



October 14, 2013

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE



--PEMBERVILLE BLOCK WATCH



A year ago, there was interest in a neighborhood block watch program in Pemberville, and Council authorized the purchase of training materials and signs to start the program. A few volunteers met with Chief Darling and were authorized to circulate around the Village and report only (no engagement). Because of a lack of volunteers, it was never possible to establish regular schedules for coverage. A block watch program can be a valuable tool for the community, and if there is any renewed interest, please contact the Mayor or Chief Darling for more information.

Even without regular patrols around the Village, there is still a lot you can do to observe in your neighborhood. We encourage all residents to take a walk, bike or golf-cart around your street and neighboring streets and report any unusual or suspicious activity immediately to dispatch, 419-287-3250. There has been some reluctance to “call the Sheriff”, but this is the most efficient way to contact our officers. Your call can remain anonymous. The dispatcher will ask for your name, but the responding officers will not reveal who made the report. The communication is very quick, and if there is a potential problem, our officers can respond right away. The longer the gap between the times a potential problem is observed, and reported, the less likely that police can resolve it. You can make a big difference in keeping the Village safe by doing frequent security checks of your property, and if you have a

neighbor that is out of town or has difficulty getting around, doing a quick security check of their property, too. If there is anything that seems wrong or suspicious, report it right away. Our police would rather check out a report that turns out not to be a problem, than have an incident go unreported or reported the next day.

Therefore, we can all be part of the block watch program. While we do not encourage “snooping”, it does make sense to know your neighbors, your neighborhood, and take appropriate action when there is a problem.

Some things that have been observed recently are young children operating a motorized vehicle on Village streets. Motorized vehicles must be registered with the Village, have a visible license and be operated by a licensed driver on Village streets.

Village trash dumpsters are being filled with resident’s trash. The dumpster near the restrooms at Memorial Park is there during the summer for picnics and shelter house use only. Since it has been moved, some residents continue to drop off trash in that spot. All residents should purchase trash stickers available at Union Bank. You can purchase Quarterly stickers for \$33.00 or individual trash bags for \$.50 each or a package of 10 for \$15.50.

Curfew violations: adolescents have been observed roaming around the Village well after midnight.

Please help us keep the Village safe and secure.



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Nomination for the Spirit of Wood County Industrial/Economic Development June 9, 2013 Wood County Historical Center

Todd Sheets is the owner and manager of Beeker's General Store and Downtown Deco (florist and event decoration) in downtown Pemberville. Todd's entrepreneurship began in 1994 when he had the vision to purchase and preserve Beeker's General Store. When you enter Beeker's, you step back in time over 130 years. This gem of Americana has been featured in several magazines and on the Food Network's *Top 5*. His floral arrangements and décor adorn downtown Bowling Green businesses and Bowling Green State University. The activity around Beeker's General Store in turn brings people to Pemberville, thereby benefiting other area businesses. In the summer, Beeker's sells Ohio-made Toft's ice cream, creating another opportunity for people to shop downtown. While Todd is a successful small business owner, he also works tirelessly to promote Pemberville and surrounding communities. As a founding member and former president of the Pemberville Independent Merchant's Association and former president of the Pemberville Area Historical Society, Todd has envisioned, created and organized numerous community business projects such as the Pemberville Autumn Festival, Christmas in Village, Festival of Trees, Progressive Teas, Pemberville Garage Sale Days, Cruisin' – Pemberville's monthly summer antique car show, and an annual themed dinner and entertainment fund raisers for the Historical Society. The most recent business promotion was the April 5-6, 2013 Spring Shop Hop where customers were given food and freebies when visiting 8 stores in 7 communities. Todd was instrumental in the formation of Riverbank Antiques, a consignment business that supports the Pemberville Historical Society. Initially, Todd served as manager, but as the business grew, the Historical Society was able to hire an employee to run the store. Todd has served as the Pemberville Free Fair Grand Parade chairperson for almost two decades. The success of the Grand Parade brings thousands of people and their business to Pemberville every August. The struggling Pemberville-Freedom Legion Hall was reinvented as the Riverview Banquet Center by Todd who now serves as manager. This venture has brought numerous business

dinners, weddings, bridal shows, proms and receptions to Pemberville. Riverview Banquet Center has enabled the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary to present additional fund raising dinners and events as well.

