



December 12, 2016

## VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE

### Keiser 's Farm Market & Greenhouse Final Season



After 50 years in business and 34 of those years right here in Pemberville, Keiser's Farm Market and Greenhouse will close their doors.

Every year John and Judy Keiser go through the procedures to close down their market for the winter months. However, this year on October 31, 2016, they will go through

the procedures one final time as they prepare for retirement.

Judy Keiser describes the process as a bittersweet moment with endless memories of the business and their customers, yet looking forward to retirement and being able to do some traveling and experience places and events that are best experienced during their normal operational season.

Judy recalls when they first started their business out of their garage at their former location. Judy and John were both teachers and money was short during the summer months, when they decided to supplement their income using a sawhorse, two boards, and items planted from their garden, as they always had way more than they needed. From then on the market grew from their home-grown garden of vegetables, to a full-scale market with a wide variety of fresh foods, homemade jams and jellies, and a host of other edible and decorative products.

John and Judy Keiser currently have the entire operation for sale which includes the greenhouses, the farmland, and their adjacent house. John Keiser is hoping that someone shows interest in buying the entire operation and has stated that as it would be a challenge to break the lots apart.

They have earned the admiration and high regard of those with whom they have come into contact, and we extend to them our deep appreciation for their distinguished service, and our wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.



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## EVENTFUL YEAR IN PEMBERVILLE

Years of planning and saving came to completion in 2016 in Pemberville. Several projects have created a new face on downtown, with the results a notable improvement in the infrastructure and beauty of the Village.

### NEW SIDEWALKS DOWNTOWN:



Pemberville partnered with ODOT to complete the four element up-grade to the business district. Those included new sidewalks and curbs, new catch-basins, new ADA street crossings, and the grinding and re-paving of Front Street from the CSX tracks in the east to near the Village limits on the west. In June, Smith Excavating removed the old street corner crossings and replaced them with American Disabilities Act compliant crossings. These crossings are sloped to allow wheelchair access, and a plate with raised bumps is installed for visually impaired individuals. Then they removed the old catch-basins. They installed prefabricated catch basins in their place. In addition, the Village replaced other catch-basins along Front Street. Old sidewalks were removed, revealing a few hollow spaces which were reinforced and filled in. The south side of Front Street was done first. Smith worked with local business owners to provide access to their stores during construction. Businesses had one day when new sidewalks were poured that they could not enter the front of their properties, but the use of fast-setting concrete allowed front access the next day. While sidewalks were removed, Electric Superintendent John Lockard and Meyer's Electric laid conduit and ran wiring to the new light pole bases already installed downtown. Denny Henline laid a grid of plastic piping in the space under his old sidewalk. He intends to pump warm water from a water heater through the piping to eliminate shoveling snow in winter. New sidewalks were poured to complete the construction phase downtown. Traffic was maintained during this phase of the project. New light poles and LED lights were installed downtown, giving the area a fresh and appealing new look. American Legion Post 183 purchased new specialized flag staffs and flags that do not wrap up, but instead hang down in place. New flags were installed on each new light pole.

### RE-PAVING STE. RTE. 105 (Front Street)



In July, two and one half inches of old pavement was removed, exposing manhole covers and catch-basins. Nearly a week was used to clean the street of grindings so a smooth clean base was ready for new pavement. The grindings were hauled away, but some of it was re-used to make new asphalt. One side of the street was done at a time, and traffic was maintained throughout the paving. Then there was the issue of the striping. A "temporary" yellow dash line was laid in the middle of Front Street, and then a few days later, permanent "center" lines were installed, placed where ODOT engineers thought they should be. Three issues arose: Front Street had two sets of center lines, the "temporary" line was paint and would last up to 5 years, and the permanent lines (composed of plastic and resin material lasting 20 years) on either end of downtown east and west were in the wrong place. On the east end, the line needed to be moved south to accommodate street parking on the north side. On the west end, the line needed to also be moved south to allow a wider traffic lane so motorists could avoid their right wheels dropping into the new catch-basins. After negotiations with ODOT, they agreed to remove the misplaced centerlines and reinstall the lines to our liking, and do it at their expense.



