

League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area

VOTER GUIDE

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**Primary Election
March 19, 2024**

**Polls Open:
6:30 A. M. to 7:30 P. M.**

This publication is issued by the League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area, a national nonpartisan organization, to provide a forum to all political candidates within the jurisdiction of our organization that includes the City of Tiffin, Clinton, Hopewell, and Eden

Townships, and Tiffin City, Hopewell-Loudon, and Mohawk School Districts.

***Celebrating 104 years of the
League of Women Voters and
54 years of the Tiffin Area League***

Information about candidates was assembled in the following manner: Candidates were asked to provide for their biographical information and their answers to the League questions. Candidates are solely responsible for the contents of their reply.

The League does not alter, edit, or correct the candidates' responses to the question(s) asked.

This Voter Guide was prepared for the 2024 Primary Election. All candidates who filed with the Board of Elections were contacted and asked to submit biographical information and to answer questions approved by the League Board of Directors. Those who did not respond are listed with the statement — “response not received by press time.” Candidate responses were not edited for content, spelling or grammar, and were copied exactly as received. There are several ballot issues for this election.



Applications for absentee ballots for the March 19 presidential primary election must be received by boards of elections by the close of business March 12 (7 days before the presidential primary election).

***EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING HOURS FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH
(2024 PRIMARY ELECTION) MARCH 19, 2024***

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 – Friday, February 23, 2024 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monday, February 26, 2024 – Friday, March 1, 2024 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monday, March 4, 2024 – Friday, March 8, 2024 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 9, 2024 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Monday, March 11, 2024 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 7:30 am to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, March 13, 2024– Friday, March 15, 2024 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 17, 2024 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

March 18: Mailed absentee ballots must be postmarked by this date.

March 19: General Election: Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

March 19: Absentee Ballots may be returned by mail or personally delivered to your county board of elections. If not returned by mail, absentee ballots must be received by your board of elections by 7:30 p.m.

March 23: Last day for boards of elections to receive absentee ballots that have been postmarked on or before March 18.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

All Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle locations have begun issuing free state ID cards to eligible citizens as a result of the state's new voting ID law.

VOTER INFORMATION – NEW LAWS IN OHIO

At the end of 2022, Ohio's General Assembly passed significant changes to the state's election laws, particularly impacting the kind of ID voters need when voting and shortening the early voting period.

ID NEEDED TO VOTE BY MAIL

You will write or type these numbers on your request form- you do not have to show a physical copy to get an absentee ballot

- Ohio driver's license number or state ID card number
- OR
- Last 4 digits of your Social Security number

REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

- [Here](#) (link)
- If the ballot request form doesn't come directly from the Secretary of State's website, be sure the application says Form 11-A at the top- you can see what it looks like [here](#) (link)
- Submit your absentee ballot request by no later than 7 days before the election

TRACK YOUR BALLOT REQUEST

- Once you're submitted your request online, you'll get tracking updates letting you know they've received your request, and that your ballot is on its way to you
- Once you've returned your ballot, you'll also get updates letting you know your Board of Elections has received your ballot, and that your vote has been accounted for

RETURN YOUR BALLOT

- By mail
- To your county Board of Elections drop box

DEADLINES

- By USPS mail: Must be postmarked by the day before the election and received by the 4th day after the election
- Hand-delivered: Must be received by your County Board of Elections by 7:30 pm on Election Day (note: not your polling place)

ACCEPTED ID FOR EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

- **Ohio driver's license or State ID card- must be issued by the Ohio BMV only**
 - **Your card cannot be expired**
 - **It's ok to have an old address on your card**
 - **It's ok to have an Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV**
- U.S. Military, or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs card
- Ohio National Guard card
- U.S. Passport Book or Card

ID NO LONGER ACCEPTED FOR EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

- **Last 4 digits of Social Security number**
- **Copy of a Photo ID**
- **Utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document**

THERE IS NO LONGER EARLY VOTING ON THE MONDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY

ACCEPTED ID ELECTION DAY

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- **Copy of a Photo ID**
- **Utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document**

Any permanent or temporary resident of Ohio 17 years of age or older qualifies for a BMV-issued State ID Card free of charge if that person

- is not licensed as an operator of a motor vehicle in this or any other state.
- does not hold an identification card from another state.

- All non-citizens who apply for a license or ID card of any kind will have a notification on their card that indicates they are not a citizen of the United States.
- Individuals who become citizens of the U.S. may qualify for a free replacement of their license/ID card if all of the following is true
 - The card is valid and its expiration date is not within 90 days of expiration.
 - Their current card indicates the cardholder was a noncitizen
 - The applicant is a U.S. citizen at the time of application.

*** Please note that an ID card is not the same as a driver's license and does not grant you the privilege to operate any motor vehicle.

MISCELLANEOUS VOTING LAW CHANGES

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

- Must be cured by the fourth day after Election Day
 - If you voted provisionally on Election Day because there was some question about your ID or something else, be sure to follow up with your county Board of Elections before that 4th day

EXCEPTIONS TO THE PHOTO ID REQUIREMENT

- Voters with a religious objection to being photographed are exempt from providing a photo ID when voting
- These voters can
 - vote with the last four digits of their social security number during early voting or on Election Day
- **And must**
 - **sign an "Affidavit of Religious Objection".**
 - **The affidavit and vote will be void if the voter is found to have a currently unexpired photo ID.**

CURBSIDE VOTING

- Curbside Voting is now more prohibitive and only available to voters who are "physically unable to enter the polling place".
- However, a disability claim cannot be contested by an elections official.

Information for candidates for national office was collected by the League of Women Voters of the United States and for State of Ohio candidates, by the League of Women Voters of Ohio.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Duties: The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and, the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.

Term: Four years. Limit of two terms.

Base Salary: \$400,000 per year.

Note: All candidates who will appear on your state's ballot are listed below but only those that meet the following criteria were invited to respond to the League's questions in this guide.

1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party's nomination for President; and,
2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Elections Commission website.

DEMOCRATIC

Joseph Biden

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President Biden and Vice President Harris will continue to invest in the American people and fight to lower costs for families. They will continue working to eliminate junk fees and call on corporations with higher markups to pass savings onto consumers. President Biden and Vice President Harris are also pushing Congress to lower the cost of housing, lower prescription drug prices for more Americans, expand access to affordable, high-quality childcare and long-term care, extend the enhanced Child Tax Credit, ensure access to paid family and medical leave for every American, make preK free and college more affordable, and more. Additional information can be found in this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

The Biden Administration is lowering prescription drug prices – President Biden was the first president to take on Big Pharma and win. He has capped the cost of insulin at \$35 for seniors and finally allowed Medicare to negotiate drug prices — starting with some of the costliest, most widely used drugs used to treat blood clots, cancers, diabetes and more. The Biden-Harris Administration is also defending in court a woman’s ability to access medication abortion, fighting to ensure that women receive the medical care they need in emergencies including miscarriages, working to protect the right to travel across state lines to access care, and strengthening privacy protections for patients and doctors.

