



Wood County, Ohio

State of the County Address

March 19, 2013

Presented by the Wood County Commissioners

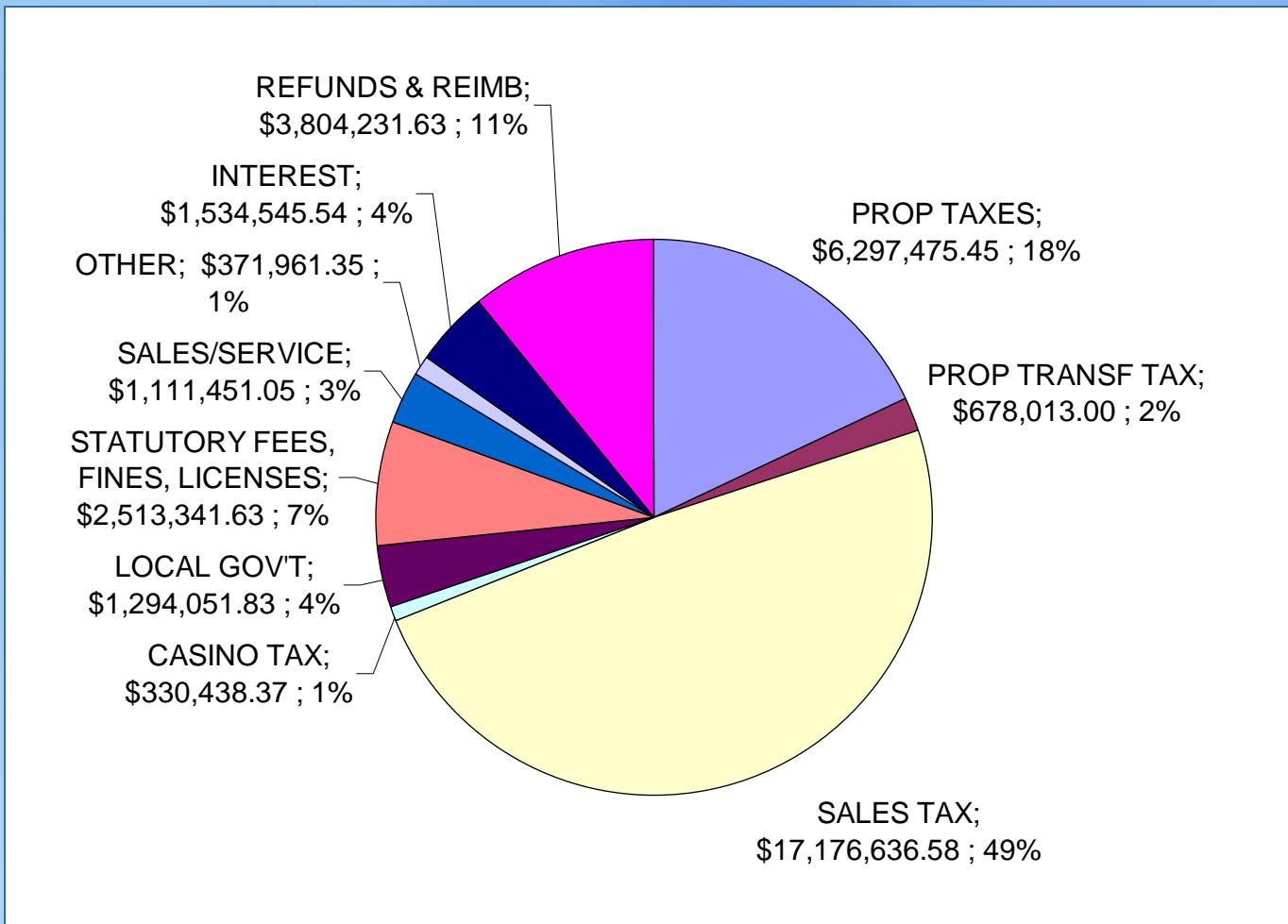
