



# Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## News for Members and Friends

HOLIDAY 2021

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### Museum Holiday Events

*Face Masks Required!*

**Nov 14, 1-3pm:** "Train Stop Pickerington!" Enjoy sights and sounds of Mike Raynard's model trains and Pickerington railroad history. (details on page 2)

**Nov 30, 8am-Dec 1, 4pm:** 32-Hour Give for non-profits. (details below)

**Dec 2, 6:30-8pm:** Members-Only Annual Christmas Dinner and Election of Officers at Pickerington Senior Center. **Registration required.**

**Dec 3, 5-8pm:** "Holiday Gathering" in Pickerington's Olde Village & Museum.

**Dec 4, 1-4pm:** Enjoy Keith Ebright's "North Pole Village" with trains, photo op and holiday music.

**Happy Holidays to all!**

— **Peggy Portier, President**  
Pickerington-Violet Twp Historical Society



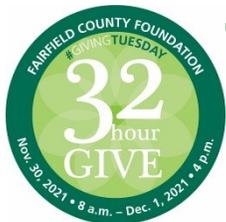
### Members-Only Christmas Dinner & Election of Officers

Historical Society officers seeking re-election during our Members' Only dinner include, clockwise from

upper left: Mary Herron (secretary); Peggy Portier (president); Jack Whitaker (VP-programs); Stephanie Johnson, Greg Karoly and Barbara Freeman (members-at-large); and Fiona Spears (treasurer). Keith Ebright (VP-admin) was not present for photo.

Our Members-Only dinner will be catered and include Hot Chicken Salad Casserole, Spinach Salad, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert, Iced Tea/Coffee. The event will be held at the Pickerington Senior Center on Thursday, December 2, starting at 6:30 PM. Cost per-person for the dinner is only \$5.00 inasmuch as an anonymous donor/Historical Society will be covering most of the cost.

Members may register for the dinner by email to: [pickhistsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:pickhistsociety@hotmail.com) or by leaving a voice mail message at 614-382-5989. If you've received this newsletter via email, simply reply to it! Deadline for dinner reservations is Wednesday, November 24.



## 2021 Fairfield County Foundation's 32-Hour Give

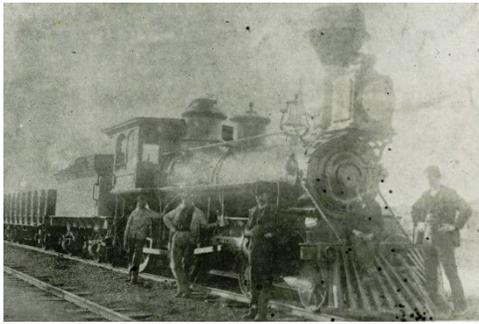
This year the Fairfield County Foundation will gift \$32,000 in matching funds for donations made online or in person **between 8:00 AM on Tuesday, Nov 30 thru 4:00 PM on Wednesday, Dec 1.**

**Please help support our school photo digitization project and other programs by giving to our non-profit Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Fund during the 32-Hour Give by:**

**(1) Donating online** at [www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org). Click purple "Learn More" box on home page, then click purple "Donate" button; find "Search" box on next page to type: **Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Fund**. Click on that fund to enter your donation amount; then click "add to cart" to proceed to payment page.

**(2) Delivering your donation to the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Museum** on Tuesday, November 30, between 10:00 AM and NOON. Date your check November 30, make it payable to Fairfield County Foundation, and write Pickerington-Violet Twp Historical Society Fund on your check's memo line. For questions about donating or to have us pick-up your donation from your Pickerington home, text or phone Peggy Portier at 614-595-5867.

## AROUND OUR MUSEUM



*Pickerington's first train arrived at the Village's new depot during June, 1879.*

### Join us for our First Museum Event of 2021: *Train Stop Pickerington! Sunday, November 14, 1-3 PM*

Enjoy the sights and sounds of trains as Historical Society member and model train enthusiast, Mike Raynard, displays some of his model trains on Sunday afternoon, November 14 from 1-3 PM in our Museum. This event coincides with National Model Railroad Month.

- Meet Mike Raynard and quiz him about trains!
- See an exhibit featuring Pickerington railroad memorabilia including 1894-95 train schedules and rates, railroad spikes used when our railroad was built, lanterns, a wooden wand used to give messages to train engineers, photos, and more!



- Enjoy some photo fun! Snap your family and friends' photos in the train stand-up shown at left. Bring your children and/or grandchildren!
- Take an indoor self-guided "Journey thru Olde Pickerington Village". See tools used by early settlers along with photos and artifacts from our community's first churches and businesses.
- Listen to olde time music generated by Historical Society members, Greg and Rose Karoly, on Howard Milnor's donated player piano.

### *What's Been Happening at our Museum Lately?*

← During September, a crew of workers spent 2 nights cleaning both levels of our Museum from top to bottom!

→ The wedding dress worn by Agnes Creager (Mrs. Lloyd) Stemen when they married on October 27, 1952 is displayed in the new wooden case donated by the Good family. The opposite side of the case contains two early 1900's phonographs that were donated to the Museum by the James Diley family.



→ Peggy Portier and Fiona Spears assembled our new \$1,924 display rack that will hold the 1909-1981 Pickerington High School composite class photos once they are digitized. The original photos will be placed in Museum quality, acid-free boxes for preservation.

## LOCAL HISTORY

### Looking Back 30 Years: 1991 Pickerington/Violet Township

**March 1:** This billboard appeared during basketball season to honor the Pickerington High School Lady Tigers. During the 1990s, the Lady Tigers dominated girls' high school basketball in Ohio. By 1999 they had won six state championships.

