

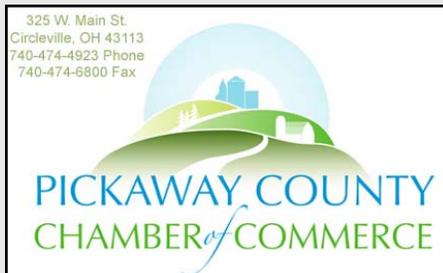
# My Turn

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Our visibility in the community is growing, and two events prove this.

Last night, Pickaway-Ross was honored by the Pickaway County Chamber of Commerce, when it was presented with the Business Pride Award as part of the Chamber's Annual Dinner in Circleville.



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In presenting the award, Chamber President Amy Elsea said Pickaway-Ross was a unanimous selection not only because of its efforts to purchase and renovate the former Mound Street Elementary School for our Allied Health Technologies programs, but for 39 years of dedicated service to Pickaway and Ross counties.

She said Pickaway-Ross is leading the way in preparing high school students and adults for career opportunities that will enable them to improve their quality of life, thus improving the quality of life in our community.

We are humbled and honored to receive this award, which is earned by each and every one of you every day. Take pride in the fact that what you do makes a difference and is being recognized. Well done.

Secondly, on Saturday, March 16, Pickaway-Ross and Ohio University-Chillicothe will host the Annual Health, Wellness and Fitness Expo at OU-C's Shoemaker Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The annual event, which is a long-time labor of love for our own Deb Park, brings together healthcare and fitness representatives from across the community to make for a one-stop wellness extravaganza.

Hosted by Dan Ramey Sr., from 1490 WBEX-AM, the event boasts a variety of health and wellness tests, vendor presentations and giveaways, and entertainment for the thousands of people expected to attend. It also helps showcase our health programs and allows us to be connected with a wonderful community event.

I want to thank Deb and everyone in our Adult Education Health Occupations Department for their time and effort planning and working this event. The more we stay engaged with the community, the more the community stays engaged with us.