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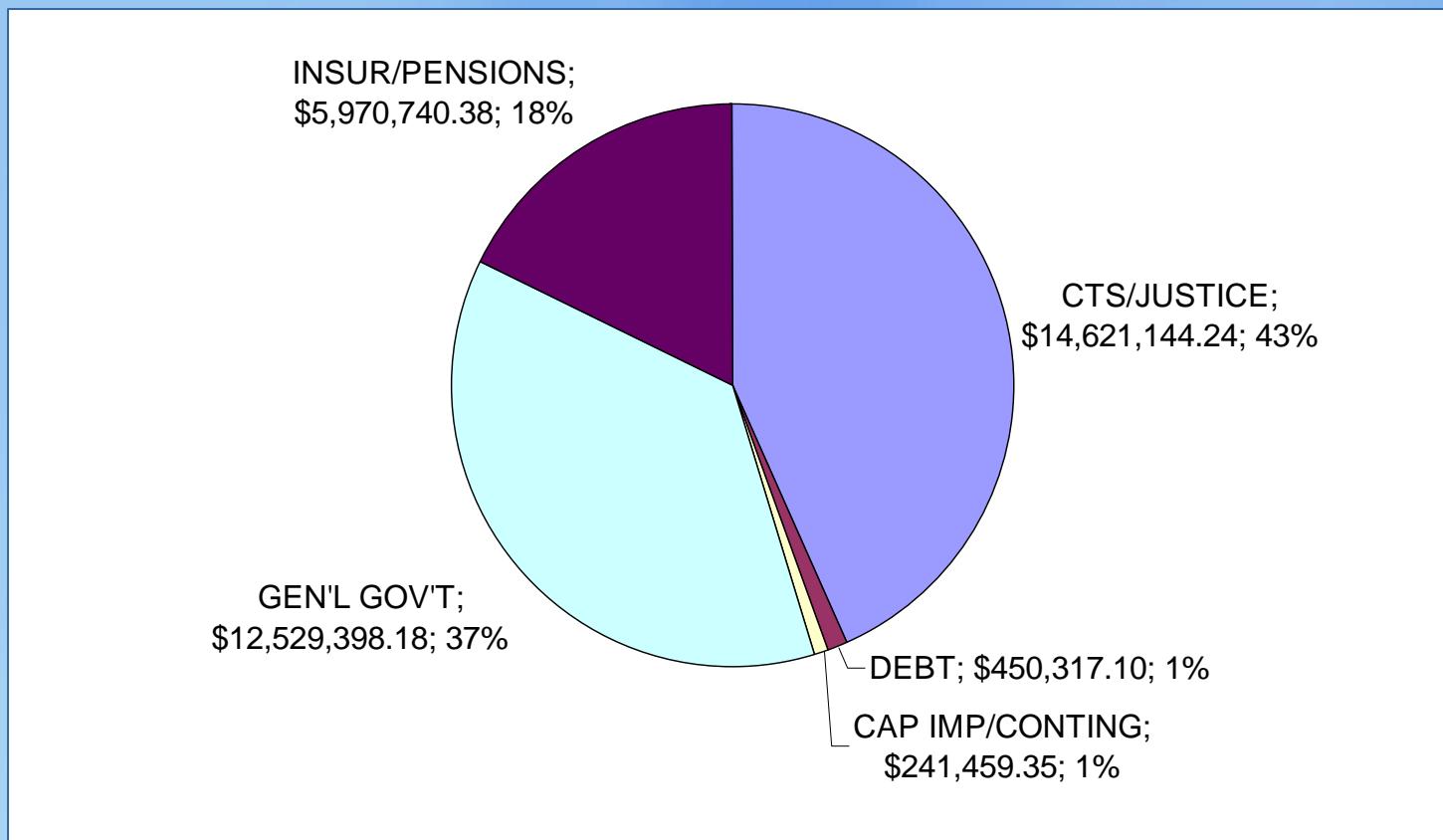
2012 General Fund Revenue