## EVENTFUL YEAR IN PEMBERVILLE cont.....

### FOLLOW-UP & CLEAN-UP:



In August, crews came back to Pemberville to power wash the fronts of downtown buildings where concrete splashed during new sidewalk pouring. In September, crews returned to Pemberville to remove asphalt around manholes, replacing it with a concrete collar that reinforces and stabilizes the manhole as traffic passes over it. The Village met with ODOT officials to review items for completion before the entire project was completed. Besides the striping issues, some catch-basins were not draining properly, so crews adjusted the pavement along curbs to improve rainwater flow. In addition, ADA crossings at Memorial Drive were left out of the original plans, and ODOT agreed to complete those as well.

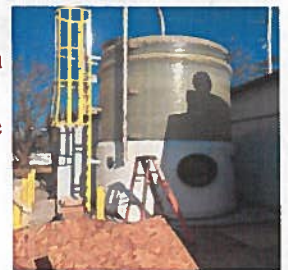
Overall, we are pleased with our association with ODOT, who served as general contractor for this project. They allowed us to meet with the contractors ahead of the project and we were pleased with the selection of these contractors. ODOT saved the Village money on some engineering services, compliance requirements, and inspection, and we ended up with a new downtown. ODOT's agreeing to cover the striping issues, and other follow-up work also saved the Village money.



## OTHER VILLAGE PROJECTS



**SOUTH WATER PLANT:** Work is proceeding on the upgrade and automation of the South Water Plant on Bierley Avenue. The upgrade includes removal of the chlorine gas sanitizing unit, replacing it with a salt brine (hypochlorite), new batch tanks, new piping and upgraded controls for all functions of the plant.



### CSX CROSSING ON FRONT ST.:

Funding for the rebuild of the Ste. Rte. 105 crossing was arranged by Senator Randy Gardner with CSX Railroad-Ohio and the Ohio Railroad Commission. Crews started arriving November 7 for preliminary work, and the crossing closed to car and truck traffic on November 14. Good weather benefited the work crews. Two sections of track within the crossing were replaced, new base (granite rock) was added, and new asphalt was laid on Friday that week. Barriers were removed Saturday, November 19 and the crossing was opened for traffic. Follow-up work to further stabilize and strengthen the crossing was performed Monday, November 21.



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**CELL TOWER:** The 160' cell tower constructed earlier this year by Capital Telecom was a project for Verizon. Activation of the cell tower has been delayed until 2017.

## EVENTFUL YEAR IN PEMBERVILLE cont.....



Water Superintendent Nathan Schultze learns about the care and maintenance of the new pool liner from installers from Ren-O-Sys Corp.

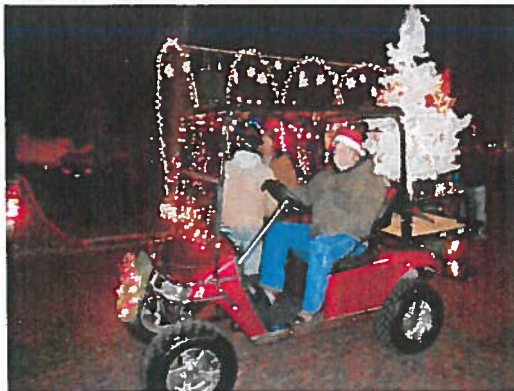
**NEW LINER AT PEMBERVILLE POOL:** Vigorous fund-raising efforts by the Friends of the Pemberville Pool Committee raised over \$31,000 to help purchase a vinyl liner for the pool supplied the Ren-O-Sys Corp. of Indianapolis. The Village provided the remaining funds for the \$62,000 project. Guaranteed to last at least ten years, the liner extends the pool's life for the foreseeable future. While other communities have abandoned their pools, Pemberville has faithfully maintained this valuable community resource. On July 2, 2016, the Village rededicated the Pemberville Pool fifty years to the day of its opening in 1966. Notable citizens and dignitaries from the area attended the rededication ceremonies, including two couples who met at the pool as guards and later married. Instrumental in the fundraising was Pastor Jim Miller and Councilman Jim Opelt, as well as dozens of volunteers and past employees.