<http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

President Biden and Vice President Harris came into office with a vision to grow the economy from the middle out and the bottom up—not the top down. They’re focused on an economy that builds more in America, invests in American workers, and promotes competition to lower costs – and their economic vision is working. Additional information can be found in this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

President Biden and Vice President Harris are also using all the tools at their disposal to build a safe, orderly, and humane immigration system. While Donald Trump has repeatedly said that immigrants are poisoning the nation’s blood and is calling for an extreme immigration plan that would wreak havoc across communities while doing nothing to keep us safe, the Biden-Harris Administration has both increased legal pathways for migration and increased border enforcement. And, since Day One, President Biden has called on Congress to take action to build an orderly and humane immigration system. Additional information can be found in this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

As president, Joe Biden has made the defense, protection, and preservation of American democracy the central cause of his

administration. This starts with strengthening and fighting for our democratic institutions and free and fair elections and President Biden is using every tool at his disposal to do so – including through an Executive Order directing all agencies to promote voting and voter registration, calling on Congress to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore and strengthen the Voting Rights Act and the Freedom to Vote Act to establish national baseline standards for access to the ballot. Additional information can be found in this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

REPUBLICAN

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The candidate has not yet responded.

REPUBLICAN

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The candidate has not yet responded.

OHIO US HOUSE DISTRICT 5

Ohio U.S. House Representative

Base Salary: \$174,000

Term Limit: 2 yrs

Responsibilities: To represent the people of Ohio, their district, and the United States in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.

Robert L. Owsiak Jr., (R)

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EDUCATION

University of Toledo College of Law, JD; Bowling Green State University, BA; Bowling Green Senior High School

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

United States House of Representatives 2007-present; Energy & Commerce Committee Subcommittee Chair Communications and Technology, former Chair of Digital Commerce & Consumer Protection, member of Energy and Health subcommittees; former member of Budget, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Agriculture Committees; 2001-2007 Ohio House of Representatives; 1997-2000 Ohio Senate; 1991-1996 Wood County Commissioner; and Attorney at Law.

Keith Mundy, (D)

NO RESPONSES YET.

We asked the candidate some general information questions, such as campaign details and important source links. Unfortunately, the candidate has not answered at this time.

What are your top priorities and how will you address them?**Keith Mundy (D)**

The candidate has not yet responded.

Republican**Robert L. Owsiak Jr.**

Trying to give average Americans their voices back in government. I will address that by being very open to all my constituents and not just cater to the rich

Bob Latta (R)

Due to skyrocketing inflation, families, farmers, and manufacturers in Ohio have been forced to pay more for everyday goods and services. We must rein in out-of-control federal spending. I introduced a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. I oppose the death tax and introduced a bill to abolish it. Providing for the safety and security of the American people is the primary responsibility of Congress. The men and women in our Armed

Forces must have the tools they need to carry out their missions, and I voted to give them the pay raises they deserve. Our vets must have the benefits they've earned. I support North American energy independence and all-of-the-above energy policies. I am working on broadband deployment. I am Pro-Life.

State your position on voting and elections policy?

Keith Mundy (D)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Robert L. Owsiak Jr. (R)

Your representatives should be your voice and not just push their own believes and agendas

Bob Latta (R)

Free and fair elections are the bedrock of American democracy. The American people must have confidence in our elections while respecting the Constitution, federalism, and conservative principles. The United States Constitution is the greatest document in self-government the world has ever known. I have taken a solemn oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and I take that oath very seriously. As a constitutional conservative, I believe the first three words in the Constitution, 'We the people', are bigger than all else in that document. I oppose efforts to: nationalize elections and remove states' authority over their elections, fill campaign accounts with taxpayer dollars, or compromise basic voter ID guidelines.

State your position on immigration policy?

Keith Mundy (D)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Robert L. Owsiak Jr. (R)

I'm all for legal immigration. The key there is legal. Everyone has to come into our country the right way so we know who all is here.

Bob Latta (R)

We need to secure the southern border to protect our nation and people. Having been to our southern border four times, I believe we need to end catch and release, cease exploitation of parole authority, reinstitute the Remain in Mexico program, expand expedited removal, and restart border protection enhancements, including the wall, which Border Patrol said will stop 95% of entries. Last year, I supported the Secure the Border Act, which is the strongest border security bill advanced in decades. Securing our border is absolutely essential to stopping the deadly flow of fentanyl that continues to kill Ohioans and Americans across the country. We also must crack down on the trafficking of drugs like fentanyl, cocaine, heroin, and marijuana.

Keith Mundy (D)

The candidate has not yet responded.

State your priorities on foreign policy and national security?**Robert L. Owsiak Jr. (R)**

We need to protect our borders first and foremost. The border is the front door of the nation and no one i know of leaves their front door wide open for anyone to just come and go as they please.

Bob Latta (R)

While we face increased threats from foreign adversaries like Communist China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran, we must support our Armed Forces as they defend our nation and protect our people. If the United States abandons our Allies like we did in Afghanistan, we will lose our trust and standing in the world. Now more than ever, the U.S. must stand with our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel, as they defend themselves from Hamas terrorists. The Chinese Communist Party represents the greatest threat to global peace and security. We must confront their human rights abuses and illegal trade practices. Russia's economy relies on its energy

industry. We must cut off Putin's ability to use energy revenues to wage war in Ukraine.

Keith Mundy (D)

The candidate has not yet responded.

State your position on environmental policy and natural resource management.

Keith Mundy (D)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Robert L. Owsiak Jr. (R)

we need to protect the earth because this is the only one we have. that being said, charging battery cars with coal power plants doesn't make much sense to me.

Bob Latta (R)

American energy leadership is critical to ensuring we are not reliant on countries like Russia and Communist China. I supported the Lower Energy Costs Act to restore American energy independence by increasing domestic energy production, reforming permitting process for all industries, reversing anti-energy policies advanced by the Biden Admin, streamlining energy infrastructure and exports, and boosting the production and processing of critical minerals. China's CO2 emissions increased in 2023 by twice as much as US emissions declined. I support the Great Lakes Restorative Initiative, which works to protect/preserve the Great Lakes so generations to come have safe water. I support American agriculture that feeds us and the world.

State your position on healthcare policy.

Keith Mundy (D)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Robert L. Owsiak Jr. (R)

the whole health care system is broken and everything is over priced. we need to look at what grants and help the government is giving drug makers and make price caps on the ones getting help or hand outs from the government

Bob Latta (R)

Americans pay too much for health care. I sit on the Energy and Commerce Committee and serve on the Health Subcommittee. I advocate for legislation that lowers out-of-pocket costs, promotes competition, and establishes transparency and accountability in drug pricing. The pandemic highlighted the need for expanded telehealth services, which I support. Surprise billing is not right nor fair, and it must come to an end. I am proud landmark legislation I supported to create 988 as the national suicide hotline was implemented. I supported the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act to fight substance use disorder and improve mental health. I coauthored the HALT Fentanyl Act to help save lives and combat the deadly overdose crisis.

What role, if any, should the government take to ensure that no person is discriminated against.

Keith Mundy (D)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Robert L. Owsiak Jr. (R)

I think discrimination is wrong but I'm not sure there is any way for the government to fix it. I don't think it is nearly as big of a problem as main stream media would make you think.

Bob Latta (R)

I believe it is essential that we follow the Constitution and federal statutes.

OHIO US SENATE**Ohio U.S. Senator****Base Salary: \$174,000**

Term Limit: 6 yrs

Responsibilities: Represents the people of Ohio and the U.S. in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.

