

Almost There! – July 2011

Dear Preble County Citizens,

The Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission will meet on September 8, 2011, in Columbus to review the Preble County Historical Society's amphitheater project and to approve release of funds to reimburse the Society for up to \$350,000 in state funds for our project. That's great news for all of us who have been working on the project – planning, raising money, meeting with architects and builder, and donating money – for so long.

And now you can help finish the project. We still need \$35,720.43 to match the state funds, so your contribution can help to ensure that we complete the draw down of our tax dollars and bring them back to Preble County for this project!

And the construction bid is 5% higher than our projections – not surprising considering that we have been working on this project for three years. So we hope to raise an additional \$36,600 to fully fund the project.

That's a lot to raise given that our community already has donated \$314,236.04 for the project. Over 130 individuals, families, businesses and foundations have made this project possible. The Historical Society is extremely grateful for this support.

So if you can donate now, you will help us start construction in September and complete the project in time for a stunning inaugural season of festive musical, artistic, theatrical, educational, and just plain fun performances in 2012!

Mail your donation or pledge to the Preble County Historical Society at 7693 Swartsel Road, Eaton OH 45320. All donors will be recognized on permanent plaques at the amphitheater location.

For more information, see our web site at www.pchs.preblecounty.com or call 937-787-4256 and talk with Jane Lightner, PCHS Executive Director. You also can email questions to preblecountyhistoricalsociety@frontier.com.

With our thanks,

Harold and Jean Fitzwater Bussell
PCHS Amphitheater Project Co-Chairs