**OPERA HOUSE ELEVATOR PROJECT:** With the ground breaking in September 2015, the Elevator Project at Village Hall was completed and dedicated one year to the day in September 2016. The elevator tower, designed by Scott Heacock, was a \$400,000+ project, funded by grants from the Ohio Capital Improvement Funds, CBDG funds from the Wood County Commissioners, and private donations of over \$80,000 from local families and businesses. Adour Construction was the general contractor. Carol Bailey, Jim Fields and the Pemberville Freedom

Historical Society worked tirelessly during construction to oversee many details. In October 2016, Home Depot agreed to provide the flooring, wall tile and fixtures for the two handicapped accessible restrooms upstairs on the second floor. In mid-November, Home Depot sent a crew to install this flooring and tile. Steve Karr from the Historical Society finished the installation. This project is testament of the generosity and dedication of our area residents.

### LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE:

Over 30 lighted units made up the 2016 Lighted Christmas Parade on November 27, including the Eastwood Marching Band, the Sons of the American Legion golf cart (which will be raffled away at next year's Pemberville Free Fair, and Bethlehem Lutheran Church's inflated Christmas characters. Many thanks to all those who planned, participated and watched this newest Pemberville Holiday Tradition.



## EVENTFUL YEAR IN PEMBERVILLE cont.....



**PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL and INCOME TAXES ONLINE:** You now have the ability to pay your utility bill and or your Municipal Income Tax on-line using the GovPayNow link. For a fee, charged by the credit card company,

you can now pay your utility bill on-line. You can locate the link by visiting our website at Pemberville.org. The Pay now button is located on the top of the page and will direct you to the govpaynow web-site where you can pay your utility bill. In addition, you can also pay your Pemberville income taxes on-line using the same service. That pay button is located under the Income Tax Department tab.

### Pumpkin Decorating Contest



Mayor Bowman holds the Winner in the Pumpkin Decorating Contest sponsored by Beeker's General Store. Over 20 colorful, creative entries were displayed at Higher Grounds over the weekend, and \$65 was collected for the Pemberville Food Bank.

Thanks to all who participated and contributed.

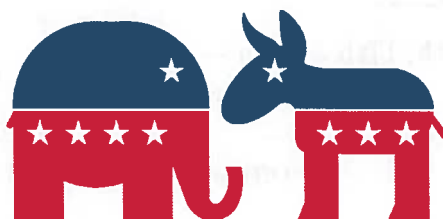


### Pemberville almost always picks the US President



Mayor Bowman met with Jessica Ni from the TVBS TV Network from Taiwan at Eisenhour Motors on Monday morning. Jessica works out of the Washington Bureau and is visiting Pemberville to find out why Ohio, and Pemberville almost always seem to vote for the next US President. Their news story will appear in Taiwan, but she may send some news footage back to us after it airs. Miss Ni and her cameraman were most gracious and informed about American politics, and it shows how (1) what we do here affects the rest

of the world and (2) Pemberville is a very unique place! Thanks to Joyce and Jack Eisenhour for hosting this interview.



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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](http://www.facebook.com/mayorbowman).



Village Income tax returns are due by April 15th of every tax year. Tax forms will be available at the Town Hall Office, Pemberville Public Library, or visit our web-site at [www.pemberville.org](http://www.pemberville.org) for a fill-able PDF form. If you require assistance with your Village of Pemberville tax forms, please feel free to stop in at Town Hall and either Cynthia Winfrey, Deputy Fiscal Officer or Sarah Dyer, Fiscal Officer can assist you. Village of Pemberville is a mandatory filing municipality. Therefore, all residents, non-residents and businesses that live or have earned income in the Village limits are required to file a village tax return.

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**December**

- 3rd—Opera House Concert Series
- 3rd— Holiday Tour of Homes
- 5th—Brush Collection
- 23rd & 26th—Office Closed for Christmas Holiday



**January**

- 1st—Opera House Concert Series
- 2nd—Holiday—Office Closed in Observance of New Years
- 16th—Martin Luther King Day—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 second Wednesday of each month at 5pm
- Utilities:** meets during BPA meeting
- Finance:** meets the first Tuesday at 6:15pm



**February**

- 4th—Opera House Concert Series
- 10th, 11th, 17th & 18th — For the Love of Art
- 20th—President's Day—Office Closed

**Brush Collection for  
2016**

- April 4th
- May 9th
- August 1st
- October 3rd
- December 5th