Sherrod Brown (D)

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EDUCATION

BA Yale University, 1974; MA Ohio State University, 1979; MPA Ohio State University, 1981

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

United States Senator, former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, former Ohio Secretary of State, former Member of the Ohio House of Representatives

Matt Dolan (R)

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EDUCATION

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TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Current State Senator and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, former State Representative, former Assistant Attorney General for State of Ohio, and former Chief Assistant Prosecutor for Geauga County. See bio: <https://dolanforohio.com/meet-matt/>

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

<https://dolanforohio.com/meet-matt/>

What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

Frank LaRose (R)

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Bernie Moreno (R)

NO RESPONSES YET.

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Doug Stuart (R)

NO RESPONSES YET.

Sherrod Brown (D)

My top priority is always to fight for Ohioans and the Dignity of Work. That means standing up to special interests and big corporations to level the playing field and ensure every family has a path to the middle class. I am proud of our recent wins like passing the Butch Lewis Act, which secured

the pensions of over 100,000 Ohio workers, the bipartisan PACT Act that delivered the largest expansion of veterans' healthcare in VA history, and the CHIPS Act that is bringing thousands of jobs to Ohio. Currently, I am committed to passing the FEND Off Fentanyl Act to protect Ohioans from dangerous fentanyl and reinstating the Child Tax Credit to support working families.

Matt Dolan (R)

The border crisis remains a top concern for voters. Legal immigration is crucial for Ohio/America's economy, yet the surge in illegal immigrants affects all states, causing crime, strained resources, and drug overdoses in Ohio due to the fentanyl crisis. Addressing this crisis is imperative. Additionally, we should focus on strengthening our economy and curbing inflation. Rising costs burden Ohio families and businesses, and to alleviate this, we must stop out-of-control spending, eliminate government waste, quit incentivizing workers to stay home, and modernize our supply chain and infrastructure—all of which I accomplished in Ohio with my authorship, negotiation, and passage of the most conservative budgets in state history.

State your position on voting end elections policy.**Frank LaRose (R)**

The candidate has not yet responded.

Bernie Moreno (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Doug Stuart (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Sherrod Brown (D)

As Secretary of State, I expanded voter access and information. In the Senate, I am fighting against efforts that disenfranchise voters. I support the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and will always oppose laws that intentionally make it more difficult for people of color, seniors, students, and low-income people to vote. I've previously introduced the Election Security Act, which would require backup paper ballots and provide election security

grants to states for cyber security, and I introduced a bill to stop states from purging voters solely due to failure to vote or to respond to a state notice. I will continue to urge my colleagues to pass meaningful voting rights legislation.

Matt Dolan (R)

The Constitution is clear that the responsibility for managing elections rests with the states. My opponents want to empower the federal government to overturn elections. By contrast, I support states' rights and I have a record of enhancing election integrity and security in Ohio. I support state-initiated Voter ID and upholding the maintenance of accurate voter rolls. I oppose federal laws that loosen or undermine the integrity and strength of state's rights to hold elections.

State your position on immigration policy.**Frank LaRose (R)**

The candidate has not yet responded.

Bernie Moreno (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Doug Stuart (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Sherrod Brown (D)

Presidents of both parties have failed to secure our border. We need to get more resources and personnel to the border to support our border control agents and prevent a humanitarian crisis. I've also introduced legislation to protect our border control agents from illegal drugs and keep dangerous fentanyl out of our communities by cracking down on its illicit supply chains at their source.

Matt Dolan (R)

The Biden Administration neglects its duty to keep Americans safe; addressing immigration starts with robust border enforcement. According to Ohio law enforcement, reckless open border policies directly contribute to

increased drug and human trafficking in Ohio, with nearly 80% of overdose deaths linked to China-sourced fentanyl. Securing the Southern Border through physical and surveillance barriers and increased Border Patrol personnel is vital. This approach safeguards America's sovereignty and enhances community safety in Ohio. Congress should follow my lead as a state legislator who designated drug cartels as foreign terrorist organizations and increased efforts against drugs and human trafficking for a safer, more secure nation.

State your priorities on foreign policy and national security.

Frank LaRose (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Bernie Moreno (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Doug Stuart (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Sherrod Brown (D)

I am focused on getting aid to Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine. It is time we put the politics aside and get this done. Additionally, as Chairman of the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, I have pushed to sanction Russia for their unprovoked aggression and remove their Most Favored Nation status. I've always fought against unfair trade policies that leave Ohio workers behind. I have stood up to presidents of both parties against bad trade deals and will continue fighting to expand manufacturing jobs in Ohio and across the nation. Recently, I successfully urged the Biden Administration to remove the trade pillar from the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework to ensure workers weren't cut out of the deal.

Matt Dolan (R)

The most important responsibility a US Senator has is to keep the nation and its citizens safe and secure. Unlike my opponents, I have been crystal clear from day one that there should be no daylight between the United States and Israel. We must support – through financial, humanitarian and

military means – Israel’s right to defend itself and its citizens in the effort to destroy Hamas. Furthermore, I stand against isolationist voices that say we should cease supporting Ukraine following its invasion by Russia. Providing weapons to Ukraine today will keep us from sending America’s sons and daughters to the front lines in Poland or the Baltics tomorrow.

State your position on environmental policy and natural resource management.

Frank LaRose (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Bernie Moreno (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Doug Stuart (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Sherrod Brown (D)

I will always fight to protect our environment and Ohio’s natural resources for the next generation. I championed the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to clean up Ohio's vital water resources, fought for resources to better understand the effects of algal blooms on lakeshore communities, and worked across party lines to ensure the Army Corps of Engineers keeps the Cleveland Harbor and shipping channel clean. We shouldn’t have to choose between good environmental policy and good-paying jobs. That's why I support policies that decrease our dependence on foreign oil, safeguard our environment, and give Ohio manufacturers the tools they need to lead the renewable energy market.

Matt Dolan (R)

Our natural resources in Ohio, especially our water, drive much-needed revenue, economic growth, tourism, and job creation. As a state legislator, I authored the Great Lakes Compact to protect Ohio’s fresh water from being drained away by diversion or wasted by misuse. I also funded the H2Ohio program to improve water quality and infrastructure statewide. In the U.S. Senate, I will continue my work to preserve, protect and promote our

environment for future generations, and make sure all Ohioans have access to clean air and clean water. I will also continue my record of protecting the economic value of Ohio's greatest natural asset, water.

State your position on healthcare policy.

Frank LaRose (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Bernie Moreno (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Doug Stuart (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Sherrod Brown (D)

I take a back seat to no one when it comes to standing up to Big Pharma – because no one should have to choose between staying healthy and paying their medical bills. That's why I am fighting to ensure all Ohioans have access to quality, affordable healthcare. Through the IRA, we secured a \$35 cap on out-of-pocket insulin costs for all Ohioans on Medicare. President Trump also signed my legislation – the Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act – to increase transparency on drug prices and lower costs for Ohioans. Additionally, I refused to accept Congressional health insurance until Congress passed the ACA. I've also championed the protection of the Children's Health Insurance Program to ensure our children have quality access to care.

Matt Dolan (R)

I will focus on healthcare policies that lead to greater efficiencies, reduced costs, and improved outcomes for all Americans. In the state legislature, I crafted legislation promoting innovation and open market collaboration to lower patient costs and enhance quality of care. For instance, I authored and passed a bill that allowed pharmacists to join collaborative care teams, reducing costs and improving access to care. Additionally, I worked to halt surprise billing, enhance cost transparency, and expand telemedicine. Acknowledging areas lacking quality healthcare access, I advocate for

using technology and innovation, as seen in Ohio, to bring high-quality healthcare to traditionally underserved rural areas.

