



# PCESC Update

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## Random Thoughts

*By Ty Ankrom*

Saturday, Nov. 1 was a beautiful day! It was one of those fall days that saw people looking for excuses to be outside to enjoy what could be a final stint of warm and sunny weather. I was one of those people, as I spent the day at the "grand opening" of the new Circleville park.

The Circleville Noon Rotary Club, of which I am a member, has been actively involved in the development of the park. Our club decided that we would create a walking trail through the park's wooded area. Club funds, grant money, and numerous hours of volunteer labor were all necessary ingredients for the path's completion. Several clubs, businesses and individuals have or will be contributing to the park's development.

Like our Rotary Club, many of these groups or individuals have assumed responsibility for a special project. Although the park will be evolving as the years pass, when this phase is complete the benefits to our community will be enjoyed by thousands of people. In fact, if the smiles on the faces of those in attendance on that particular Saturday were any indication, the park is already adding value to our community and county.

My assignment at the "grand opening" was to sit at a point where the trail split and went several different directions. If the walkers asked for directions into or out of the woods, I provided information. While performing this 'strenuous' chore, I had much time to think about how the park developed from one man's vision to where it is now.

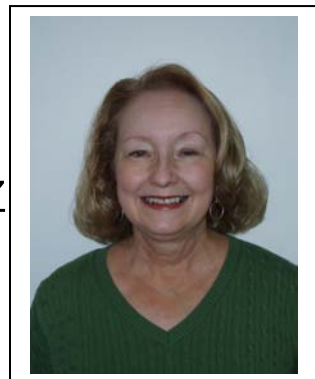
In many ways, the park's positive start parallels the ESC. Hard work and pride in the job being done speaks well for those involved. The assistance the ESC provides to the districts adds value to the work being done in our county's schools. Numerous people share their skills and expertise with the students and schools.

And finally, like the park, the ESC is ever-changing. The work we do at the ESC is continually evolving by adding services that are requested by our member districts. Never take lightly the positive contributions that you are making to our county's students and schools.

*Ankrom is superintendent of PCESC*

# PCESC Profile

## Sharon Wachenschwanz



*Editor's Note: This is a new feature to PCESC Update to share information about the talented, dedicated people who are part of the ESC team.*

**Job Title:** Speech Pathologist

**Years of Service with Pickaway County ESC:** 30

**Degree(s)/College(s)/Year(s):** BS/Ohio University 1970

**Family Information:** My husband, Gary, is retired from Verizon where he was a network engineer for 34 years. He now works part time as a network engineer for ECSM Engineering and Construction. Our daughter, Christy, an OSU graduate, is employed by National City Bank in Columbus.

**Interests/Hobbies:** My husband and I are members of Grant Hospital's Fitness Center. We work out twice a week. I do a 30-minute workout with weights and 30 minutes on the elliptical machine. I also enjoy gardening and have a wide variety of flower gardens in my yard.

**A little known fact about me:** I never got to formally graduate from college. I was there during the riots and classes were cancelled before graduation in June. I received my diploma by mail.

**Describe your job:** I am a combination of teacher, consultant and public relations expert. I see a variety of students referred to me for various communication difficulties. Some are seen individually, some in small groups, and some in a classroom setting. I have a few students who are not seen directly, but I serve as a consultant to the teacher. I also conduct hearing screening for grades 1, 3, and 5 in the elementary schools. I complete communicative status screens for children being referred for multi-factored evaluations and serve on the Intervention Assistance Teams in my buildings.

**(Finish this sentence):** *My job is rewarding because ...* I love the people that I work with every day.

**(Finish this sentence):** *I get the most satisfaction from ...* Seeing my former students writing news articles for the *Circleville Herald*. I know that they learned to put words together to write a complete sentence.

**My advice to young people:** Stay in school and get as much training as you can. It will pay off in the long run.

### November Birthdays

6 – Melissa Kerns

25 – Dan Bise

27 – Amber Wells

### December Birthdays

28 – Christine Pritchard

# American Education Week

American Education Week is Nov. 17 – 21. Information can be obtained from the NEA website: [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org). American Education Week is a good time to re-affirm our commitment to education, as well as renew our efforts to reach out to parents and the general public.

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## Odds 'n Ends

### **Staff holiday luncheon**

A staff holiday luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on December 19 at Jennifer Sorrell's home, 119 N. Washington Street, Circleville. Please bring a covered dish to pass, and a \$5 gift exchange item.

### **Mark your calendar**

The following staff meetings are scheduled:

- January 30 – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- April 3 – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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## Pickaway-Ross CTC Open House Dec. 9

Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center will hold its annual Open House on Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event is open to the public.

The event will kick-off with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate completion of a \$20 million modernization of the facility, which strengthens its role as a regional leader in secondary and adult education.

Open House features include drawings and door prizes, facility tours and a home-style chicken and noodle dinner.

PRCTC is located at 895 Crouse Chapel Road in Chillicothe. For more information, contact Jeff Phillips at 740.642.1301. You may e-mail him at: [jeff.phillips@pickwayross.com](mailto:jeff.phillips@pickwayross.com).