



A special **Thank You to Troop 414** for picking up trash along the roads AND the work they did in the Pittsfield cemeteries.

Remember!

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.

HISTORY TALKS

By Ralph A. Hayes, Township Historian

The Lucas Family Farms

Some of first settlers of Pittsfield purchased their land from Milton Whitney who purchased from the original investors of the Connecticut Western Reserve. These records date back to 1817 and include **Lots 111 and 130** that is located along Whitney Road and the west side of Quarry Road at the end of Whitney.

Since Lorain County wasn't officially established until 1824, all official records begin on this date.

Lot 111 – 1822 - was purchased by Chauncey Remington. Henry, Chauncey and Charles Remington were the second family of settlers to arrive in Pittsfield (possibly the first) coming from Mass. In August of 1822, Mary Remington (Chauncey's wife) died – the first

death in our township. Since there was no cemetery at the time, she was buried on the farm, but later moved to Sanders Cemetery in Henrietta Township.

The Remington family also had the first birth in the township when Henry H. Remington, son of Henry and Matilda Remington was born on August 12, 1823.

Lot 111 – 1828 purchased by Israel Cash

Lot 130 – 1830 purchased by Daniel Bush

Lot 111 – 1832 purchased by Christian Munsinger. (*Quarry Road was originally named Munsinger Road.*)

Lot 111 – 1835 purchased by William Lucas. William and his wife Sarah Knapp brought with them from New York their children: William Weller Lucas, Sarah Lucas, Ira Lucas, Mary "Polly" Lucas, Harvey Lucas and **David Lucas**. At that time, Pittsfield was considered far west and almost unknown wilderness.



Lot 130 – 1835 purchased by Andrew Sheldon and William Matcham

1837 – David Lucas married Louise Waters on Dec. 3, 1837. Both were from New York and had seven children, Ira, Lucy, Amasa, Sarah, Ornel, Clarence and Nettie, all born in Pittsfield. David Lucas was an active member of the Congregational Church in Pittsfield.



Lot 130 – 1838 William Lucas purchased the north 50 acres. He also purchased an additional 21 acres to add to Lot 111, as a result of a corrected survey.

1838 additional purchases were made by William Lucas of Lot 92 (100 acres) and two small parcels in Lot 86, (in Pittsfield center).

Lot 111 - 1841 – David Lucas purchased 12 acres in the south.

Lot 130 – 1841 – David Lucas purchased 48 acres in the north part where he constructed his first home. (Remembered for most of the 1900's as the Pitts/Straci property. This was the home of Otis & Elizabeth Pitts; Fred & Vernona Pitts; and Edward & Hazel Straci.)

Lot 95 – 1869 purchased by F. S. Horton and Charles Rowell.

Lot 111 – 1869 purchased by Harris Horton and John Gifford

Lot 130 – 1869 purchased by John Gifford and Erastus Campbell.

1870 - David Lucas left Pittsfield to move to Colorado following two sons and a daughter. David Lucas continued his legacy as a pioneer settler of that area receiving a land grant of 160 acres in Lincoln Park Colorado. He was instrumental in founding the Lincoln Park Ditch and Irrigation Company and served as its President. Water was extremely important for farms and ranches to survive.

Years later, David's son, Amasa Lucas went to the county and bought water rights and land and built a dam. As more people moved to Lincoln Park, they planted orchards and gardens.

Most of David's family remained in Canon City, Colorado and continue to live there today.

Ornel Lucas attended Oberlin College for two or three terms as his brothers and oldest sister left for Colorado. He soon followed his family and took six months school in Garden Park. While there, he discovered some fossil bones of a huge dinosaur or terrible lizard. Among these bones was a femur bone 6' long, shoulder blade 5-1/2' long and 3' wide along with other bones of corresponding size.

Ornel took these bones to the foremost Paleontologist of his time, Prof. Cope of Philadelphia. With proceeds from his finds in Colorado, Ornel returned to Oberlin College and finished his education in 1880.

Dr. Ornel Lucas was not given credit for possibly finding the first dinosaur bones from Garden Park, CO, but it was a unique way to earn money for his education at Oberlin College.

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"A Gentle Reminder"

The Trustees have noticed multiple properties with unlicensed, in-operable vehicles. Your attention would be greatly appreciated!

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Townhall Rental

Contact Elizabeth Zadorozny at **440-241-7896** or elizabeth@pittsfieldtwp.us.

Dumpster Day Sept. 8th 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.)

Lorain County Solid Waste Mgmt. District

Tiffany Barker

FYI – Farm Tire collection coming up in Sept.

For more information, please call 440-329-5440.

New Collection Hours: 540 S. Abbey Rd, Elyria

Mon 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Wed 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



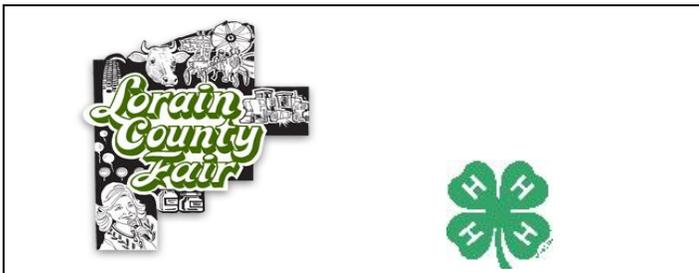
On the Web www.pittsfieldtwp.us

Pittsfield Township Webmaster, Steve Magyar

The website shares information about our township approved meeting minutes and events.

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

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August 20-26, 2018 Watch traffic.

Township Garage News



Summer projects consist of chip seal:

- Merriam Rd. from 58 to Quarry Rd.
- Whitney Rd. from 58 to Pitts Rd.
- OPWC project is 50% funding provided by the state.
- There will be an asphalt overlay on Hughes Rd from Hawley to West.
- Construction of a new salt bin has been completed at the new maintenance facility.
- Drainage improvements at the park will consist of 500 ft. of 18” tile to be installed.

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Splash Zone Memberships

Pittsfield Residents

Annual*		Monthly Debit
Individual Membership	\$132	\$11.00
Individual +1	\$231	\$19.25
Individual +2	\$297	\$24.75
Individual +3	\$330	\$27.50

Receive discounted prices with proof of residency (A utility bill or driver's license with current address).