What role, if any, should the government take to ensure that no person is discriminated against.

Frank LaRose (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Bernie Moreno (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Doug Stuart (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Sherrod Brown (D)

No one should be denied a fair shot because of their race, who they love, or their gender and I will always oppose discrimination in any form. While working to protect individual rights, I am also focused on equal opportunities for all Ohioans by passing legislation to expand federal civil rights protections and fight LGBTQ discrimination in the housing market and the workplace. As Chair of the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, I am standing up to powerful banks and predatory housing investors to ensure no one is discriminated against in the financial services or housing sectors and to make sure every Ohioan can fulfill the American Dream by purchasing and owning their own home.

Matt Dolan (R)

There is no place for discrimination. Simply none. I have worked at the state level to codify nondiscrimination protections into state law and protect the freedom of every Ohioan to worship freely and safely.

**The information on this page reflects Ohio's new State Senate and State House districts that determine elections in 2024 and go into effect in 2025, which may be different from your current districts.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

State Representative 87th District

Term: - 2 years Number to be elected: 1 per District

Salary:

Responsibilities: To represent the people of the district and the state of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government.

Gary Click (R)

NO RESPONSES YET.

We asked the candidate some general information questions, such as campaign details and important source links. Unfortunately, the candidate has not answered at this time.

Dianne Selvey (D)

NO RESPONSES YET.

We asked the candidate some general information questions, such as campaign details and important source links. Unfortunately, the candidate has not answered at this time.

**The information on this page reflects Ohio's new State Senate and State House districts that determine elections in 2024 and go into effect in 2025, which may be different from your current districts.

STATE SENATOR 26TH DISTRICT

Term: - 4 years Number to be elected: 1 per district

Salary: \$67,584

Responsibilities: To represent the people of the district and the state of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government.

Mohamud Jama (D)

NO RESPONSES YET.

We asked the candidate some general information questions, such as campaign details and important source links. Unfortunately, the candidate has not answered at this time.

Bill Reineke (R)
NO RESPONSES YET.

We asked the candidate some general information questions, such as campaign details and important source links. Unfortunately, the candidate has not answered at this time.

DISTRICT 26 STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEWOMAN

State Central Committees are the controlling committees of each major political party. They manage the affairs of the statewide party, are responsible for its day to day operations; direct general policy; direct and conduct campaign activities; and assist the party in its fundraising efforts. A state central committee consists of two members, one a man and one a woman, from each state senate district. Currently, committee members of the Republican political party serve two-year terms, and members of the Democratic party serve four-year terms.

Susan Platt (R)

CAMPAIGN ADDRESS: Susan Platt, Box 268, Bascom, OH 44809

CAMPAIGN PHONE: 419-934-0444

CAMPAIGN EMAIL: platt78@aol.com

EDUCATION: M.A. French Language and Literature, B.S. Education (German; French; and Spanish)

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: 45 years of experience as a high school teacher. Now retired.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE: Member of the Seneca County Republican Central Committee, 5 years. President of the Seneca County Republican Women

What are your top priorities, if elected?

Adhere to the committee bylaws, find ways to encourage youth involvement, maintain conservative principals, and uphold the US and Ohio Constitutions/Bill of Rights. Our best safeguard for our republic is an educated electorate.

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Michael Coughlin (R)

CAMPAIGN PHONE: 614-638-6229

CAMPAIGN EMAIL: 1samuel1522.23@gmail.com

WEBSITE: michaelcoughlin.net

EDUCATION: B.S. in Mathematics from John Carroll University

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: I am a public speaker who is skilled in debate and logic (lost arts). My experience advocating for the unborn and proclaiming the lordship of Jesus Christ over government is essential to creating a righteous state of Ohio.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE;I volunteer for my church, LaRue Baptist Church. I also visit local nursing home and try to assist people wherever I can.

Zachary Armane McNutt (R)

CAMPAIGN ADDRESS: 1112 Doris Drive

CAMPAIGN PHONE: 5673072387

CAMPAIGN EMAIL: m.zach89@yahoo.com

EDUCATION: BA in Political Science- The Ohio State University

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Elected member of the Crawford County Republican Central Committee since 2022

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE: I have volunteered for two years to operate the Crawford Republican Central Committee booth at the Crawford County Fair. I have also been active in working with local youth through the YMCA as a basketball coach. Can provide more experience.

Brian M. Roberts (R)
NO RESPONSES YET.

Justin C. Smith (R)
NO RESPONSES YET.

Fred Vogel (R)
NO RESPONSES YET.

What are your top priorities, if elected?

Michael Coughlin (R)

My top priority is reforming the Republican party by exhorting folks to the following: 1. Repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ without shame. 2. The criminalization of abortion. No exceptions. Abortion should be explicitly declared to be criminal, and we should fight for legislation that would treat the murder of the unborn no different from the murder of the born. Any Republican who cannot stand for the unborn in this way must be declared unfit to serve in government. 3. We should push for an insane reduction in government spending on any activity that is not ordained by God as governmental and allow capitalism to create opportunities for individuals to rise up and create innovative and cost-effective solutions.

Zachary Armane McNutt (R)

My priorities are: 1) play by the rules as laid out by the laws and bylaws of the ORP; 2) conduct myself in a way that promotes interparty communication and optimal cooperation on tasks before the committee; 3)

establish channels of communication with Republican voters, especially younger of-age voters; and 4) inspire an upholding of positive partisan standards which may lead to better vetting of candidates seeking endorsement for elections to offices that represent large populations of Ohioans.

Brian M. Roberts (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Justin C. Smith (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

Fred Vogel (R)

The candidate has not yet responded.

The following information on Seneca County candidates was collected by the League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area. Each candidate was emailed the same questions developed for that office. Responses were directly copied from their emailed responses and are exactly as written by the candidate. No corrections were made on their responses.

SENECA COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 2

Salary: \$72,340

Responsibilities: To exercise financial control of County expenditures; to authorize public works; to purchase land and buildings; to let contracts; to plan and administer welfare. The Board of County Commissioners also appoints other officials to operate various departments.

Question 1: *Are there other projects for the county to work on in conjunction with the municipalities?*

Question 2: *What is your opinion on the progress of the county-wide EMS system AND is the new proposed EMS building at the Seneca County Fairgrounds a good location? Why or why not?*

Question 3: *Are there county services that could be improved for Seneca County residents?*

Name: Anthony Paradiso (R)

Education: *Information not received from candidate*

Occupation: *Information not received from candidate*

Training and Experience: *Information not received from candidate*

Answer to Question 1: *Are there other projects for the county to work on in conjunction with the municipalities?*

The municipalities are of course part of the county. The Justice Center and many county offices are located in Tiffin. The county owns Parking lots that are shared with the public and help accommodate downtown business and visitors. We are also on several boards and committees with Fostoria and Tiffin. The Land Bank, Tiffin Economic Partnership, The Visitors Bureau, The Justice Center, the OPWC committee (infrastructure projects/our

engineers) to name a few. In addition, we share the same State and local representatives which is important as we collaborate on projects and issues. The Community Kitchen now under construction is an example of a current project where the Commissioners have worked with the City.

