

Lorain County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Scoll

We now have a new Sheriff liaison, Deputy Scoll will be attending some of our meetings to keep us up on what the LC Sheriff Department is handling in our community. She wanted to remind us to continue to report suspicious activity.

Telephone scams for money have returned to the area. Most recently they involve your tax return and "relatives that need to be bailed out or assisted in some way" by your money.

DON'T!! Hang up and contact the Sheriff's office and explain what went on and they will be able to assist.



New Pittsfield Township Garage OPEN HOUSE is **APRIL 7TH from 10 am. to 2 p.m.**

The public is welcome to come enjoy refreshments and check out the new building!

The Central Lorain County Ambulance will be on hand to check your blood pressure and show some of the new equipment that has been purchased.

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP MEETING CHANGE

The Trustees have changed the May – October township meetings to one meeting per month.

The May through October meetings to be held the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Townhall Rental – Contact Elizabeth Zadorozny at 440-241-7896 or ez.pittsfield@gmail.com.

HISTORY TALKS

By Ralph A. Hayes, Township Historian

Often when we think of our local history, we think of the early settlement and pioneers. What we sometimes fail to realize is that we are currently making history.

The Pittsfield farming community has always been very supportive of their neighbors in a time of need. When a death of some family member occurred, it was common practice for the neighbors and friends to help wherever they were needed. Many times they provided food and support for the family. In farming families, the typical need was helping with chores or harvesting the crops.

In the fall of 1971 a neighboring family just south of our farm on Pitts Road experienced the need for assistance when Ernie Bartish was hospitalized with appendicitis and unable to work. In the November 4, 1971 issue of the Wellington Enterprise, Russ Buck wrote the following news article describing the assistance provided by neighbors and friends:

PITTSFIELD DAIRYMAN IS HOSPITALIZED AND NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS HARVEST CORN CROP

"Neighborliness took on a new dimension in a southwest Pittsfield area Wednesday as more than a dozen neighbors of Ernest Bartish gathered at his Pitts Road farm to pick his corn.

The family pitched in to carry on the farm work with Mrs. Bartish (Norma) taking over the milking of the Bartish herd of nearly 50 cows and their children doing the other chores on the 300 acre farm.

One big job that seemed a little much for Norma and her family was harvesting the 28

acres of corn ripe and ready, but subject to the rain and storms rumored for the near future. Primed by Jerry Brasee and others, the group of farmers took advantage of the beautiful weather on what was almost a spur-of-the-moment action, mounted tractors, jumped in trucks and converged on the Bartish farm.

Six corn pickers, eight wagons, nearly a dozen tractors and a smattering of trucks came with them. Taking the field about 8:30 a.m. the corn pickers kept a steady stream of wagons going from field to the corn cribs. The Bartish children filled in as tractor drivers when big enough to reach the controls. Those too young to pull the equipment from the field, acted as corn stompers and shovels, keeping the yellow ears dropping from the gravity wagon hoppers into the elevators and keeping it leveled off as it moved up into the cribs.

Making a welcome midday break, Mrs. Nancy Brasee and Sue Bartish carried to the field a lunch of hot ham sandwiches, rolls, chips and pop. Along with the big day's work turned out by the group, there was the usual bantering and joshing among the members that turned into a sort of recreational outing too.

Among those joining the work and fun was Bob Lernerth, a Highway Patrolman friend of Jerry Brasee's from whom it was an entirely new adventure. He came fully prepared to devote his day off to picking corn by hand. He soon became acclimated to the modern way of doing things and turned into an "old hand" at driving tractors, operating corn pickers and the other machinery involved.

Others present were Calvin Knapp Jr., Ron Nemeth, Lloyd & David Mull, Earl & Richard Mull, Sam & Henry Betts, Lynn, Ed, John, Jerry & Richard Brasee, Richard Raab and the Bartish children. Corn pickers were operated by Henry Betts, Jerry Brasee, Ed Brasee, David Mull & Ron Nemeth. The others manned the wagons and trucks hauling corn and putting it in storage."

When I was growing up, this farm was known as the Lawrence and Hazel Temn farm. They

had two children, Howard and Mary. Prior to that, the farm was owned by Lawrence's parents, Fred and Carrie Searles Temn. Fred was born in Stettin, Germany in 1863 and migrated to the United States in the late 1800's. Fred's parents were August and Wilhelmine Null Temn.

Howard's son, Kevin Dalton, currently owns and resides on a portion of the original farm. This farm was originally owned by John McClellan, one of the original Connecticut Land Company investors who purchased Pittsfield Township in the early 1800's. Like a lot of the land in this part of our township, it remained undeveloped until Lewis Shaw purchased it in 1847, and in 1855 built the original farmhouse which was torn down a few of years ago.

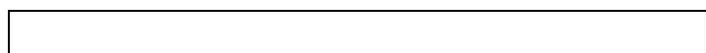
After the death of Lawrence Temn, Hazel Temn sold the farm to Ernest & Norma Bartish family in 1957. Today, one of the sons, Joe along with his wife Roxanne Bartish reside on a portion of the farm, and a daughter and son-in-law, Larry & Norma Knoble own and operate the farm with assistance from their son Pat Knoble.

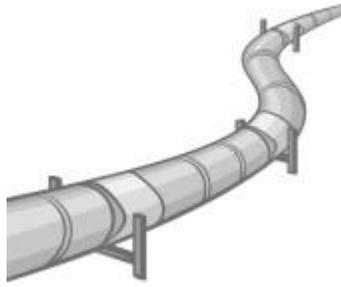
Pride Day/Dumpster Day
May 19th 8 a.m. – Noon

Only Pittsfield Township residents may take items to the Town Hall for disposal.



NOT accepted include tires, hazardous, liquids, oils or appliances with Freon.
(Oils & Auto Batteries can be recycled at Pier 58 Marine.)





NEXUS PIPELINE

The 255-mile pipeline will originate in Hanover Township in Columbiana County. It will travel through Stark, Summit and Wayne counties before proceeding through Medina and Lorain counties on the way to the Toledo area, into Michigan and then to a hub in Canada.

Portions of the pipeline will go through sections of Lorain County including Pittsfield, LaGrange, New Russia Township, Camden Township and City of Oberlin. Currently there are tires along a portion of Kipton Nickle Plate where work will be performed.

If you are interested in looking at the route of the pipeline, you can go onto various websites such as <http://nopipelies.org/maps/lorain-county-maps/> or nopipelies.org/maps/lorain-county-maps/. These websites contain other information if needed.

The NEXUS hotline phone number is 844-589-3655.

On the Web www.pittsfieldtp.us
Pittsfield Township Webmaster, Steve Magyar

Pittsfield's website shares information about our township, meetings and events. Approved minutes of trustee meetings are available.

Town hall rental information and the rental contract is available for download, along with zoning applications.

If you have something you would like to include to the website, please contact me at smagyar@pittsfieldtp.us.



Pittsfield Historical Board has an opening on the board. Anyone interested please call Bert Latran at 440-774-7625.

Lost and Found/Suspicious Activity - Since inclement weather has arrived and will be around with Spring, please contact any of the Township Trustees if you have "lost" or "found" something on your property after a storm. They can help to find its rightful owner.



This is also a good time to keep our eyes open for any suspicious activities or vehicles in our area. By being aware of our neighborhood, we may be able to prevent unwanted dumping or thefts in our area.