How can one person be involved with so many events? Ask anyone in Pemberville, and they will tell you Todd Sheets is the go-to person for any Pemberville event. Without the leadership of Todd Sheets, Pemberville would be just another sleepy Wood County village. Just as in the days of yesteryear, Beeker's General Store is the place where the community gathers to find out what is happening around the town. With Todd's leadership, Pemberville still brings their children downtown to decorate and light the village Christmas tree, visit the Easter Bunny and buy some old fashioned penny candy. Todd Sheets is deserving of the Industrial/Economic Development Award because for 20 years he has played a direct role in fostering not just a business and business community, but at the same time preserving and enhancing the Pemberville community.

2013 Spirit of Wood County Award Nomination

Nominee Information

Todd Sheets
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43450
Wood County
Category: Industrial/Economic Development



Nominator Information

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Wood County



L to R: Bernie Scott, Todd Sheets, Richard Edwards, Gregg Glamm and Judith Justus



Jan Larson McLaughlin
It takes a community to turn a fair into a town treasure. Just ask the people of Pemberville. I realize several small towns in Wood County have managed to keep festivals alive through the dedication of their citizens — Bradner's Day in the Park, Grand Rapids' Apple butter Festival, Walbridge's Rally by the Rails, and North Baltimore's Good Old Summertime Festival to name a few. And I confess I am partial to Pemberville. My dad was one of the strong backs that volunteered their evenings and weekends to build the town pool. My mom was the school principal and later the mayor. And my brother readily admitted that he would not buy a house until he found one on the fair parade route. For me, the fair capped off each lazy summer, with my friends and I marching in the parades, decorating our bikes with

streamers, submitting our collectibles for ribbons, riding the spinning Scat after too much cotton candy, then showing off our rope burns from the tug of war.

Decades later, in a world of frequently advancing gadgets and constantly changing technology, there is comfort in finding those same traditions this week in the small town on the banks of the Portage River.

For free. And that is all due to the people of Pemberville. Nearly all the citizens volunteer in one way or another. Their ovens are working overtime this week to supply fresh-baked pies for the Legion food stand. They will be scraping glue from under their fingernails for days after turning farm wagons into glamorous parade floats.

They will wipe sweat as they stand over hot grease frying up mushrooms in the shelter house. They will gently pull out treasured quilts to display in the school gymnasium. They will spread grease onto youngsters' arms to give the pigs a fighting chance in the swine scramble. They will strain their voices to call out numbers and letters in the bingo tent. They will put on their running shoes for

the 5-miler. And they will dig deep into the sand for the tug of war in the valley. They will pick their prized melon or pluck the tallest corn stalk to show off in the scout cabin. They will spend hours transforming zinnias and marigolds into works of art. And they will pull their chairs out to the curb the night before the Grand Parade to preserve a valuable view of the event that has been known to march on for hours. Residents who have moved away come home for the week, and find that little has changed. The cow-milking contest may have been replaced by a salsa contest. And the frog jumping competition has given way to a dog show. But the basics remain — pies, parades and pride. It's a chance to relive that magic time of their childhood, that made it easier to digest the approach of school at the end of summer. It is an annual reminder of all that is good about towns like Pemberville — a reminder of what can happen when a town nurtures something until it becomes a timeless treasure.

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Mayor Gordon Bowman and Lynne Bowman are riding in a 1917 Ford Model T, owned by Tom Ward, driven by Larry Ward of Pemberville.

This car was sold by the Hobart-Bowlus Company in 1917 for \$395. This car has spent its entire life in the Pemberville area, and has been beautifully restored by the Wards.

"Mayor Bowman welcomes everyone to Pemberville-- and the Pemberville Free Fair. Pemberville is a great place to live, work and visit, and he hopes you will come back often. He especially wants to thank the hundreds of volunteers who work so hard to make the Pemberville Free Fair a success. Mayor Bowman would like to invite everyone to become his friend on Facebook. The Mayor writes Interesting Facts About Ohio, Wood County and Pemberville several times each week.

Have a great day at the Pemberville Free Fair!"