**April 20:** Pickerington became the second "City" in Fairfield County. The change from "Village" status was the result of 1990 census figures showing the population count to be 668 more than the 5,000 required for "City" status.

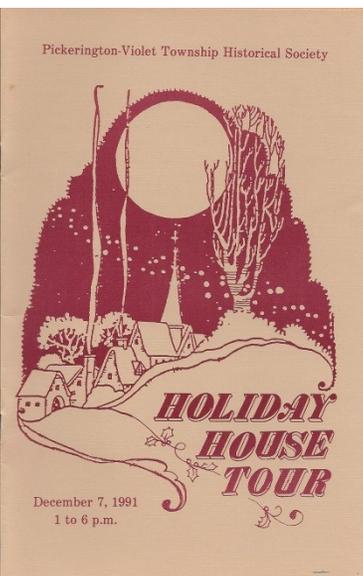
**June:** Turnberry Golf Course, with 18 holes and over 200 acres, opened along Blacklick Creek and Park Place Homes on S.R. 256.



**September 21:** A dedication ceremony was held at Pickerington's new high school (later renamed "Pickerington High School Central") with a crowd of more than 1,000 in attendance. Daniel Ross served as superintendent.

declared unsafe. Under consideration by city council were two sites for a new facility: the old creamery on Church Street and the SE corner of Lockville Road/Columbus Street (site of the former Kraner General Store).

**October:** Pickerington's municipal building was



**November:** In this month's general election, Lee Gray won the mayoral race with 59 percent of the vote. Gary Burkholder garnered the most votes for a council seat.

**December 7:** Nine homes/buildings were part of our Historical Society's Holiday House Tour including The Mason-Richter Building, Dovel House on Hill Road, Jewell Home (60 W. Columbus), Whims Home, and Railroad Depot.

**December 16:** This day's edition of *Pickerington This Week*, reported recent home sales for the 43147 zip code were a low price of \$95,665 for the property at 3111 Alderbrook Drive, and a high price of \$113,416 for 9427 Paddock Court.

**1991 Pickerington-Violet Township businesses included:** Ashley House Shoppes, ArtFrame, B.J. Bouquets, Bank One, R.G. Barry Corp., Bear-ly Worn Clothes, Big Bear, Claproods/A Country Daisy, Coffeeman Beverages, Countryside Hardware, Dane

Drugs, Down Under Hair Salon, Funni-Frite, The Good Company, HER Realtors, Hickory Lakes Party House, Hiser Homes, Mailboxes, Inc., Mama Bears Maternity, Picktown Beverage, Portraits by Sandy, and more.

**1991 Violet Township Trustees** were Lyle Diley, John Ricketts, and Lisa Kessler. Township offices were located at 4 East Columbus Street (now home to Fairfield County Sherriff's Substation in Olde Pickerington Village).

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## MEMBER NEWS

- ◆ During late September, long-time Historical Society members and volunteers, Chuck and Bev Zurhorst, moved from Pickerington to a Senior Living facility in Gahanna, Ohio. We wish them well and hope we will continue to see them at 2021 holiday events and often in 2022!
- ◆ Long-time Historical Society member, Rusty Spears, age 61, unexpectedly passed away on October 23. He is survived by his wife, Fiona Spears, who has served as our Historical Society's Treasurer for many years. Rusty gave the gift of life through organ and tissue donation. Our thoughts and prayers go to Fiona and the Spears family for their loss.



- ◆ Be sure to mark your calendar for downtown Pickerington's Annual "Holiday Gathering" on Friday, December 3, from 5-8pm. Our Museum will be open and feature Keith & Dottie Ebright's "North Pole Village" in the Museum's handicap-accessible lower level. You'll be able to enjoy seeing dozens of their lighted "North Pole Village" buildings, electric trains, and accessories. Mike Raynard's model trains and accessories also will be on display during this event in the Museum's main level.

- ◆ If you cannot visit the Museum during Friday evening's "Holiday Gathering", our Museum also will be open with train displays, photo ops, and holiday music on Saturday, December 4, from 1-4 PM.

### 2020-2021 PICKERINGTON-VIOLET TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVES

#### Elected Officers

President: Peggy Portier  
 Advisor (Past President): Gary Taylor  
 Vice President-Administration: Keith Ebright  
 Vice President-Programs: Jack Whitaker  
 Secretary: Mary Herron  
 Treasurer: Fiona Spears  
 Members-at-Large: Barbara Freeman, Stephanie Johnson, and Greg Karoly

#### President's Appointees

Historian: David Williard; Membership/Volunteer Chair: Stephanie Johnson  
 Publicity Chair/Website & Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt

#### Open Appointed Positions: Curator; Librarian

#### 2021-2022 Historical Society Projects

- Digitize, repair and preserve Pickerington High School class photos (display rack purchased in 2021).
- Install children's "Try It On" vintage clothing exhibit.
- Begin research/planning the task of preserving our Museum's windows.
- Encourage donations to Historical Society Operational and Endowment Funds.

### *Are you old enough to remember these words and phrases?*

- *Heavens to Murgatroyd!*
- *Hunky Dory*
- *Don't touch that dial!*
- *Bummer*
- *Carbon copy*
- *You sound like a broken record*
- *Take a chill pill!*
- *Hung out to dry*
- *Heavens to Betsy!*
- *Gee Willikers!*
- *Jumpin Jehoshaphat!*
- *Holy Moly!*
- *Not for all the tea in China*
- *Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle*
- *This is a fine kettle of fish!*
- *I'll see you in the funny papers*
- *See ya later, alligator! Okidoki.*

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