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Pioneer
Association

Special Points of
Interest:

- Fall Meeting 2026
- Fall Project – 2026
- Scholarship
Application

*Catch that
Pioneering Spirit!*

2026 Projects – In Your Local Area and Statewide

Alzheimer's Walk – 2026.
The Walk to end Alzheimer's.
In your own area!

Salvation Army – Please
consider donating in your local
area. There is a great need for
non-perishable food items.

Troop/Veteran Support – Help
a local military group or
donate to a V.A. Center in
your area.

*Thank you for your support of
chapter and club projects!*

**SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION
ENCLOSED**

Summer Update – Pioneer Activities

ITPA Buckeye State Chapter

July 2026

Fall Meeting 2026–Sugarcreek, Ohio–October 16-18, 2026

Buckeye State Chapter Pioneers, family, and friends are invited to gather at the Dutch Host Inn in Sugarcreek, Ohio the evening of October 16th (6:00 p.m.) through Saturday evening, October 17th, for the annual meeting and dinner.

Friday evening (Oct. 16th) – 6:00 p.m. & after – Meet & Greet in the Dutch Host Inn conference room. Buckeye Chapter members will bring items for an evening meal (to be determined at the July chapter meeting).

Saturday morning (Oct. 17th) – 10:00 a.m. – Chapter Business Meeting (open to all) in the Dutch Host Inn conference room. *Free time after meeting until dinner.*

Saturday evening (Oct. 17th) – 6:00 p.m. – Gather for the buffet dinner at the Dutch Valley Restaurant less than 1 mile from the Dutch Host Inn, then back to the hotel conference room for presentations, fellowship, and fun.

Hotel reservations – Please make your own reservations. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. (Room rates vary by day of the week and room type.) Reservations due no later than September 1, 2026.

A registration form is enclosed with this newsletter. Registration is due to Darlene Roll by October 1, 2026 for the meal. The cost of Saturday evening's meal is \$30.00 per person. All other meals are on your own.

Fall Projects – 2026 – NEW PROJECT!

We are collecting food items or financial donations for G.R.A.C.E. (Greater Riverside Area Community Encouragers) in Logan County. Some of our members help with this program.

Items needed: A "Wish List" is on Page 2 of this newsletter.

If you are unable to attend but would like to participate, as always, we collect "Pennies for Pioneers" (also known as any financial donations). *Please make checks for this project payable to GRACE/Cornerstone Fellowship of DeGraff.* Send checks to Darlene Roll, 1385 Township Road 216, Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9644.

In Our Thoughts

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pioneer families who have lost a loved one during this past year or are dealing with health issues.

Deceased (with company reference based on information available):

- Linda Hoskinson – Newark, Ohio (wife of Jim)
- Louise Larcom – Marion, Ohio (GTE)
- Patricia Whalen – Bellefontaine, Ohio (United Telephone)

G.R.A.C.E. Wish List

(Must be individually wrapped in their boxes)

- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Chewy Granola Bars
- NutriGrain Bars
- Kellogg's Assorted Cereal Variety Pack (25 Pk.)

Your food items or financial donations will help feed more than 110 students per week.

Pennies for Pioneers

In 2025, we collected \$396.30 in "Pennies"!

Thank you!

*Have a wonderful summer!
Hope to see some of you in
Sugarcreek, Ohio in
October!*

G.R.A.C.E. – Riverside School District, Logan County

Greater Riverside Area Community Encouragers

Who G.R.A.C.E. is:	Churches in the Logan County Riverside School District area first came together to help serve nutritional needs for students. G.R.A.C.E. is an all-volunteer group. All funding goes back into the program. There are no paid employees.
What G.R.A.C.E. does:	G.R.A.C.E. provides weekend backpack items to help support three (3) dinners, two (2) lunches and two (2) breakfasts on a normal weekend during the school year, with additional items on long weekends and school breaks. "Pirate Power Pack" on the school student registration page of the school website. G.R.A.C.E. has expanded the outreach to include a summer lunch program, one (1) day per week, on Wednesdays, at the DeGraff Park. This lunch is open to anyone, child or adult, who wishes to join for a free lunch and an opportunity to spend time with others. In the Fall, G.R.A.C.E. provides a Soup & Sandwich Drive-Thru on Monday evenings in October to help give families and individuals a way to receive another meal.
Where G.R.A.C.E. serves:	G.R.A.C.E. provides weekend backpacks to Riverside Local School District students whose parents/guardians have signed them up for the program. DeGraff-Quincy area.
When G.R.A.C.E. serves:	G.R.A.C.E. serves year-round, with the school year backpack program, summer meals, and October soup & sandwich nights. If other needs are found, the G.R.A.C.E. officers and board members consider them.
Why G.R.A.C.E. serves:	The churches in the Riverside School District area felt led to come together to meet the nutritional needs. Through prayer for direction, the group has continued that outreach and pursued additional ways to serve the community.

"Dues/Mailing Fee"

Each year, we ask Buckeye State Chapter Pioneers to make a \$5.00 donation for Dues/Mailing Fees. The purpose of this fee is to help cover some of the costs associated with the operations of Buckeye State Chapter. Please send your payment to Chapter Treasurer, Darlene Roll (*checks payable to Buckeye State Chapter ITPA*), 1385 Township Road 216, Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9644.