32nd Annual Pemberville "5 Miler"

The 2013 Pemberville 5-Miler was a great success. We had 513 runners this year. This is the second highest number of runners in the race's history. Overall male winner was Geoffrey Kiprotich with a time of 24:39 (Course record: 24:20). Overall female winner was Alison Crocker with a time of 29:08.

At the start of the race, Mayor Gordon Bowman welcomed the runners and fired the starter's pistol. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors of this event. Without their support, the 5-Miler would not be possible. The 5-Miler proceeds help to fund the Pemberville Community Pool. This year's sponsors were Dei Fratelli brands—Pemberville Foods, North Branch Nursery, Sons of the American Legion-- Squadron 183, Dave's Running Gear, Wendy's, Star Tours of Ohio, Shawn L. Thompson, D.D.S., Eisenhour Motor Sales, and Mayor Gordon Bowman.

This is a great event which brings all ages together for a fun-filled race to the finish and also support the Pemberville pool for many to enjoy throughout the summer. Again, we appreciate the support of the runners, the sponsors, the Pemberville Fair Board, Keith Madaras family and friends who volunteer, and our local Boy Scout Troup.

Awards not claimed the day of the race can be picked up at the Village Office at Town Hall.



restored Model T. Most of these historic cars are powered by 20 HP engines!

Nearly 100 vintage Model T Ford vehicles visited Pemberville, Friday morning, Sept. 13, 2013 as part of a day long tour of Wood and Ottawa county. The Model T Club held their convention at the Holiday Inn-Perrysburg, and set out early Friday morning, visiting Snook's Cars in Bowling Green, then Pemberville, and on to Elmore for lunch, returning to Perrysburg in the afternoon. PIMA and the Pemberville Freedom Historical Society welcomed the visitors, offering specials at many businesses, and tours of our historical locations. The warm welcome and gracious tours of the town yielded praise and thanks from the Model T'ers. Pictured above are Robert Blake and Edna Neal from West Union, Ohio (Adams County) and Mayor Bowman, admiring Mr. Blake's 1924 beautifully re-

Community Worship



Good morning, and welcome to this 2013 Community worship service. Today, I'd like to celebrate the churches of Pemberville. Four of our churches are over 120 years old, and have strengthened our community and our lives in many ways. These following words are from the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Sesquicentennial publication:



"The beginning takes us back to 1834 when wave after wave of immigrants, spread over the primitive, untamed wilderness that lay beyond the Alleghenies. Among those arrivals were Germans from Rodinghausen, Buer, Schledehausen Arenshorst and other parishes, whose fatherland no longer offered them opportunities that they sought in life. They were hardy men and women of sturdy peasant stock, who knew hardship, and yet had that spirit within them to create opportunity out of difficulty; to create a future for them and theirs out of back-breaking toil, the bare essentials of life, and hostile surroundings. The task of establishing a society was as vast an undertaking as the forest seemed impenetrable. In those early days, when each little clearing was an isolated world of its own, and meeting with your neighbors was a social event and holiday, the home served a 3-fold purpose: it was a church and a school, as well as a home. The Bible was the intellectual as well as the religious textbook in every home, along with its companions--the hymnal and Starck's Prayer book."

For the purpose of organizing a new Congregation from the original church, Salem Lutheran, members of 25 families assembled on Dec. 20, 1861 in the log schoolhouse a quarter mile northeast of Pemberville—now the corner of College and Bierly. That building housed the church and school children attended religious instruction 3 days a week. The growing congregation necessitated the erection of a church building. The cornerstone was laid on June 9, 1862 and the new Lutheran Church was dedicated October 31, 1862.

A Presbyterian Society was organized in the Pemberville area in 1863, but it wasn't until April, 1878 that they were formally established as an organized church. A place of worship was available on the corner of Perry and Pine Streets, (formerly the United Brethren Church), which they purchased for \$1000. This one-room New England style building remains the basic structure of the present building. Rev. Perry Baldwin was the first missionary pastor.

When the Methodist Reverend George Criger, an ambitious preacher was sent to Pemberville in the Fall of 1887, he was instructed by his presiding elder to build a church. Consequently, Rev. Criger went to work in earnest. He knew no such word as "fail" and with his own hands mixed all the mortar and tended the masons for the stone work. The building was completed and dedicated in October 1888.

Son Fire by the river is Pemberville's newest active growing church.

