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## VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE

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### PEMBERVILLE CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY

National Arbor Day, Friday, April 27, 2012, saw the planting of a large Ivory Silk Lilac tree, from North Branch Nursery, near the northwest corner of the Pemberville Elementary School property. Assisting with the planting were the Second Grade classes of Mrs. Conkle, Mrs. Frantz, and Mrs. Briggs. Electric Superintendent John Lockard spoke to the classes about the planting and care of trees, and their importance to our quality of life. Mayor Gordon Bowman welcomed those attending and spoke to the classes about protecting our environment, reminding them that this is their tree for many years to come. Each of the students shoveled a spadeful of soil into the root ball, and then re-



ceived a White Spruce Seedling from one of the Tree Commission members, which they were encouraged to plant and water. "Every tree that grows helps clean our air and helps keep us healthy," said Lockard. Pemberville has achieved the "Tree City USA" distinction award for over 20 years.

Councilperson Marge Cox, Tree Commission President John Lockard, and members of the Tree Commission Pat Vandersall, Ruth Phillips, Dan Piotrowski, Brian Myers with his daughter Melody, and Mayor Bowman attended the ceremony.

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### PEMBERVILLE LIBRARY DIAMOND JUBILEE



The Pemberville Public Library will celebrate 75 years of service to the community in October with special events and activities. From the library's beginning when only books were available, services have expanded to include music CDs, DVDs, video games, public access computers and computer classes, FAX service and WIFI. The library also has the ability to scan and email text and photographs and copy in color. Children's services include story times, summer reading programs and special events throughout the year. Adult programming is offered throughout the year. The resources in the Dale M. Bruning Local and Family History Room offer information for people researching their family trees and the history of Pemberville and surrounding areas.

Look for our booth in the commercial tent at the Pemberville Fair.

### PEMBERVILLE TO START BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM



Plans are moving forward to institute a Block Watch program in Pemberville. There will be two citizens on a shift and patrols will run 3 pm to 11 pm. "They will only have the power to observe and report what they see to police. There is to be no involvement beyond reporting," Mayor Bowman said. The village's Safety Committee has discussed the program and started to set some guidelines under the direction of Police Chief Jim Darling. No date has been set to start the program. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Chief Darling (419)287-3250 or Mayor Bowman (419)287-3832.



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## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

A Memorial Day Parade started the ceremonies, led by Pemberville Police Chief James Darling, the Eastwood Marching Band and Boy Scouts. A flag raising ceremony was held at the Village Hall, and then the parade proceeded along Front Street to the front of the American Legion. A solemn and touching reading of fallen veterans' names, especially those from the Civil War, was very moving, and coincided with a flag planted for each Pemberville veteran killed in action.

American Legion Post 183 hosted the 2012 Memorial Day Services, Monday, May 28. Featured speaker was Wood County Sheriff Mark Wasylshyn, who spoke about duty and honor as he grew up in Rossford. Legion Commander Al Sander gave the Opening remarks, Pastor

Matt Musteric gave the Benediction, and Mayor Gordon Bowman gave the following Welcoming remarks:

"On behalf of Pemberville Village Council, Board of Public Affairs, all the employees of the Village and the Mayor's office, I welcome you to this Memorial Day Service. It is appropriate to remember and honor all those who served in uniform for our country. Millions of men and women have made huge sacrifices, some the ultimate sacrifice, to preserve our way of life, our freedoms and our families. It is also important to recognize and remember those who serve today, in uniform around the world. And who serve at home—our police forces, our public employees, our teachers, our librarians, our organizations—who directly affect the

quality of our lives. This American Legion post is a dynamic presence in our community. It is a place of commerce, drawing groups from all over the area to enjoy comfortable accommodations and a great meal. It is a place of public service, anchoring the Pemberville Free Fair and other community events. It is a place of patriotism, hosting this Memorial service today and keeping American traditions alive. And especially, it is a place for veterans and their families. A place to be recognized for their service, a home away from home.

So for all those who have served our great country, we honor you and remember you. And for all those who continue to serve here and around the world, we thank you."



## PEMBERVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Wood County Committee on Aging Foodservice Director Angie Bradford recently made a visit to the Pemberville Senior Center to tout the dedicated service of the people who cook and deliver from the Production Kitchen on Gypsy Lane Road. The Production Kitchen prepared almost 69,000 congregate meals in 2011, and numbers are already up for 2012. Add to that over 83,000 home delivered meals, and over 20,000 PASSPORT meals. That's over 700 meals a day Monday thru Friday, 52 weeks a year. Wood County Senior Centers are well known for their food, since they serve a choice of 2 com-

plete meals every lunch. On a "normal" day when the menu is Baked Chicken or Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, Italian Bread and cherry pie, this is what is needed to serve all those meals: 350 lbs. of Chicken quarters, 284 lbs. of Hamburger patties, 210 lbs. of green beans, 30 packages of Potato Pearls, 42 #10 cans of Peaches, 45 loaves of Italian bread, 75 cherry pies and 20 sugar free pies! All this food is just \$2.00 per senior meal (60 & above), or \$5.00 for "youngsters".

The Pemberville Senior Center is located in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in the Community Room from 10

am. to 2 pm., Monday thru Friday. On average, 40 meals are served there daily, with another dozen or so meals home delivered. Recently, four year manager Mary Tyler retired and a nice goodbye party was held in her honor, as well as volunteer Gerald Hiser. New manager Sandy Abke is well known to Senior Center participants, and is off to a flying start. Sadly, Gerald Hiser passed away June 14, 2012.

All area seniors are cordially invited to enjoy delicious low cost noon meals and take advantage of the many services offered. For more information, check the Wood County Committee on Aging website: [www.wccoa.net](http://www.wccoa.net).





## ABOUT YOUR PEMBERVILLE POLICE

Until you get a chance to ride along with a Pemberville Police officer for a full shift, it is difficult to understand the wide variety of activities that make up a typical day. About 40 incidents that require police involvement happen every 2 weeks—or around 3 per day. Every incident requires a report. A partial list of Incidents might include speeding citations, burglary, criminal mischief, driving while intoxicated, assaults, domestic violence, fraud, bad checks, accidents, property complaints, missing persons, vandalism, theft, criminal trespass, custody disputes, assault, and assistance calls for service. All of these incidents have happened in Pemberville during the past 90 days. This does not mean that Pemberville is not a safe

place to live. It simply shows that whenever there is human interaction, conflicts can occur. The Pemberville Police provide a stabilizing force when disputes arise.

These officers are trained to handle all these types of incidents, keep their composure while enduring insults and name-calling, and may encounter a life threatening situation at any time. Their training usually starts at a certified training school like Owens Community College. Each officer receives 582 hours of training at the Police Academy. While on the job, each officer receives around 40 hours of additional in-service training per year. Training includes case law updates, firearms qualifications, domestic violence, use of force and other forums of law en-

forcement. The Pemberville Police Department strives to consistently update the Officers to this continually changing profession.

Handling incidents is not the only responsibility during each shift. Business checks are conducted most days, with officers surveying each property for damage, breakage and locked doors. When school is in session, they are monitoring loading and unloading of school buses, and street crossings. Daily updates of area crime and investigation from regional police agencies keep our officers up to date and aware of potential problems. And, heaven forbid, if there is a natural disaster, these officers are trained in a variety of Emergency Management situations, and are some of

our first responders in emergencies.

Even with the efforts of our police, they cannot do the job alone. They depend on your eyes and ears to provide information to them just as soon as possible. The sooner you report suspicious activity, theft, damage or any other criminal acts to them, the sooner they can react to solve problems or crime. The Pemberville Police use the Wood County Sheriff's dispatcher whenever they are not in the office. Just ask the dispatcher to have our officer call you, or you can report your information to the dispatcher who will get it to the right officers. Call 419-287-3250.

## PEMBERVILLE POOL: GREAT SUMMER BARGAIN

Residents of Pemberville, Freedom Township and the surrounding area can be proud of the efforts of Village employees to maintain and spruce up the Community Pool. The main drain was repaired, filters were upgraded, concrete repairs were made, and the entire pool was repainted. Volunteers cleaned and painted parts of the change house, and planted flowers and greenery around the outside. The result is a community pool we can be proud of.

Most important is the value the pool represents to families and individuals. Pemberville Pool prices are better than almost every other pool in our area. The daily admission rate of \$3.50 is the lowest among the five community pools that surround the Eastwood district. Residents can save even more by purchasing the Punch Pass, good for 10 visits to the pool by anyone, but only charged for nine (\$31.50). In addition, swimmers can take advantage

of the daily special: 4 pm. to 5 pm. only for \$1. And special Dollar Day events are scheduled for July 4, 8 & 16.