\$35,112,146.43



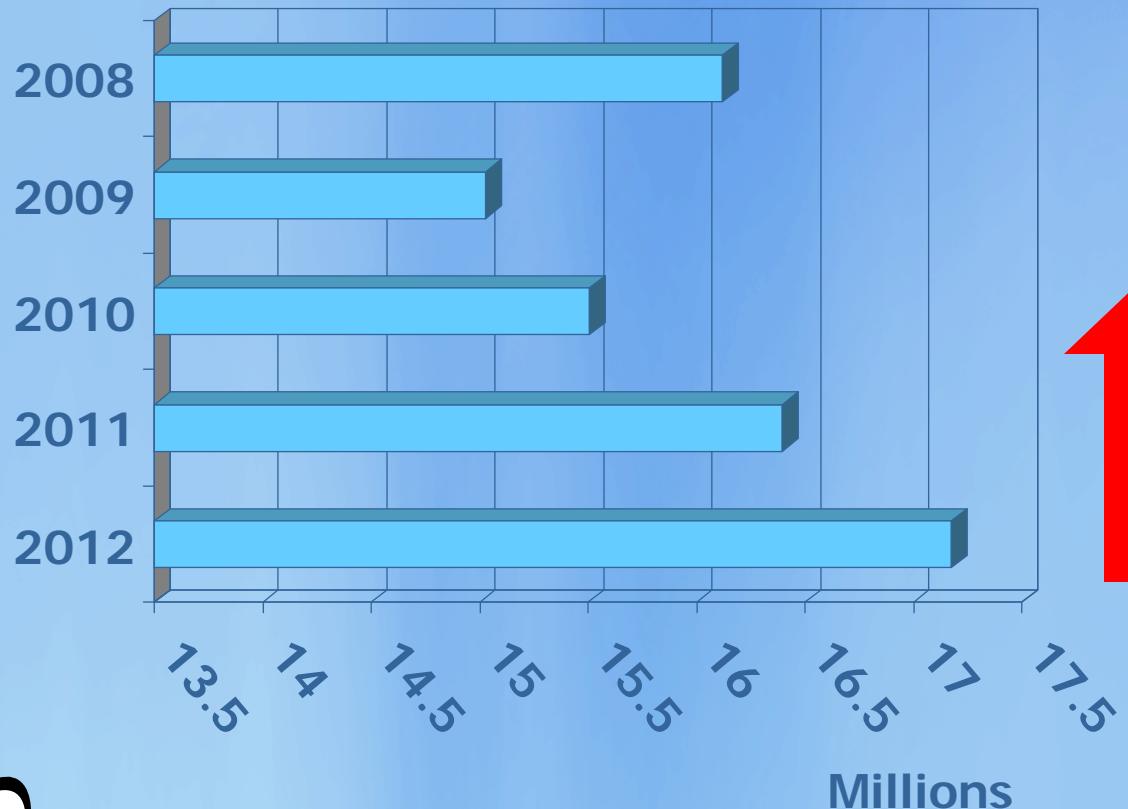
2012 General Fund Expenditures

\$33,813,059.25



Sales Tax Receipts

2012 = \$17,176,636.58



4.75%
increase
from
2011



Investment income down 2.93%
from 2011 to \$1,534,545.54

Aa2 Bond Rating Helps Others in County



St. Clare Commons
in Perrysburg



Sentinel Tribune Photo

Falcon Health Center



NORTHWESTERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT



Calphalon Builds 360,000 Square Foot Distribution Center in Middleton Township *Supports manufacturing in Perrysburg Twp



County Sees First Casino Tax Revenue



First payment of \$110,296 allocated to Engineer to be used for a road or bridge of his choosing. The funds were used for Tracy Road bridge project in Perrysburg and Lake Township