Answer to Question 2: *What is your opinion on the progress of the county-wide EMS system AND is the new proposed EMS building at the Seneca County Fairgrounds a good location? Why or why not?*

This question has been in front of the elected officials for many years. Several years ago after much discussion and focus 17 of the 23 legal entities in the County came together to address this issue by legally forming an EMS District and passing a levy to support it. Tiffin, Fostoria, and Bascom were happy with their systems. Thus the rest of the County came together to discuss how to serve the underserved areas cost effectively. Basically providing EMS coverage for 75% of the land mass of the County while paying for 24/7 EMS coverage with only 40% of the population. This is where the idea and need for the new buildings came about. It was agreed that a total of (4) strategically placed buildings would work best to cover the service area and meet our response time goals. The building at the fair grounds which is centrally located will remain as the fifth building housing the EMS Administration, our ECHO Staff, some vehicle and other EMS assets as well as our EMA office.

Answer to Question 3: *Are there county services that could be improved for Seneca County residents?*

We are always trying to work with the elected officials and various agencies to improve services. This year we reserved 4 spots at the RTA building and supervised this area with an on site Sheriff Deputy. This was a huge success allowing County residence to conveniently access the building to pay their property taxes and to walk in and ask questions regarding any changes to their bill in the Auditor and Treasure offices. One huge area that we would like to see improve is access to broadband service to EVERYONE in the County. We continue to do what we can to support this and are making steady progress.

Name: Brent David Busdeker (R)

Education: *Information not received from candidate*

Occupation: *Information not received from candidate*

Training and Experience: *Information not received from candidate*

Answer to Question 1: *Are there other projects for the county to work on in conjunction with the municipalities?*

The candidate has chosen not to provide an answer to the question asked.

Answer to Question 2: *What is your opinion on the progress of the county-wide EMS system AND is the new proposed EMS building at the Seneca County Fairgrounds a good location? Why or why not?*

The candidate has chosen not to provide an answer to the question asked.

Answer to Question 3: *Are there county services that could be improved for Seneca County residents?*

The candidate has chosen not to provide an answer to the question asked.

Below is the information provided by the candidate:

I grew up just outside of Pemberville, a rural agricultural community similar to Seneca county. My father was heavily involved in Agri-business in both Seneca and Sandusky County. I graduated from The Ohio State University. While at Ohio State I met my wife Lynn who was from Tiffin. Shortly after graduating we chose to move and start our family in Seneca County where we have been blessed with 3 children.

I've been in business for almost 25 years with Lynn's brother's Jason and Aaron Herbert. Jason and I co-manage King Industrial Supply and Aaron manages KGS, Ohio. The experience I have gained through small business ownership of both King Industrial Supply and KGS, OH, I believe has prepared me for this next chapter as a Seneca County commissioner. I am active in the community, having served on the YMCA board, and currently coaching wrestling at Tiffin Middle School and I previously coached in Tiffin Youth Football.

Public safety is important for all of us in Seneca County. The EMS plan the commissioners are implementing should help manage the county's rural EMS needs for years to come.

I feel community engagement is important to me and to the job. If I am elected, I am committed to being available to the residents of Seneca County.

With my experience, I believe that I would be a valuable addition to the commissioner office. I look forward to working alongside

Commissioners Paradiso and Frankart in making sound decisions for the county.

SENECA COUNTY CLERK OF COMMON PLEAS COURT

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$77,995

Responsibilities: To enter judgements and collect court costs for appellate and common pleas courts, and also to issue and transfer automobile and water craft certificates of title.

Question 1: *Are there new issues facing your department?*

Question 2: *What additional procedures do you think would be beneficial to implement in the office?*

Question 3: *What is important for county residents to know about how your office functions?*

Name: Stephanie Hicks (R)

Education: Tiffin Columbian Graduate, Criminal Justice Associate Degree, 2022 Seneca County Leadership Graduate

Occupation: Seneca County Clerk of Courts

Training and Experience: 9+ years with the Clerk of Courts - 4 years as a Title Deputy Clerk, 4.5 years as a Legal Deputy Clerk, 8 months as Seneca County Clerk of Courts

Answer to Question 1: *Are there new issues facing your department?*

A constant issue that has faced the Title Department and others since the early 2000's is Senate Bill 59 which allows cross county titling. Due to dealers and residents having the ability to go to any title department in the State of Ohio, we make sure that we are looking at all evidence and state directives to make educated decisions when processing your title work. The Seneca County Title Department takes pride in our work. Our customers can leave with peace of mind knowing that their title work was processed properly and with care.

In the Legal Department, we are facing a new issue regarding electronic filing. House Bill 305 is currently going through the legislative process and has been passed in the House. Our case management system has electronic filing capabilities and will be implemented if legislation passes. There is usually an implementation period with a deadline and the Clerk of Courts will collaborate with the Courts to perfect the implementation and procedures. Even without House Bill 305, electronic filing is something that is on my radar already to advance this office.

Answer to Question 2: *What additional procedures do you think would be beneficial to implement in the office?*

I would like to share some recent changes implemented to better serve Seneca County. As a quick back story in May of 2022, the Clerk of Courts Legal Department went through a very large conversion of our case management system. I worked alongside my predecessor to convert our data and fine tune our procedures to work with the new system. With our conversion, we lost the ability to accept online payments. I am happy to announce that as of November 2023, the online payment option is back online for the public. In November 2023, I was also able to put images that correspond with our appearance docket entries online for Civil and Certificate of Judgment Cases from 2023 to present.

Another procedure I am currently working on implementing is "e-returns" in the Legal Department. E-return is certified mail service by the USPS with an electronic return. The current return time for certified mail green cards could be a few days to a week+ depending on the City/State in which it was issued. This new implementation will allow for expedited service returns for the Courts and the public.

Answer to Question 3: *What is important for county residents to know about how your office functions?*

My staff and I strive to provide efficient and friendly service in both the Title and Legal Departments to the residents of Seneca County and surrounding counties.

In the Clerk of Courts Title Department, we follow directives from the State of Ohio when issuing an Ohio title and watercraft registrations. We take pride in providing quality title work.

In the Clerk of Courts Legal Department, we are the "keeper of the records" for Common Pleas General and Domestic Relation Divisions and the 3rd District Court of Appeals. We process paperwork from the Courts, Attorneys and pro-se litigants. We maintain case files and an online appearance docket. We have procedures that we follow in the Legal Department that are developed based off our Local Court Rules, Ohio Revised Codes and Rules of Superintendence. We take pride in providing efficient and friendly service.

As the Clerk of Courts, I understand that change is constant. When faced with change, both offices re-access and create new standards and procedures to provide quality work to the residents of Seneca County and surrounding.

SENECA COUNTY CORORNER

Term: 4 years

Number to be selected: 1

Salary: \$53,632

Responsibilities: To determine cause of death of persons dying in a violent or suspicious manner and to issue death certificates.