Family/Group Passes are still available for purchase; any six people can have unlimited access to the pool all summer long.

The pool also offers swim lessons, swim team, and pool rentals for private parties—all at very reasonable prices. The Village Park Shelter House is located right next door to the Pool, which is also available for rental (with several good dates still available), so the opportunity to have a family reunion or a large group outing can be right here. The Pemberville Pool is a great community asset, but more importantly a real value for people in our area who look for a well maintained & fun recreation destination.

For more information, call the Village Office at 419-287-3832 or Pool Manager Stacey Flores at 419-287-4421.

## WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE GRANT FOR ADA POOL LIFT

Newly issued regulations for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance from the Justice Department will require all public pools to increase accessibility for physically handicapped individuals. Mayor Bowman, with the help of Northwest Pools and Feller and Finch, Inc., submitted a Community Development Block Grant application to fund the acquisition of a mechanical pool lift to help physically challenged persons enter and exit the Pemberville Community Pool. Village Council approved \$1000 in matching funds to help pay for the \$11,700 project. On June 5, seventeen projects were submitted to the Wood County Planning Commission review committee, of which 6 were selected for CDBG funding. On June 7, Wood County Commissions approved the 6 projects, and forwarded them to Columbus for final approval and state funding. Later this fall, Wood County will receive funds and send out requests for final bids, with project completions in 2013.

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## GUSTAVA OBERHOUSE 1927-2012



Pemberville was saddened at the passing of former 3 term Mayor "Gussie" Oberhouse, Friday, June 22, 2012. From her humble beginnings on a Pennsylvania dairy farm, with a family that included 5 brothers and 5 sisters, she learned the value of hard work. She started her teaching career in a one-room school house in Port Huron, Michigan. After moving to Pemberville, she began teaching at Pemberville Elementary in 1955. Later, she became Principal of Pemberville and Webster elementary schools in 1972. In 1992, Mrs. Oberhouse began her first of 3 terms as Mayor. "She was instrumental in the installation of railroad crossing and lights at 3 crossings. She was a great Mayor and I really enjoyed working with her," said Councilperson Marge Cox. Mayor Oberhouse helped coordinate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, and played a vital role in establishing "Sister City" relations with Rodinghausen, Germany. Mrs. Oberhouse is survived by her husband: Donald, son: Thomas Oberhouse, daughter: Jan Larson-McLaughlin, 6 grandchildren, 3 brothers and 1 sister.

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JULY CALENDAR

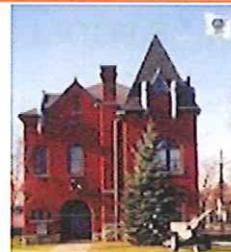
- 4- Independence Day -  
Village Offices closed  
Pemberville Pool OPEN! 1 – 5 pm  
DOLLAR DAY!
- 7- Tween Night-Pemberville Pool  
6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
(Regular admission, no passes)
- 8- Dollar Day-Pemberville Pool
- 12- PIMA Cruise-In 5 – 7 pm
- 14- Christmas in July  
Downtown merchants  
RECYCLING- 9 am – Noon  
Eastwood Band Boosters
- 16- Dollar Day-Pemberville Pool
- 21- Community Garage Sale 9 – 4 pm  
100 or more garage sales all over town  
Teen Night-Pemberville Pool  
9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders  
(Regular admission, no passes)
- 29- Wood County Fair begins,  
Bowling Green (final day Aug. 6)

#### AUGUST CALENDAR

- 2- PIMA Cruise-In 5 -7 pm
- 6- Brush collection
- 11- RECYCLING- 9 am – Noon  
Eastwood Band Boosters
- 12- Community Church Service
- 15–18 Pemberville Free Fair –  
"All Aboard...  
It's Fair Time in Pemberville."
- 22- Eastwood School begins

#### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 3- Labor Day -  
Village offices closed
- 6- PIMA Cruise-In 5 – 7 pm
- 8- RECYCLING- 9 am – Noon  
Eastwood Band Boosters  
Pemberville Opera House:  
Harry Bacharach-  
"Heavy easy listening piano"



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