction) in our water system. Everyone knows

the corrosive nature of salt, and every so often the tanks that hold the salt brine need to be rebuilt and relined.

Back-up systems around the Village Utilities sites, keep most services going in the event of serious power failure. The old generator at the South Water Plant has served its purpose for decades, but now must be replaced.

### EISENHOUR ROAD WELL FIELD

Work is ongoing to refurbish Well #10 at Village Woods on Eisenhower Road. This productive well has slowly decreased in volume, due to mineral deposits in the well. The water table there appears to be sound, and cleaning out the well and a new pump should improve volume. The Water Dept. will install a new pressure relief valve at the South Water Plant to improve safety in the system.

### NEW WATER WELL

The casing failure at Well #2 in the North Water Field during refurbishing caused the Village to lose that well. EPA will not allow another well to be drilled right at that location, so a new well site has been approved by EPA on the old "Stein property" or as we call it: Northwest Park. Before the full expense of placing a

permanent well there, a test well will be drilled to determine the volume and quality of the water supply. The successful completion of the new well will bring the Village back to three productive wells in the North Water Field on Rees Road. Refurbishing of the other two wells will be scheduled as funds become available.



### PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Planning has begun for some major projects over the next 5 years. A new Water Tower heads the list. The existing water tower was constructed in 1935, and has a capacity of 100,000 gallons. Some maintenance is scheduled each year for its upkeep, with major cleaning and waxing every 2-3 years, and painting being done every 5-8 years. A second long range plan is to construct a water line loop from Bierley Avenue through Harrison Park under the river to North River Road. This loop would allow much more flexibility controlling water service in cases of emergency or line breaks. BPA continues to review all systems for capacity and maintenance, and is replacing a number of meters that have aged and quit working.

## CELLULAR COVERAGE IN THE VILLAGE

The Village has been investigating cellular coverage in Pemberville and has been informed that before the carriers will even open a ticket to investigate the issues they have to have a large number of customer service calls indicating an issue. Therefore the Village is encouraging Village residents to call their cellular carriers and log signal issues to assist with a possible investigation by the carriers into the lack of coverage.



VERIZON: 1-800-922-0204  
AT&T: 1-800-331-0500  
T-MOBILE: 1-800-866-2453

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO RUSS EBY FOR KEEPING THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE WEBSITE UP TO DATE.**

**THANKS RUSS!**

**Check us out at:  
[www.pemberville.org](http://www.pemberville.org)**

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PEMBERVILLE**

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**A great place to live.**



“So many people walk around with a meaningless life. They seem half-asleep, even when they're busy doing things they think are important. This is because they're chasing the wrong things. The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.”

— Mitch Albom, *Tuesdays With Morrie*

“It isn't what you have or who you are or where you are or what you are doing that makes you happy or unhappy. It is what you think about it.”

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

John F. Kennedy

“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

Mark Twain

**We're on the web: [www.pemberville.org](http://www.pemberville.org)**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY**

- 9 - RECYCLING  
Eastwood Band Boosters
- 9,10, & 16 - FOR LOVE OF ART  
Pemberville Opera House
- 18 - PRESIDENTS DAY  
Village Offices Closed

**MARCH**

- 9 - RECYCLING  
Eastwood Band Boosters

**APRIL**

- 8 - BRUSH COLLECTION  
To Curb by 7am
- 13 - RECYCLING  
Eastwood Band Boosters
- 15 - INCOME TAX RETURNS DUE



**MONTHLY MEETING DATES & TIMES**

- Council Meetings:** The first and third Tuesday of each month
- BPA Meetings:** The Monday preceding Council Meetings.
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