



Pickaway County Community Foundation Community Update

June, 2021



Partnerships Feed Pickaway County

The Pickaway County Community Foundation has partnered with a number of organizations and utilized the Food Insecurities Fund to bring protein to Pickaway County food pantries.

For the second year in a row, PCCF has partnered with the Pickaway County Farm Bureau, Delaware Community Foundation and Ohio Pork Council to bring fresh pork to local pantries. The twelve hogs were sourced from a Pickaway County producer. The Ohio State University Meat Science Program processed the pork while educating students on the underlying principles of biology, physiology, and nutrition that drive animal growth and the impact on meat quality.

Faculty from the Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Department of Meat Science, instructed students to process and pack the pork at the University's federally inspected facility.

PCCF and the Pickaway County Farm Bureau partnered for the second year in a row to submit a packer bid at the Pickaway County Fair. The packer bid provides the youth with a premium bid that awards them for the hard work that goes into a project that takes considerable time and effort. The seventeen beef will be processed and delivered to local food pantries to be distributed throughout Pickaway County.



OSU students grading the pork.



Projects such as this would not be possible without donations to our Food Insecurities Fund. This fund provides for the opportunity for PCCF to work with many partners to assist those in need of food in our county. Through community donations and grants from local businesses, PCCF has been able to successfully accomplish these two valuable donations to

food pantries for two years straight. In order to continue this, PCCF will have to continue to build the Food Insecurities Fund. Donations to the Food Insecurities Fund can be made on line at www.yourpccf.org/community-funds/ or by sending a donation to the PCCF office at 770 N. Court Street, Circleville OH 43113.



Pickaway County Community Foundation Mission

To provide charitable resources and expertise that improve the quality of life in Pickaway County.

Agriculture Fund Has Fair Fun



The members of the PCCF Agriculture Fund engaged the youth at the Pickaway County Fair by supporting three different initiatives.

4H and FFA exhibitors, parents, and buyers were treated to breakfast by the PCCF Agriculture Committee when they “caught” their pancake. The committee sponsored this breakfast on the Saturday morning of the livestock sale. Chris from Chris’s Cakes flipped approximately 250 pancakes to Pickaway County attendees.

The committee also made a donation to the Pickaway County Farm Bureau to support the Buyer’s Club. The Buyer’s Club, spent over \$36,000 this year at the fair, making sure that all youth selling livestock received a bid on their animal. At the conclusion of the sale the group subsidized bids that were substantially lower than the average.

The committee also donated funds for this year’s fair t-shirts that were available to all 4-H and FFA members who exhibited at the Pickaway County Fair.



Leadership Fund Graduates Fellows

A group of eleven began the Leadership Fellows program in October, 2019 with the anticipation of finalizing the program and graduating in April, 2020. Leadership is about many things, including perseverance. One pandemic later, they persevered, and their graduation was held in June, 2021.

This group is the sixth group of Fellows to complete the multi-session course. In order to graduate as a Fellow, participants spend a number of sessions discussing leadership at multiple levels. They also engage with leaders and learn in-depth knowledge about Pickaway County. The knowledge they learn about the county is then utilized when they meet with state representatives as well as typically during a trip to DC to meet with Ohio’s delegates in Washington. However, this group, while they have graduated, have not gotten to complete the Washington portion of the program. They will be provided this opportunity at a later date.



Pictured from left to right are: Bonnie Vallette, GERALYN Yingling, Sarah Mercer, Marie Wilbanks, Susan Metzger, Chelsea Gearhart, Tammy Smith, Amanda, Knotts, Stacey Plybon, and David Fausnaugh. Not pictured: Layne Goode Repoley

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YAC Presents Grants

The Youth Advisory Council issued four grants during the first part of the year to assist with hunger in the schools. Grants were issued to: Westfall CARES, United Methodist Women Who Care—Backpack Program, Logan Elm Schools and Circleville City Schools.



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Edman's Honored



Ramona and Jim Edman were recently honored by the City of Circleville, Pickaway Parks District, Friends of the Circleville Parks and the Pickaway County Community Foundation for the hours of work they have contributed to the Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park.

The Edman's will be retiring from their volunteer maintenance service of the park. In honor of their service, Mayor Don McIlroy presented them with a key to the city of Circleville. The couple was also presented with two wind sculptures which were placed at the park in their honor. In addition to the sculptures a number of donations were made to the Mike Harrison Park Fund in honor of Ramona and Jim. This fund assists in the maintenance of the park.

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Well Being Fund Issues Grants

The Well Being Fund of the Pickaway County Community Foundation, focuses on grant requests that benefit the overall well being of the community. This fund has issued a number of grants to support initiatives that align with their mission.

A grant was awarded to MCORE Foundation to provide heart education and screenings at Circleville, Teays Valley and Westfall Schools. Students voluntarily signed up to have the screenings that would show any symptoms of potential cardiac abnormalities. Those showing any abnormalities received education and referrals.

The Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio was awarded a grant to subsidize costs for Pickaway County families of children who are patients at Children's Hospital.

The Well Being Fund of PCCF continues to support the Imagination Library as part of a matching pledge to the library. The Pickaway County Imagination Library currently has 48% of all Pickaway County children five years old or younger enrolled and receiving one book per month.

A grant was also issued to Life Care Alliance to support children from Pickaway County who are attending the Central Ohio Diabetes camp program.

Grants were awarded to support the Food Insecurities project as well as an upcoming PCCF project at Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park.

PCCF Strategic Update

Happy summer,

The second quarter of 2021 has been exciting for PCCF and our community. As you can see in this newsletter, the impact that PCCF is making is measurable around our county. It is our goal to continue to impact this county. When we embarked on our strategic plan, we vowed to provide occasional updates.

An initiative that PCCF has kicked off is developmental programming opportunities for nonprofit organizations to advance their mission. When nonprofits advance their mission, our county improves. PCCF has begun providing quarterly programming to assist nonprofits. The first event of this type was Strategic Planning. Thirty people participated in this workshop.

Additionally, PCCF is hosting monthly brown bag luncheons for nonprofit staff. These luncheons allow the nonprofits to share what they are planning, learn what others are doing, and discuss issues or concerns that nonprofits face. Through these discussions we are all learning more about each other, helping each other, and growing together to make Pickaway County better.

Jan Shannon
Executive Director

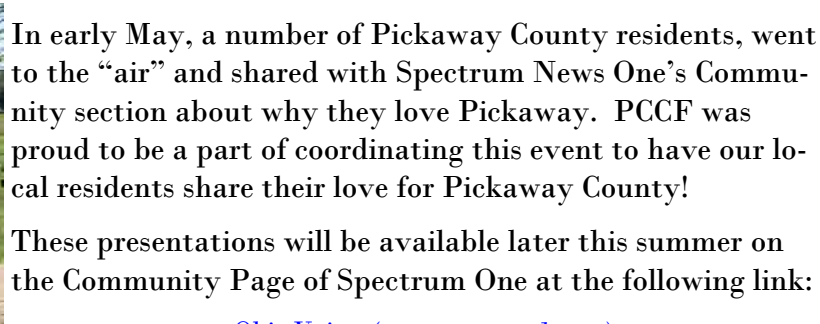


Why We Love Pickaway

In early May, a number of Pickaway County residents, went to the “air” and shared with Spectrum News One’s Community section about why they love Pickaway. PCCF was proud to be a part of coordinating this event to have our local residents share their love for Pickaway County!

These presentations will be available later this summer on the Community Page of Spectrum One at the following link:

[Ohio Voices \(spectrumnews1.com\)](http://OhioVoices(spectrumnews1.com))



Upcoming Events

PCCF In Axe-tion

The Pickaway County Community Foundation will be holding a new event to Pickaway County on November 6, 2021. PCCF will be hosting, axe throwing at Heritage Hall. The event will feature, dinner, music by the Travis Brown Band and the Drifters, and six hours of axe throwing. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Tickets are on sale on the PCCF website at <https://cutt.ly/axe-tion>. PCCF has made it easier for you to find the site, just use the QR code to the right by holding your smart phone camera over the code.



Pickaway County
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IN AXE-TION



Farm to Plate Dinner

The Agriculture Fund of the Pickaway County Community Foundation will be hosting the annual Farm to Plate Dinner on September 9, 2021. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall, at the Pickaway Agriculture and Event Center. This year a portion of all tickets purchased will go to the Pickaway County FFA programs that generously give their time to serve this event. Tickets are available at:

<https://cutt.ly/farmltoplate>

20th Anniversary Celebration

This fall, the Pickaway County Community Foundation will be celebrating 20 years of philanthropy. Mark your calendar to join PCCF on September 21st for a celebration at the Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park. More specific details regarding this event will be mailed out in August.



How Can You Help?

The initiatives described all are possible because of the support of our donors. There are a number of ways you can donate to these initiatives. Many of the funds are available to donate to on-line at: www.yourpccf.org/community-funds/. Also, checks can be mailed to PCCF at 770 N. Court St, Circleville OH 43113.

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Steve Gary Retires From PCCF Board



After nearly seven years, Stephen A. Gary, (Steve as his friends know him) has retired from the Pickaway County Community Foundation Board.

Steve, the former CEO/President of the Savings Bank of Circleville for 25 years, served as Chair of the PCCF until December, 2019. During his time as Chair, PCCF opened 11 new funds and increased their asset holdings to over \$14 million.

Steve and his wife, Judith, hold a fund with the Pickaway County Community Foundation in memory of their son, Chris. The Garys have granted nearly \$200,000 from this fund to support initiatives in Pickaway County.

Steve and Judith were one of the first advocate sponsors of the Pickaway County Community Foundation and Steve was instrumental in bringing one of the first business funds to PCCF.

The PCCF Board and staff would like to thank Steve for his years of service and dedication to PCCF and Pickaway County.