Question 1: *Has the most common cause of death changed over the years? What trends do you see?*

Question 2: *Are there ways to improve services of the Coroner's Office, if they are needed?*

Name: Dr. Mark Akers (R)

Education: *Information not received from candidate*

Occupation: *Information not received from candidate*

Training and Experience: *Information not received from candidate*

Answer to Question 1: *Has the most common cause of death changed over the years? What trends do you see?*

The most common cause of death in Seneca county has really not changed. It is cardiovascular disease. There are some alarming trends in the overdosage. In the past 10 years, I've noticed a large amount of overdoses accidental type related to heroin, and now fentanyl/fentanyl

related products. When it first became coroner almost 20 years ago, I did notice a lot of suicides that was surprising. I haven't really seen much of an increase in that amount in the last 20 years. It was just something that struck me in my first few years.

Answer to Question 2: *Are there ways to improve services of the Coroner's Office, if they are needed?*

I don't really see anything changing in the service line related to coroner's office.

Name: Dr. Zachary West (R)

Education:

- Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine Resident Physician (Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center - Bangor, Maine)
- Internal Medicine Resident Physician (Fairfield Medical Center - Lancaster, Ohio)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine - Athens, Ohio)
- Master of Public Health (Northwest Ohio Consortium for Public Health - University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio; Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio)
- Bachelor of Science (Youngstown State University - Youngstown, Ohio)
- Associate of Science (Terra State Community College - Fremont, Ohio)
- Old Fort Local Schools

Occupation: Physician, Owner, Founder of the Ohio Institute of Osteopathic Medicine, LLC (Tiffin, Ohio)

Training and Experience:

- Board Certified Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine)
- Board Certified Internal Medicine (American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine)
- Seneca County Board of Health (October 2022 - Present; Vice President: 2023, 2024)
- American College of Osteopathic Internists (Osteopathic Integration Task Force Committee Member: 2021 - Present)
- Chief Resident (Internal Medicine Residency Program; Fairfield Medical Center - Lancaster, Ohio: July 2017 - June 2018)

Answer to Question 1: *Has the most common cause of death changed over the years? What trends do you see?*

Cardiovascular related diseases continue to be the most common cause of death in Seneca County with an upward trend over the last five years. We have witnessed an increase in various chronic disease diagnoses as a cause of death. At the same time, we clinically experienced a disruption in the delivery of primary and preventative care services during the pandemic. Unfortunately, over the last seven years we continue to see opioid associated deaths in Seneca County indicating the continued need for collaborative intervention on this matter.

Answer to Question 2: *Are there ways to improve services of the Coroner's Office, if they are needed?*

I bring integrity, attention to detail and professionalism to the office of Seneca County Coroner. I will work to ensure the office of Seneca County Coroner is compliant with the State of Ohio requirements. My aim is to provide modernized services and a well-structured office with improved access and availability. I will work to rebuild relationships with stakeholders including citizens, county officials, law enforcement and first responders while promoting transparency and cost awareness as it relates to the use of taxpayer funds.

SENECA COUNTY ENGINEER

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$117,484

Responsibilities: To oversee the construction, maintenance, and repair of all bridges in the county, and of county roads and other public improvements except buildings in the county.

Question 1: *Can Seneca County develop an effective reasonably priced Wi-fi system?*

Question 2: *Do you believe you have the resources to do the job of County Engineer properly?*

Name: Mark R. Zimmerman (R)

Education: BS Agriculture, Ohio State University 1990 | BS Civil Engineering, University of Toledo, 2000 | Engineering Technologies-Survey Certificate, Owens Community College, 2002

Occupation: Seneca County Engineer

Training and Experience: Professional Engineer, Professional Surveyor | 6 Years, Program Administrator, Seneca Soil and Water Conservation District | 2 Years, Director of Planning, Seneca Regional Planning Commission | 8 Years, Deputy Engineer, Seneca County Engineer | 17 Years, Seneca County Engineer

Answer to Question 1: *Can Seneca County develop an effective reasonably priced Wi-fi system?*

I am going to take the liberty of changing the question to ask if **Seneca County can develop an effective and reasonably priced Broadband System?** In order to answer that question, we first have to define effective and reasonably priced. So, If we simply assume Effective means 'producing a desired result' then yes, a Broadband System can be scoped, designed, developed and installed to produce a desired result. But what will the Scope be determined to be? 75% of dwellings with access? 100% of dwellings with access? So yes, to part 1, Seneca County can develop an effective Broadband System, so long as the Scope is reasonable. Step 2, reasonably priced? Reasonably priced, defined as benefit outweighs cost at some set time in the future (we call it 'life cycle costs', and implement it on every project). So, reasonably priced to who, the end user, or the taxpayer? What subsidies and how many tax dollars are included in that determination? While CoViD Funds and other government grants are available for this System, THERE ARE NO FREE LUNCHES!!!! Someone is going to pay, and scoping, designing, developing and installing the System to the remotest areas of the County will absolutely come at a higher cost than can reasonably be recovered at any time in the future. So NO, I do not believe the County can install a reasonably priced broadband System. Ultimately if these two competing ideas, effective and reasonably priced, could be realized at the same time, the Market would have already done it. Just my 2 cents on the issue.

Answer to Question 2: *Do you believe you have the resources to do the job of County Engineer properly?*

Yes. These resources include... A righteous attitude, a tolerance for stupidity and a bulldozer when necessary. Not to mention an extremely dedicated and talented staff that consistently over performs for the

taxpayers of Seneca County. We are truly here to serve! **Stupidity - is generally in the form of bureaucracy*

SENECA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY - *No valid candidate filed*

SENECA COUNTY RECORDER

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$65,408

Responsibilities: To record deeds, mortgages, plats, liens, and other written instruments.

Question 1: *Can all information from your office be available online rather than having to visit the Recorder's Office?*

Question 1: *What is the most important function of the Recorder's Office?*

Name: Michael Dell (R)

Education: Terra State Community College, Associates Degree in Business Administration with a major in computer programming.

Occupation: Seneca County Recorder

Training and Experience: *Information not received from candidate*

Answer to Question 1: *Can all information from your office be available online rather than having to visit the Recorder's Office?*

Yes, all information is available online at the Office's website.

Answer to Question 2: *What is the most important function of the Recorder's Office?*

We have the important and indispensable task of keeping the vital records pertaining to ownership in real estate (land) and all encumbrances of liens upon it. Without the work of the County Recorder in recording, safekeeping and organizing all documents in a competent and logical manner, it would be nearly impossible to purchase land and be assured of a clear title or to lend money with land as security.

SENECA COUNTY SHERIFF

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$91,164

Responsibilities: To provide services to the courts, to oversee the county jail, and to act as chief law enforcement officer for the county.

Question 1: *How has the Sheriff's Office worked to improve the challenges of serving the mental health needs of the County Jail residents?*

Question 2: *Has the considerable training for the Sheriff's office staff improved the function of the office AND are there more areas in which additional training is needed?*

Question 3: *What is on your wish list for making improvements in the Sheriff's Office and the Seneca County jail?*

Name: Fredrick Stevens (R)

Education: Associate degree in Police Science, Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration / FBI National Academy Class #249, Southern Police Institute Organizational Management Course, Homeland Security Executive Leadership Course #15, National Sheriff's Executive Leadership Course #117, National Sheriff's Institute Jail Administrator's Course #1

Occupation: Sheriff of Seneca County

Training and Experience: 31+ Years of Law Enforcement Experience, Numerous training certifications throughout those 31+ years, Numerous supervisor trainings, numerous middle level management trainings, numerous executive level trainings. Corrections Officer Certified. 28 ½ years with Tiffin Police Department with 8 ½ of that as Chief of Police. 3 years as Seneca County Sheriff

Answer to Question 1: *How has the Sheriff's Office worked to improve the challenges of serving the mental health needs of the County Jail residents?*
It is important to note that there is nothing currently in the Ohio Revised Code that mandates Sheriff's that operate Jails to provide this service to inmates in their jails. But I feel that this isn't the level of service our community expects so we do provide mental health services in the Seneca

County Jail. Since coming into office in January of 2021, a review of all operations was conducted, especially in the jail area. In 2021, we provided, through a grant, a mental health person for 20 hours a week. In doing our annual review of services, at the end of 2022, we found that this was not enough and was able to increase this to 40 hours a week in 2023. In addition, we provide housing in our front office area, for the Mobile Crisis Response Team for our county that frequently helps us with mental health issues in the jail. We are also currently in a feasibility study, through a state grant, with the counties of Sandusky and Ottawa for a regional mental health facility for inmates.