Wood County Received \$330,438 in 2012

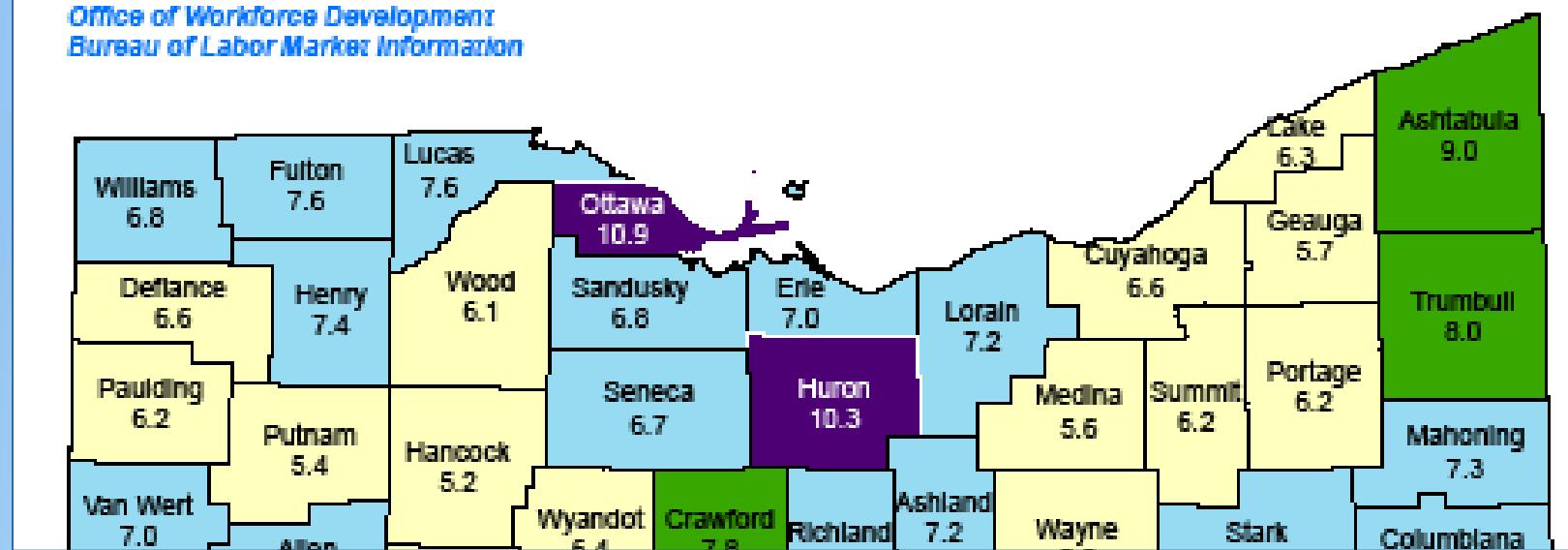
Chrysler Invests in Perrysburg Township Machining Plant



Unemployment Rates Continue to Drop

Ohio Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates December 2012

Office of Workforce Development
Bureau of Labor Market Information



2011 = 7.4%

2010 = 9.0%

With assistance from the Wood County Port Authority, ODOT opens realigned SR 18 in North Baltimore – Provides improved access for CSX Terminal to I-75

