

# Harrison County Community Foundation

## Peter J. and Joan T. Schickel Scholarship Fund

Very dedicated members of their community, Pete and Joan Schickel of Lanesville established their scholarship fund in 2005 with the Harrison County Community Foundation. The Peter J. and Joan T. Schickel Scholarship Fund provides scholarship support to graduating seniors of Lanesville High School. Pete is a founding board member of the Foundation.

Joan graduated from Morgan Township High School in 1943. Pete graduated from Lanesville High School in 1941. They were married in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Bradford on June 6, 1946. They are active members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lanesville. They have five children and 10 grandchildren. All five of their children graduated from Lanesville High School and their son, Robert, is currently Vice President of the Lanesville Community School Corporation Board of Trustees.

Pete has been a very active citizen of Harrison County, serving in areas such as Treasurer of the Lanesville Community School Building Corporation since 1951 and the Harrison County Hospital Foundation since its inception in 1983. He served on the Harrison County Council from 1958 to 1988, served as director of First Federal Savings and Loan Association (First Federal Bank) (First Harrison Bank) from 1963-1995 and has also served on the board of directors for the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce and Harrison County Farm Bureau. Since 1979, Pete has been coordinator for the annual legislative update which is co-sponsored by the two organizations.

Joan served as Secretary of the Harrison County School Reorganization Committee from July 1963 to 1990. She served on the Lanesville Community School Corporation Board of Trustees for 10 years. Joan is currently Farm Woman Leader for Franklin Township Farm Bureau. Pete and Joan are chartered members of Lanesville Heritage Weekend, Inc. since its beginning in 1976 and the Franklin Township Athletic Club since its inception in 1949. After earning her way to the Indiana State Farm Bureau speaking contest four times, Joan won first in 1967. The title of the speech was "You Make The Difference".

The Schickels operated a family egg business from 1946 to 1988. Farm Fresh Quality Eggs were produced and packed daily on the Peter J. Schickel Egg Farm near Lanesville. Eggs were delivered to the ultimate consumer on Tuesdays and Fridays weekly.

Community service is part of the criteria to obtain the scholarship. "We think that is our purpose on earth to serve, we need to help those in need, those less fortunate," said Joan. "We are especially interested in young folks, they are our future. We figure if they get a good start and are sent in the right direction, then we are working toward a better community."



(above) Joan and Pete on the last day they operated their family egg business in 1988



(left) In tradition, Pete stands on his head after a Lanesville home win

(Right) Pete on the 1940-1941 Lanesville High School Basketball Team



Pete, Alvin Brown, and Edmund Green at Pete's last council meeting-December 1988