These churches were the foundation of the Pemberville community, creating the focal point of their social gatherings, education, and moral and religious training. And in many ways, so it is today. In the old days, it was hard to get a regular pastor and even harder to keep him. Today, we are blessed to have these fine pastors and leaders in our community who have served Pemberville for many years. I salute these churches, their congregations, and their pastors for preserving and continuing their service to our residents.



The Pemberville Freedom Area Historical Society presents

A CIVIL WAR TRIBUTE

Live! In the Pemberville Opera House

Friday, November 1 ~ 7pm

“Andrew’s Raiders -Their Quest for the General”

featuring noted historian Dr. Robert Goulding



On April 12, 1862, 22 Andrews Raiders seized the General, a tender and three boxcars at Big Shanty (now Kennesaw) and raced toward Chattanooga on the Western & Atlantic Railroad in an effort to burn bridges and otherwise dismember a supply artery vital to the Confederacy. Just short of their goal, the Raiders were captured where several were hung and the rest imprisoned. All but one of the Raiders hailed from Ohio, many from NW Ohio, including one from Pemberville! Come here their story as told by a fellow train conductor from the Civil War!

Immediately following, watch the movie “The Great Locomotive Chase” and view the replica train setup of “The General”

Saturday, November 2 ~ 7:30 pm

“The Dodworth Saxhorn Band”



THE CIVIL WAR YEARS: A CIVIL WAR COMMEMORATION AND VETERAN'S SALUTE

The Dodworth Saxhorn Band, dressed in period costumes, plays music of the 19th century on authentic period instruments. Return to a time in American history when the loudest sounds in town were from the brass band! Travel back in time to the 19th century; a time with no television, radio, or video games!

Enjoy the music that entertained President Abraham Lincoln and the nation. The concert is a Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration (150 years: 1863-2013); Attend this evening and honor the efforts of the 310,654 soldiers and sailors of Ohio who answered President Lincoln's call to preserve the Union and served in the Union Army from 1861-1865!



Leave your 21st century cares behind!

Friday evening's events are free

Saturday evening tickets available for \$10.00 at

Beeker's General Store or call Carol @ 419-287-4848

Visit www.pembervilleoperahouse.org for more information



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JOIN THE MAYOR ON FACEBOOK

Three or four times each week, Mayor Gordon Bowman posts INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OHIO, WOOD COUNTY & PEMBERVILLE on his Facebook wall. Using a wide range of topics that include history, biography, current events, science and transportation, he tries to write 100 words or so on a specific topic. If you would like to be included, send a friend request to www.facebook.com/mayorbowman.

A Senior Center on Call Available from WCCOA

The Wood County Committee on Aging is offering this new service to eligible homebound older adults to assist them in participating in social, recreational, educational, emotional and spiritual programs. A brochure with more detail can be obtained by contacting WCCOA at (419) 353-5661 or 1-(800) 866-2453

We're on the web: www.pemberville.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



OCTOBER

- 21—Leaf Collection
- 26—Autumn Festival/Craft Show
- 31—Halloween
Trick or Treat 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m.



NOVEMBER

- 2—Feather Party
- 9—Recycling
Eastwood Band Booster 9am-noon
- 11—Holiday—Village Office Closed
- 28-29—Thanksgiving
Village Office Closed
- 30—Christmas in the Village



DECEMBER

- 1—Christmas in the Village
- 2— Brush Collection
- 7— Christmas Tour of Homes
Tree Lighting Ceremony
Noon—5:00 p.m.
- 14—Recycling
Eastwood Band Booster
9:00 a.m.—Noon
- 24—Christmas Eve
Village Office Closes at Noon
- 25—Christmas Day
Village Office Closed



MONTHLY MEETING DATES & TIMES

- Council Meetings:** The first and third Tuesday of each month
- BPA Meetings:** The Monday preceding Council Meetings.
- Parks/Swimming Pool:** meets fourth Monday at 3:30pm
- Personnel:** meets third Tuesday at 6pm
- Planning Commission:** meets third Wednesday at 7pm
- Lands & Buildings, Streets, Alley & Sidewalks:** meets third Thursday at 3:30pm
- Tree Commission:** meets last Thursday of each month at 3pm
- Utilities:** meets during BPA meeting
- Finance:** meets the first Tuesday at 6:15pm