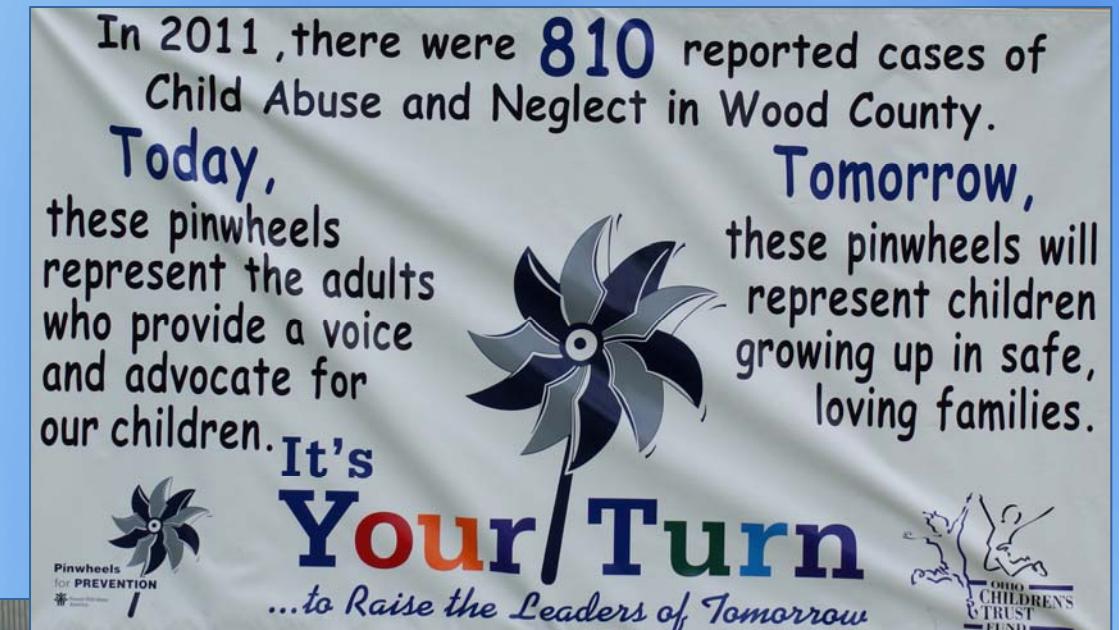


Photo from ODOT website

Commissioners Appoint Wade Gottschalk as Economic Development Executive Director



Pinwheels for Prevention



It takes a
Community to
Protect a Child.

Contact Job and
Family Services
to Report Child
Abuse and Neglect.

JFS Implements Program
to Educate Parents on Ways
to Comfort Crying Infants

Sound Familiar

Learn about the
Period of PURPLE Crying®

www.purplecrying.info

Contact

Wood County Job & Family Services

866-860-4136



Building Inspection Staff Receives State Recognition



**Awarded the David E. Smith, Jr. Award
of Building Department Excellence by
the Ohio Board of Building Standards**

Did you get your permit?

Protect yourself and your family! Permits are required for any new construction, addition, alterations, repairs, installation of equipment and replacement of any electrical, plumbing, gas, or mechanical system. This includes hot water heaters, furnaces, central air conditioning units, gas fireplaces, etc.



Only a few communities within the County have not adopted the Residential Code of Ohio: Bloomdale, Fostoria, Jerry City, Portage, Wayne and West Millgrove. Outside of these areas, residents must comply with the applicable building codes and apply for any necessary permits.

Contact Building Inspection
for more information.

County Investigates Collaborative Effort with Lucas County

Local Government Innovation Fund grants \$90,000 for feasibility study for Intergovernmental Imaging Lab program with the Wood County Clerk of Courts, Records Center and Lucas County Clerk of Courts



County Receives Recognition

- Ranked #9 in the nation by the Fourth Economy Community Index for small-sized communities (Economic Development)
- Collabor8 project recognized by National Association of Counties (NACO) for virtual call center (Job and Family Services)
- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting – 16th consecutive year (Auditor)
- Award of Merit from the American Association for State & Local History for the Ohio History Service Corps-AmeriCorps program (Historical Museum)
- Chief Court Constable Tom Chidester named 2012 Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton award winner (Court Security)



Dunbridge Road Reopened to Traffic Following Three and a Half Year Closure



Construction of a new structure was delayed pending design approval by CSX. A new location outside CSX property limits ultimately impacted a family home to the point the family was relocated which led to additional delays.

Solid Waste Management District Billboard Contest Winner



Hannah Hodulik, an Eastwood Middle School student, submitted the winning anti-litter billboard message, that was displayed along Route 6 during the month of April.

