



## Preschool fest fun for all

The Educational Service Center worked with the Pickaway County Library for the Preschool Fest on March 30. Representatives from each of the county school districts were there, parents could sign children up for the Imagination Library and children got a book.

Activities included seeing and learning about reptiles — and a skunk! — from Alley Park, story time, an art show with preschoolers' work, STEM activities and pictures with Brutus Buckeye.

Other agencies taking part were Action for Children, Adena Health System, CareSource, Early Intervention, Head Start, Ohio Health Berger, OSU Extension, Pickaway County Family & Children First Council, Pickaway County Developmental Disabilities, Pickaway County Park Board, Pickaway County Public Health, Positive Parenting Program, YMCA of Central Ohio and Friends of the Library.

Touch a Truck in the parking lot featured police cars and ambulances (Circleville), dump truck and track loader (J.S. Goode), semi cabs plus loader (Roese Brothers) and mini dump truck (George J. Igel & Company).



## What is McKinney-Vento?

According to the National Center for Homeless Education, *homeless children and youths* are:

(A) individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence; and includes

(B) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;\*

- children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for people;
- children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above.

\*Per Title IX, Part A of Every Student Succeeds Act, "awaiting foster care placement" was removed from the definition of homeless on Dec. 10, 2016; the only exception to this removal is that "covered states" have until Dec. 10, 2017, to remove "awaiting foster care placement" from its definition of homeless.

## Homelessness doesn't take summer off

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At a recent Pickaway County Health Network meeting, Ken Tennant with Community Cupboards discussed the increased need for food in the summer as children are out of school.

Community Cupboards will

raise funds during Take Back the Strip Cruises Food Drive Saturday, May 6.

Non-perishable food drop off is from 5 until 8 pm at the Old Mill next to Bo Lacey Exteriors on South Court Street. (Cruising continues until 9 p.m.)



Families experiencing homelessness can be overlooked in the summer. Useful items for a summer care kit:

- Bottled water or a reusable bottle and drink mixes
- Non-perishable snacks (granola bars, crackers, jerky, fruit snacks)

- Utensils and napkins
  - Sunscreen
  - Travel size personal hygiene products
  - Activity book, cards, coloring book and pencils
- Items can be placed in a bag of your choice and distributed as needed.