



Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Library

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Tuesday – Friday
1 pm – 4pm

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Pickaway County Flag

In anticipation of Ohio's 2003 Bicentennial celebration, each of the 88 counties was encouraged to provide a flag for the occasion. Pickaway County, lacking an official flag, opened up a design competition in 2001 to all residents of the county. The task was to design a banner representing what makes our county unique. The winning design was submitted by Pickaway county resident Jim Sargent.

Sargent chose colors representing the fall season. The gold, orange, and green making up the bulk of the flag pay special homage to the Circleville Pumpkin Show. The gold circle is an obvious reference to Circleville, the county seat. An outline of the county appears in orange on a white outline of the State of Ohio. Each of the fifteen townships is marked on the county map. And for good measure, a pumpkin is tucked onto Ohio's southwest corner. Sargent chose a rectangular shape with green and white stripes to make a good background for the gold circle. The "1810" set on the lower part of the circle is a reminder of the year that Pickaway County was established.

(source: www.ohiostatehouse.org, flag: Harrison Twp fire dept.)



The Library participated in the 2024 Pumpkin Show Window Decorating Contest. The windows facing Court Street were appropriately filled with street photographs taken from Pumpkin Shows of the past.

The Library was awarded with an "Honorable Mention" ribbon.

First Families of Pickaway County

Those who wish to have their names added to the "Pickaway First Families" list need to have their completed applications in by January 7, 2025.

NEWS OF INTEREST:

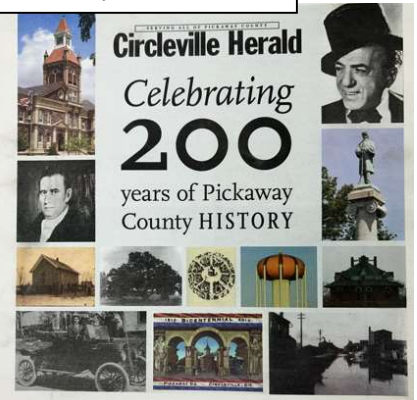
- A steady stream of visitors stopped by the Library during Pumpkin Show. Many came by to view the restored newsreel of the 1928 'Silver Jubilee Pumpkin Show' on display in the conference room. Other curious visitors toured the library to learn about the special offerings available for viewing and research.
- Our volunteers continue to add researchable records into the Library Master Database. At the end of October the record count was 1,202,782. These individual records include obituaries, marriage records, arrest information, court cases, news items, family trees, and so on. We can always use more volunteers to help us catalog our growing collection of donated items, photographs, newspaper clippings, etc. If you have a few hours each week to spare, join us!
- Don't forget, you can direct the Kroger's Community Rewards program to benefit the Genealogical Library. If you have a Kroger's Rewards card, it's easy to make the designation. It costs you nothing and a few pennies from your grocery purchase help support the Library.
- Does anyone have a working quarter-inch reel to reel audio tape machine available for loaning? The Library has acquired some old audio tapes that need reviewed and possibly digitized or transcribed for research.

FOUND IN THE LIBRARY ARCHIVES...



This familiar costume greeted visitors in the Library lobby following the 2024 Pumpkin Show.

The Library has a number of duplicate artifacts that we offer to the public for a small donation. One such item is this 2011 *Circleville Herald* commemorative insert.



In the 1970's The Circleville GE Plant celebrated their 30th anniversary. This newsletter heralded the theme "Progress in Midst of Change." In the lower right corner is pictured their first employee, Luella Wilson.