Answer to Question 2: *Has the considerable training for the Sheriff's office staff improved the function of the office AND are there more areas in which additional training is needed?*

Training was extremely limited prior to 2021 and has been greatly increased. A well-trained staff, in all areas, reduces liability, increases efficiency and effectiveness, allows for more competent staff, and improves overall public service. Each year we have stretched the training budget to either host training, send individual staff members to training, or do on-line training. We have joined a Law Enforcement Consortium with Owen's Community College and send deputies and corrections officers to training there which is much closer than Columbus. Each year a list of classes gets sent out that they can sign up for. This low yearly cost allows for more staff to get through training than paying for individual staff trainings. Training is a never-ending need and a necessary expenditure of funds, and all areas of operations are needed from civilian to corrections to dispatch & deputies. Once a year, a mandatory all staff training is done that covers leadership and wellness topics for a 3-hr. training that is split between a morning session and late afternoon session so no interruption of services to the public happens. All sworn deputies are also required to complete 24 hours of Continual Professional Training (CPT's) that a list of topics is sent from the state each year. Failure to complete those 24 hours will cause a cease to function in their certification as a peace officer on January 1st of each year. There is also mandatory training for Correction Officers and for Dispatchers to complete each year. When you skimp or don't have a training program you then are increasing the liability factor to the taxpayers in a term called failure to train or negligent training, it is a pay for it now or pay for it later expense and must be factored into the budget yearly.

Answer to Question 3: *What is on your wish list for making improvements in the Sheriff's Office and the Seneca County Jail?*

A lot of fixes and improvements have been made over the last 3 years. This has caused increases in the budget lines for capital and general funds. This office and jail are 27+ years old and the building is a 24/7 365-day operation. Equipment, supplies, mechanical devices, electronic devices, etc. are under constant wear and tear. These need to be fixed, maintained and/or replaced as they wear out. Nothing is cheap anymore and I doubt it ever was when it comes to the jail or office needs. We try for any and all grant funding, donations, etc. before dipping into the general or capital funds. However, some items are critical to the operation and function of the mandated Ohio Revised Code duties of the Sheriff. A short list of improvements that need to be made in 2024/2025 are the two (2) boilers that maintain the heat in the jail/office areas. These have been fixed back in 2021 but are in dire need of being replaced asap. Air handlers for the air condition of the jail/office areas. We are mandated by law to keep the temperature for the jail at a constant temperature and if it goes above or below that temperature without being brought back in a very short period, we will have to pay to house our inmates in other counties. Jail door locks/intercoms throughout the jail area are original and failing. The booking area and control room area that were designed/built in the mid 90's need to be updated for security and technological reasons. Overall, the improvements over the last 3 years to the office/jail has greatly improved the maintenance and efficiency of this office. The commissioners and county administrators over the last 3 years have played a big and vital role in that and should be credited for the much-needed repairs and purchase of new items.

SENECA COUNTY TREASURER**Term:** 4 years**Number to be elected:** 1**Salary:** \$69,329**Responsibilities:** To collect taxes in the county and its subdivisions, disburse expenditures, and invest the county's funds.**Question 1:** *How are the revenues from casinos used in Seneca County?*

Question 2: *How solid are the county finances in preparing for future needs of the county?*

Question 3: *This is one of two contested primary races. Why are you the best candidate?*

Name: Annette Everhart (R)

Education: Graduate of Tiffin Columbian HS, Terra State Community College

Occupation: Chief Deputy, Seneca County Treasurer's office

Training and Experience: 34 years working in the Treasurer's office, former treasurer of the Calvert Catholic music boosters

Answer to Question 1: *How are the revenues from casinos used in Seneca County?*

The revenues received from the casinos is paid into the general fund for the Seneca County Commissioner's to use for county expenses. The treasurer does not have any control as to how those revenues are spent.

Answer to Question 2: *How solid are the county finances in preparing for future needs of the county?*

The county commissioners have already begun preparing for the future with this year's budget. Their office worked hard on this budget to condense down spending for all departments. The commissioners work with the treasurer and the county's investment advisor watching closely as to current and future trends for county investments. The treasurer may also negotiate with our current banks for the best interest rates possible. Seneca County has some decent rates locked in currently in our investment portfolio.

Answer to Question 3: *This is one of two contested primary races. Why are you the best candidate?*

I feel I am the best candidate for Seneca County Treasurer because I have over 34 years experience working in the office. My knowledge of the office procedures has grown from both the previous and current treasurers. I have stepped in for the current treasurer at various meetings and have gained some insight on the various committees the treasurer is involved with. There has been many changes in the treasurer's office over my 34 years and there is always room for improvement. I will continue to seek

ways conservatively to enhance the operations of the office. I am honest, hardworking, loyal, and dedicated to the treasurer's office. I feel there will be a very smooth transition if I am elected March 19th.

Name: Vicki Wickham (R)

Education: *Information not received from candidate*

Occupation: *Information not received from candidate*

Training and Experience: *Information not received from candidate*

Answer to Question 1: *How are the revenues from casinos used in Seneca County?*

Many Seneca County public entities receive funds from the casino tax. Such entities include the county, local school districts, and the local mental health and recovery services board. The county funds are being deposited in the general fund account and with county commissioners' approval, can be used for general purpose expenditures.

Answer to Question 2: *How solid are the county finances in preparing for future needs of the county?*

Seneca County has a strong financial situation. The county's investment account has a balance greater than \$13.5 million. The treasurer's office will continue to monitor the investment account and ensure continuous growth. If elected as Seneca County Treasurer, I will make sure that we invest the funds appropriately and get the best return on investment. Exploring new partnerships with local banks is something that I would regularly do. Additionally, the Seneca County Commissioners created their own rainy day fund a few years ago. That account has a balance of more than \$2 million. I applaud the commissioners for making this decision and setting funds aside for our children and grandchildren or for times of great need.

Answer to Question 3: *This is one of two contested primary races. Why are you the best candidate?*

I believe that I am the strongest candidate due to my management and financial work background. I am also a very forward thinker and am open to advancements in technology that may benefit our office. I'm comfortable to make changes if they are in the best interest of Seneca County residents. I will do my due diligence in any decision-making process. I also believe in transparency within a public office. People who we represent deserve quality services and have a right to know the functions of our office. If

elected, in my first year in office, I will make sure to implement a process pertaining to tax transparency. Taxpayers need to know what happens with their taxes, who receives their taxes, and what impacts the amount of taxes they pay. If elected, I promise to work hard to provide quality services to residents of Seneca County.