"Littering Stinks, Keep Wood County Wild & Clean"

Clean Your Files Day! April 22

- Document Destruction
- Office Paper Recycling
- Ink & Laser Cartridge Recycling

Confidential document destruction by Wood Lane Industries. No charge for the first 25 lbs. (\$.10/lb after 25lbs.)



Contact the Solid Waste Management District for locations and additional information.

Wood County Landfill Improvements



A Tarpomatic machine was purchased in 2012 to reduce costs and improve daily cover at the Wood County Landfill.

County Joins NACO's Free Prescription Discount Program



Download your free card from the County's website.

Medal of Honor Monument Added at Courthouse Complex

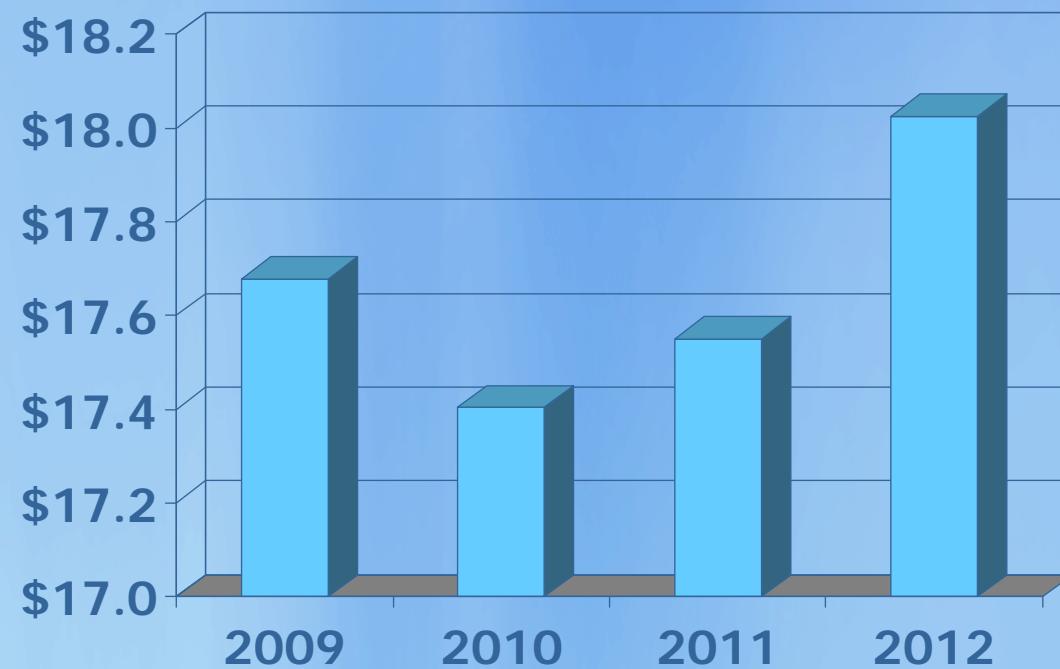


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Six Medal of Honor Recipients from the Civil War are memorialized on the monument with room for future Medal of Honor recipient names to be added.

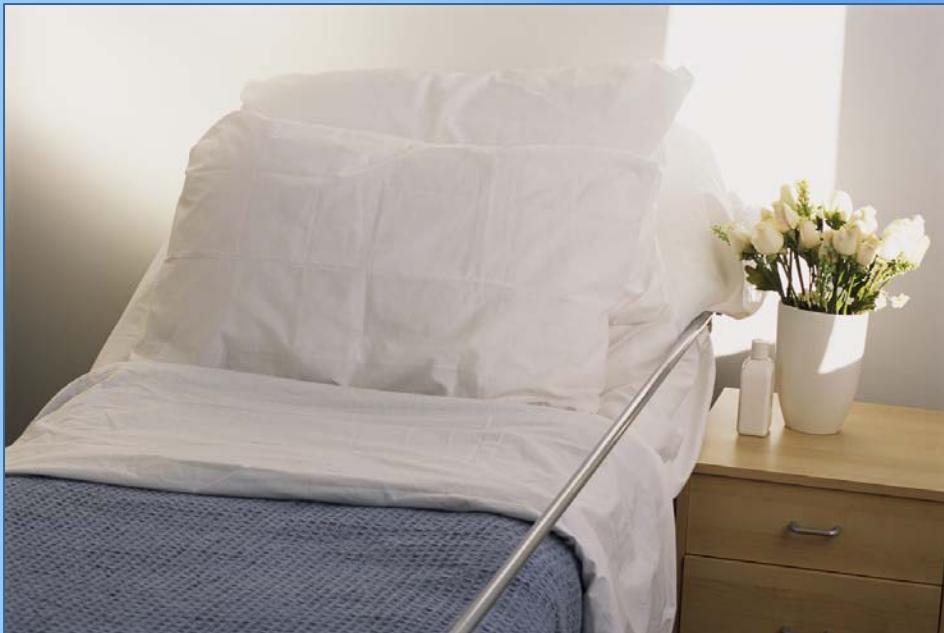
Child Support Collections/ Disbursements Increase

