

## *Masquerade Party 2016 Raises Record Amount for Community*

The Foundation for Pinckneyville's eighth annual Masquerade Party, held in the Illinois Harvest shed east of Pinckneyville, was a great success. The event raised \$31,342 to assist with our three community projects: the establishing of a community garden, the resurfacing of the city park ball diamonds, and assisting with the Bender Pool upgrades. One supporter, Bill Crawford, gave \$10,000 to help us reach our goal. Another generous supporter, the Engelhardt Family Foundation, matched our \$41,342 to make our final amount raised **\$82,684**.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and donors! Your generosity helped us put on an elegant party to kick off Mardi Gras in Pinckneyville and to support projects that will make Pinckneyville an even better place to live. All proceeds from this Masquerade Party will go to our selected projects. \$25,000 will be given to the Pinckneyville Pool; \$5000 will be set aside for the ball diamonds; and the rest will go to the community gardens.

Paulet and Larry Loos, along with a group of local friends, occupied The King's table this year. Those seated in this place of honor were served a special meal that was sponsored by Red Hawk Golf Course Restaurant. The winning bid for the 2017 King's Table was made by Julie and David Lach for the Roe family during the live auction.



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Thank you to all of our auction item donors and generous supporters!

### **THANK YOU**

to all of the board members and spouses, friends, businesses, guests, and donors that made this event spectacular!

The hall was elegantly decorated in a masquerade theme by Roger Brand and Name Brand Creations. The dinner was prepared by Buretta's in Nashville. Guests enjoyed the wide array of items on the live auctions donated by many local friends and businesses and BLEND provided musical entertainment. As always, there were some very creative costumes this year. It was an enjoyable evening that benefitted our entire community.



Photos courtesy of the Pinckneyville Press



In March of 2017, the City of Pinckneyville joined forces with the Foundation for Pinckneyville to initiate a social media fundraiser and letter-writing campaign to raise funds for the Pinckneyville Pool. The pool needed new paint, new plumbing, a new diving board, and several repairs to the changing/shower rooms. The YouCaring fundraiser page was named, "Make a Splash for the Pinckneyville Pool". Information was spread on FaceBook and donors could give money by credit card to the foundation to be donated to the city for the pool. Alexis Rice, a junior at PCHS, volunteered to create the "Make a Splash" logo by applying the skills she learned in her graphics design course at the high school.

These public donations were given to the Foundation as tax-deductible gifts which have been, in turn, given to the Bender Pool. These community donations, and a substantial gift from the Engelhardt Family Foundation, have totaled \$30,858.65 to the pool and the donations are still coming in. This is in addition to the original \$25,000 given from the Masquerade Party proceeds. City officials report that new plumbing has been finished, the pool has been repainted, the diving board fixed, the new slide on the way, and the shower rooms are being repaired. Bender pool will be opening Memorial Day weekend for its 49<sup>th</sup> birthday with a fresh new look.

# A New Project on the Pinckneyville Square



The Foundation for Pinckneyville is in the process of purchasing the old McDaniel's Furniture store on the north side of the Courthouse with the intention of creating additional green space downtown. Foundation President, Dustin Foutch, said, "The mission of the Foundation for the Future of Pinckneyville is to make the city more appealing and to encourage growth. Right now, the downtown – which is filled with abandoned buildings – doesn't do that."

One of the projects funded by the Masquerade Party was to establish a community garden and landscaped green space for the lot across the highway, where the Opera House and Antique Mall stood before the fire. A structural engineer said the building would have to be condemned and any improvements to the building would be cost prohibitive. After demolishing the McDaniel's Furniture building, this new lot will allow the project to expand to include a beautifully landscaped garden tended by the U of I Extension Master Gardeners and the PCHS FFA group. A pavilion, picnic area, raised vegetable and flower beds, trees, and a fountain may also be included. "This project will have a dual purpose," said Foutch, "It will help to improve the image of downtown Pinckneyville and will provide a functional space for the community to use. The goal of this endeavor is for the advancement and enjoyment of the whole community."



The grassy lot where the Kuntz Opera House and Antique Mall once stood.

## *THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!*

An enormous THANK YOU goes out to the **Engelhardt Family Foundation!** The funds for the McDaniel property came entirely from their incredibly generous donation. This donation will pay for the property, the huge cost of the building demolition, and much of the landscaping.

The Foundation would like to thank all the community members, businesses, friends, and board members for the donations given this year to help several projects in Pinckneyville. Every single donation is appreciated. Thank you all for putting Pinckneyville first and helping our Foundation make this town a great place to live!



## **Bill Crawford Remembered**

William "Bill" Crawford Jr., age 96, passed away on April 4, 2017. Bill was a dedicated and generous member of the Board of Directors for the Foundation for Pinckneyville for many years and his love of community was evident in everything he did. He will truly be missed.

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## ***Become a Foundation Sponsor***

**Our mission is to make Pinckneyville a great place to live. All donations to specific projects have gone directly to those intended projects, however even non-profit organizations have bills to pay. In order to continue with these efforts and other very beneficial projects in the future, we must pay for an office manager, office expenses, postage, and insurance. May we have your support?**

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