ISSUES for Tiffin Precinct 2B Only

Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition)
(Sunday Sales)
Tiffin 2-B

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of beer, wine, & mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Hoptometry Brewing Company LLC an applicant for A1A, A1C, and D6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of [operating a brewery pub at 255 N. Washington St, Tiffin, OH 44883](#) in this precinct?

Yes

No

Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition)
(Sunday Sales)
Tiffin 2-B

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of beer, wine, and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by MS Retail Management LLC an applicant for a D6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of [operating a carryout/grocery store at 263 N. Washington Street, Tiffin, OH 44883](#) in this precinct?

Yes

No

Voting Precinct Locations

Precinct	Poll Location	Address
001 FOSTORIA 1-A	UAW HALL	1675 UNION ST FOSTORIA, OHIO, 44830
002 FOSTORIA 1-B	GEARY FAMILY YMCA ANNEX	125 W NORTH ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
003 FOSTORIA 3-A	GEARY FAMILY YMCA ANNEX	125 W NORTH ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
004 FOSTORIA 3-B	GEARY FAMILY YMCA ANNEX	125 W NORTH ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
005 FOSTORIA 4-A	FOSTORIA FIRE DEPT	233 W SOUTH ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
006 FOSTORIA 4-B	GOOD SHEPHERD HOME - PROMEDICA	751 COLUMBUS AVE FOSTORIA OH, 44830
007 TIFFIN 1-A	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	96 S MONROE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
008 TIFFIN 1-B	TIFFIN-SENECA PUBLIC LIBRARY	77 JEFFERSON ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
009 TIFFIN 1-C	TIFFIN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	600 N RIVER RD TIFFIN OH, 44883
010 TIFFIN 2-A	TIFFIN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	600 N RIVER RD TIFFIN OH, 44883
011 TIFFIN 2-B	ST MARY'S SCHOOL	101 MIAMI ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
012 TIFFIN 2-C	TIFFIN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	600 N RIVER RD TIFFIN OH, 44883
013 TIFFIN 3-A	ST MARY'S SCHOOL	101 MIAMI ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
014 TIFFIN 3-B	NCOESC	928 W MARKET ST AV TIFFIN OH, 44883
015 TIFFIN 3-C	ST MARY'S SCHOOL	101 MIAMI ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
016 TIFFIN 3-D	NCOESC	928 W MARKET ST AV TIFFIN OH, 44883

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017 TIFFIN 4-A	FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH	300 MELMORE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
018 TIFFIN 4-B	FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH	300 MELMORE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
019 TIFFIN 4-C	FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH	300 MELMORE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
020 TIFFIN 4-D	UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH	419 COE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
021 GREEN SPRINGS VILLAGE	GSV CITY BLDG	120 CATHERINE ST GREEN SPRINGS OH, 44836
022 ADAMS TOWNSHIP	ADAMS TWP RODGER YOUNG VFW HALL	5912 CR 44 GREEN SPRINGS OH, 44836
023 NEW RIEGEL VILLAGE	NR JR HIGH GYM	44 N PERRY ST NEW RIEGEL OH, 44853
024 BIG SPRING TOWNSHIP	NR JR HIGH GYM	44 N PERRY ST NEW RIEGEL OH, 44853
025 BLOOMVILLE VILLAGE	BLOOMVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER	10 BEEGHLY AVE BLOOMVILLE OH, 44818
026 BLOOM TOWNSHIP	BLOOM TWP FIRE STATION	74 S MARION ST BLOOMVILLE OH, 44818
027 CLINTON A	CLINTON TWP FIRE STATION	837 N SR 101 TIFFIN OH, 44883
028 CLINTON B	CLINTON TWP FIRE STATION	837 N SR 101 TIFFIN OH, 44883
029 CLINTON C	CLINTON #2 FIRE STATION	863 E US 224 TIFFIN OH, 44883
030 CLINTON D	CLINTON TWP FIRE STATION	837 N SR 101 TIFFIN OH, 44883
031 CLINTON E	CLINTON #2 FIRE STATION	863 E US 224 TIFFIN OH, 44883

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032 EDEN NORTH	EDEN TWP COUNTY GARAGE	3210 S SR 100 TIFFIN OH, 44883
033 EDEN SOUTH	EDEN TWP HALL AND FIRE STATION	6571 S SR 100 MELMORE OH, 44845
034 HOPEWELL A	NCOESC	928 W MARKET ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
035 HOPEWELL B	HOPEWELL TWP TRUSTEE OFFICE	5281 W TR 112 TIFFIN OH, 44883
036 HOPEWELL C	BASCOM FIRE STATION	5450 W TIFFIN ST BASCOM OH, 44809
037 JACKSON TOWNSHIP	JACKSON TWP HOUSE	10014 W CR 28 FOSTORIA OH, 44830
038 BETTSVILLE VILLAGE	BETTSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION	100 STATE ST BETTSVILLE OH, 44815
039 LIBERTY A	BETTSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION	100 STATE ST BETTSVILLE OH 44815
040 LIBERTY B	BETTSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION	100 STATE ST BETTSVILLE OH 44815
041 LOUDON NORTH	LOUDON TWP OFFICE	9970 WEST TR 112 FOSTORIA OH, 44830
042 LOUDON SOUTH	LOUDON TWP OFFICE	9970 WEST TR 112 FOSTORIA OH, 44830
043 PLEASANT TOWNSHIP	PLEASANT TWP HOUSE	850 TR 15 OLD FORT OH, 44861
044 REED TOWNSHIP	ATTICA FAIRGROUNDS – SOCIAL HALL	15127 E TR 12 ATTICA, OH 44807
045 REPUBLIC VILL	SCIPIO TOWNSHIP ANNEX BUILDING	309 S MADISON ST REPUBLIC OH, 44867
046 SCIPIO TOWNSHIP	SCIPIO TOWNSHIP ANNEX BUILDING	309 S MADISON ST REPUBLIC OH, 44867
047 SENECA A	MOHAWK FIRE DEPARTMENT	4460 TR 1072 MCCUTCHENVILLE OH, 44844

Precinct	Poll Location	Address
048 SENECA B	MOHAWK FIRE DEPARTMENT	4460 TR 1072 MCCUTCHENVILLE OH, 44844
049 THOMPSON TOWNSHIP	ZION UCC CHURCH AT FIRESIDE	13525 TR 178 BELLEVUE OH, 44811
050 ATTICA VILLAGE	ATTICA FAIRGROUNDS – SOCIAL HALL	15127 E TR 12 ATTICA, OH 44807
051 VENICE TOWNSHIP	ATTICA FAIRGROUNDS – SOCIAL HALL	15127 E TR 12 ATTICA, OH 44807

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The Tiffin League was established in 1970 after a couple of women who had been members in other communities moved to town and realized there was no League. The first 2 years were spent learning about our community, the political process at the city, county, state, and national levels.

As a citizen education organization, the League registers voters, provides unbiased information on candidates and issues, sponsors debates and candidates’ nights, and produces informational publications on critical public policy issues. Educational publications published by the League are on such topics as Ohio government, Ohio government finances, writing your government representatives, Ohio’s open meetings law, and education finance in the state. Today membership is open to men and women 18 years of age and older.

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