Millions



Collections up 2.6% over 2011

Wood Haven Sale of Beds Nets \$1,050,000 for Future Capital Improvements



Facility now offers
27 private rooms
and 34 semi-private
rooms for a total
bed capacity of 95
beds

172 Admissions Registered in 2012

County to Upgrade Countywide Fire Channels

- Emergency Management Agency worked with Sheriff's Office to finalize plans to upgrade the current radio canopy system for Wood County
- Enhancements will provide better coverage and more options for fire and EMS services
- Homeland Security Grants provided some funding with a small portion from County General Fund



EMA/LEPC Conduct Full Scale Exercise



137 participants from 21 agencies took part in the simulated incident involving a railcar

Exercise included evacuations, shelters, and decontamination for both people and animals.

Programs Offer Property Tax Relief to Taxpayers

Homestead Exemption: Available to residents age 65 and older, or permanently disabled

2 1/2% Reduction Program: This is a tax savings program for property owners who live in and own their home. The savings is a 2 1/2% reduction on property taxes.



Contact the Auditor's Office for more information.

Land Transfer Policy Updated

The Land Transfer Policy was revised by mutual agreement of the Auditor and Engineer, following a series of meetings and hearings which included input from the Recorder, Planning Commission, local attorneys, realtors, and surveyors.



When preparing legal descriptions, refer to the revised Wood County Land Transfer Policy. This policy is used for all real estate conveyances.

View the revised policy on the Auditor's Website.

County Treasurer Offers Options for Paying Property Taxes

- Credit Card payment, with a convenience fee
- Automatic withdrawal from bank account
- Monthly automatic withdrawal from bank account
- Payments also accepted at banking institutions throughout the County
- Drop box at Courthouse Complex



Change in Vicious Dog Law

- No longer breed specific
- Now based on behavior
- Owners may be subject to additional legal requirements including, but not limited to:
 - Stricter confinement requirements
 - Liability insurance requirements/minimums
 - Annual dog registration beyond normal licensure

Contact the Dog Shelter
for more information



Dana Nemeth Welcomed as New Historical Center Director by Commissioners and Historical Society



Historical Museum & Center



The time capsule discovered in the cornerstone of Bowling Green's 1913 former high school building was donated to the Center.

Museum staff plan to incorporate the contents into a traveling exhibit to share throughout the County.

Historical Museum and Center Offers Activities Throughout the Year



Looking for a Way to Give Back to Your Community?

Volunteer to serve on a Board or Commission

Current Vacancies:

- Alcohol Drug Addition Mental Health Services Board
- Regional Airport Authority
- Rossford Transportation Improvement District
- Wood Haven Advisory Board
- Workforce Policy Board
- Workforce Policy Board Youth Council



Take an application home today!

Up-close with the Peregrine Falcons



Members of the public were invited to attend the banding of four female falcons. Since 2011, eight peregrine falcons have hatched in the clocktower of the Courthouse.

