



# PCESC Update

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## Random Thoughts

*By Ty Ankrom*

Attached to this edition of the *PCESC Update* are the results of two surveys we conducted this spring. The first is the results from 30 administrators in our districts, and the other is from 37 ESC staff members. The summaries provide a view of data for three years, using a five-point scale.

Overall, the survey results show that those who completed them concur that the ESC is meeting its primary goal of providing services at a level that meet the needs and expectations of our customers.

What's exciting in the administrator's survey is a trend showing a continual climb in our ratings, while the staff survey reveals a strong level of satisfaction among our employees. We always know that we can do better, but positive feedback is quite rewarding.

Check out the survey results for yourself, and do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Have a relaxing summer, and see you in August.

*Ankrom is superintendent of PCESC*



## June Birthdays

2 – Jessica Mohler

11 – Tammy Coleman

14 – Jenni Cheek

23 – Kate Joseph

26 – Penny Hixenbaugh

## July Birthdays

2 – Aimee Roberts

5 – Sherry Kneece

12 – Brandy Sydnor

16 – Patty Blankenship

# PCESC Profile: Lydia Rittinger



**Job Title:** Secretary

**Years of Service with Pickaway County ESC:** 25 years this July.

**Degree(s)/College(s)/Year(s):** I graduated from Logan Elm High School and Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School in 1981. I took High Skill Stenography at the vocational school.

**Family Information:** My husband, William, and I have been married 29 years this month. He is a self-employed farmer. We have two daughters. Samantha will be 26 this August and Mallory is 22. Samantha graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene University in 2006 with a Bachelors Degree in Business and has worked for Nationwide Insurance since that time. Mallory graduated from The Art Institute of Ohio-Cincinnati in March of 2009 with an Associate's Degree in Fashion Merchandising. She is currently pursuing her Bachelors Degree through The Art Institute of Pittsburgh-Online Division.

We have a black German Shepherd named Blade, and our daughters have a Toy Yorkshire terrier (our grand-dog) name Bentley. They look quite funny together as Blade weighs 140 pounds and Bentley is around 9 pounds, but they get along pretty well.

**Interests/Hobbies:** I enjoy going out to eat as much as possible (my husband says that our stove/oven is one appliance that we will never have to replace). Because I enjoy eating so much, I exercise by walking either outside or on my treadmill regularly. I also enjoy visiting my daughters in the Westerville area and going shopping with them.

**A little known fact about me:** Some people already know this, but I love Coldstone Creamery. I go there often to get my favorite Signature Creation – Peanut Butter Cup Perfection, made with French Vanilla ice cream. It's the best! I will skip meals to have my ice cream.

**Describe your job:** Secretarial duties, of course, such as typing, answering telephones, taking messages, etc. Some of my other duties include supplying the local and city schools with a monthly list of Substitute Teachers, performing WebCheck Fingerprinting to obtain BCI and/or FBI Reports, Home Education letters/mailings, typing Mr. Stevens' truancy warning letters and court filings, assisting teachers and educational aides with licensure applications, questions and procedures, and scheduling and sending videos and DVDs from the Pickaway Area Media Center to schools.

**(Finish this sentence):** My job is rewarding because ... I actually enjoy what I'm doing.

**(Finish this sentence):** I get the most satisfaction from ... spending time with my family.

**My advice to young people:** The only thing I can say is to always do your best and then you can't be disappointed with the outcome knowing that you gave 100 percent.

## August Birthdays

5 - Lisa Gribler

8 - Bob Lamneck

8 - Jenniffer Vonins

16 - Carol Wagner-Williams

18 - Julie Wolfe

19 - Michelle Borland

25 - Patty Webb

27 - Dana Chestnut

## Mark Your Calendar

Aug. 19:  
Staff

Meeting @  
PCESC

*(Lunch catered by  
Jean Reichelderfer)*

## Westfall's Bowling named Franklin B. Walter Scholar



Westfall High School senior Bryan Bowling has been named the 2010 Franklin B. Walter Scholar for Pickaway County. Established in 1989 by the Ohio County Superintendents to recognize student achievement and promote academic accomplishment, the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award is granted to one senior in each of Ohio's 88 counties.

Bryan achieved the honor by virtue of his academic achievements, personal accomplishments, and community service. He represents "the best and brightest" of the Class of 2010. Pickaway County ESC and the Ohio Educational Service Center Association extend congratulations to Bryan, his family, and Westfall Local School District.

Bryan's future plans are to attend Ohio Wesleyan University, major in zoology and play football at OWU.

The award bears the name of Dr. Franklin B. Walter, who served as State Superintendent from 1977-1991. During his tenure, Dr. Walter significantly improved public education in the state, and brought Ohio's schools to the fore-front of the nation's attention. He received numerous honors and earned the respect and admiration of educators nationwide. His integrity, leadership, optimism and commitment serves as an example for all.

## Southward inducted into Senior Citizen's Hall of Fame



Pat Southward, a member of the PCESC Governing Board, was inducted into the Central Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame with her husband, Rodger. The Ashville couple was nominated by Don and Ula Jean Metzler.

A retired school psychologist, Pat (and Rodger) were nominated for the plethora of community service activities they are involved.

"Rodger and Pat are great examples of what service to people and service to your community means, Ula Jean Metzler told *The Circleville Herald* for an article in May. "They are there whenever and wherever they are asked to be ...."

# PASS provided a great alternative to school districts

When the Pickaway Alternative School for Success (PASS) ceased operations at the end of the school year, our county lost a great alternative to dealing with discipline in lieu of traditional suspension.

But the purpose of this article is not to bemoan the loss of a program, but to recognize the efforts of those who breathed life into it. Bill Chesser (who retired in February) and Debbie Lemaster provided direction to and served students first and foremost since the program's inception in 1997. Wade Bartholomew then filled a void with the program after Chesser's retirement.

Thank you all for your dedication and service to students of Pickaway County.

## Odds 'n Ends

### Staff Moves and Shakes

**Leaving:** **Kate Joseph** (speech therapist - accepted position with Circleville); **Christine Pritchard** (career development specialist – PRCTC is taking over her contract); **Makaila Tussing** (preschool aide - full-time pursuit of degree); and, **Tom Greer** (GED chief examiner – retirement / substitute GED examiner).

**New:** **Teresa Riffle** (speech therapist – Westfall and Head Start); **Marilyn Gleason** (service coordinator - Help Me Grow); **Kelly Arledge** (preschool bus driver – PRCTC); and, **Rick Stevens** (chief examiner – GED program).

### Certificate/License Renewals

All certificates/licenses expire on June 30.

Is this your year to renew? If so, review license renewal requirements in the LPDC Employee Handbook. Submit your paperwork to LPDC chair Kate Boelky. LPDC meetings are normally held on the last Friday of each month. After your renewal has been issued, it is critical that you submit for approval a new Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) to the LPDC.

If you have questions about the expiration date of your license, you may go to the Ohio Department of Education website, or contact Lydia Rittinger.

## Preschool program website created

Pickaway County Preschool Coordinator Angie Overholt has created a website designed to provide information about early childhood options for our county's young children and families. The site also lists resources available to be used by staff and parents. A blog is included on the site. It is intended to provide updates and news for preschool staff. Check out the site at: [www.pickawaypreschool.com](http://www.pickawaypreschool.com).

**Have an enjoyable, safe summer!**