Spirit of Wood County Awards



Nominate Someone You Know by April 30

OSU Extension Presents 4-H Quilt Square to Commissioners



Become a CASA/GAL Volunteer

Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem volunteers gather information about the life, make recommendations and advocate for the best interest of the child, and monitor the situation until a safe, permanent home is made for the child.



Sign-Up for Community Alerts from the Sheriff's Office through Nixle



www.nixle.com

A link is provided from the Sheriff's webpage.

New Police to Citizen Program Offers Residents Updates on Sheriff's Activity:

- Available for Public Access
- Provides users with
 - Daily Bulletin
 - Inmate Inquiry
 - Event Search
 - Wanted List
- Link available from Sheriff's webpage



Commissioner Tim Brown Elected to Ohio House of Representatives



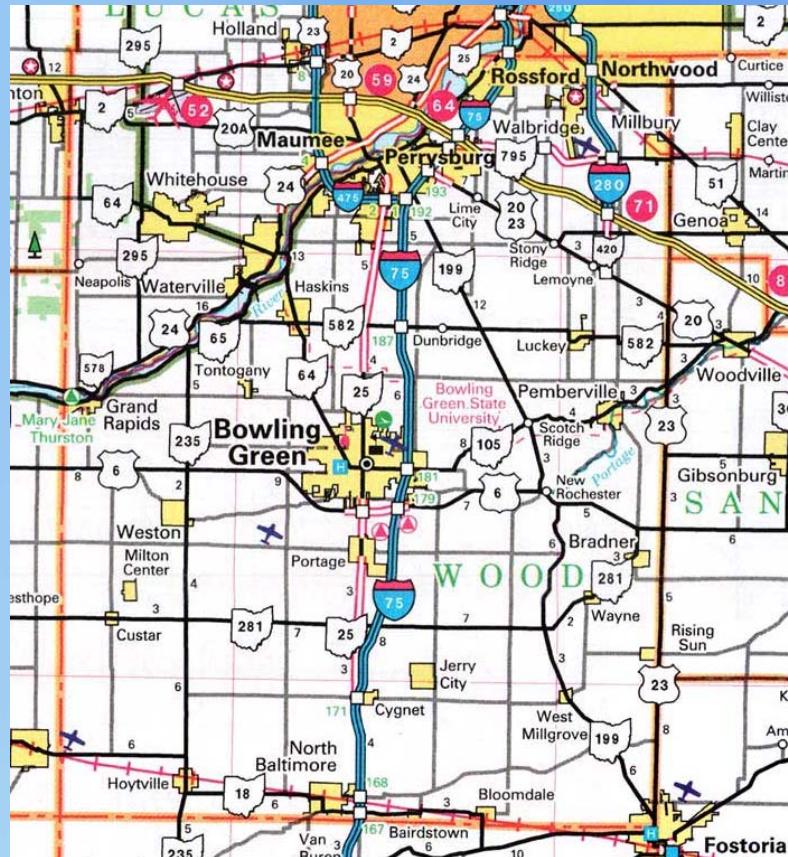
Reception held in honor of his service to Wood County

Tim served as Commissioner from 1997 to 2012

2013 Commissioners' Town Hall Meeting Locations

Haskins

Weston



Lake Township
May 21

Luckey
April 17

Wayne

Watch for Announced Dates and Times

See All Wood County Has to Offer

www.woodcountytourism.com



Wood County Tourism



Includes a list of local fairs and festivals, along with places to visit and things to do around the County.

www.co.wood.oh.us

- Links to Elected Official and Departmental Websites
- Real Estate Information, Tax Payments, Index searches
- Voter Location Search
- Court Records Search
- Dog Adoptions/Dog License Purchase
- Marriage License and Probate Records
- Sheriff's Sales
- Sex Offender Database
- Interactive Maps
- Road Closings
- Building Permit Inquiry
- Bids/Requests for Proposals
- Internet Auction of Surplus Items



2012 Annual Report Now Available



Watch for it in the Mail