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Dates to Remember

• 11/07/2017
General Election

Presidential General Election

Words will never fully capture the emotional roller coaster we were on with this election. With voter turnout for absentee/early voting at 46,177 (31.38%) we didn't know what to expect for Election Day. We had a record 119,450 votes cast bringing our percentage up to 78.40%. We had the 4th highest turnout in the state. For comparison, other year turnout percentages:

March Primary 2016- 47.30 %
November General 2014-40.86%
November General 2012- 76.35%

November General 2015- 45.7 %
November General 2013-24.91%
November General 2011- 51.86%

The Great Power Outage of 2016

Our hats are off to the group at Faith Building Church for responding to a power outage for 1 ½ hours. Voters made their decisions by cell phone light and flashlights but had no complaints! We are always so impressed by your ingenuity and commitment to keeping the voting process running despite the obstacles.

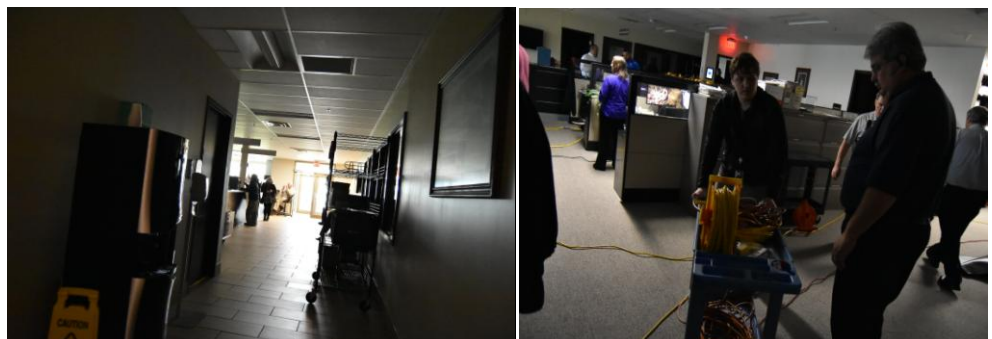
Here at the BOE office we were also without power, but emergency procedures were put in affect in case the outage lasted through the time we would begin uploading our results. Despite the outage, voters continually came to our office to ask questions and drop off their ballots. We were so glad to see the problem resolved in plenty of time to report Election Night results without any delay.

I wanted to tell you how awesome our Coordinator for precincts 160, 166, and 167 was! It was wonderful to have her assistance and expertise. Ana certainly made everything much easier on a super busy day!

Marjorie Pct 166

All my workers were wonderful and so helpful to one another. We worked as a great team and made our day go by very nicely. Also, Marc Carucci was a great troubleshooter and was there for us when we needed assistance. He was with us to the end and very helpful.

Maria Pct 168



A Closer Look at the Election



Highest voter turnout precincts:
 Springboro City 4-A 61.63%
 Mason City Q- 61.41 %
 Harlan Twp E- 61.30 %

Lowest voter turnout precincts:
 Lebanon City G- 32.01%
 Deerfield Twp A- 33.57
 Lebanon City K- 33.64%

More Quotes From You...

I would like to comment on the team we had working together this time. The mix of the four of us this time was the GREATEST group I have ever worked with in the time I have been working at the polls. ... the working relationships between all of us were just delightful. If we can do anything to influence bringing this group together again, it would be absolutely delightful!!!

Betsy- Pct 193

The team for our precinct was really good, the 2 Republican Vickys, we had did an outstanding job. The in house trouble shooter, Andy, did well also. The 8 precinct traveling trouble shooter we had did well also.

Don- Pct 146

Everyone, D's and R's alike, worked hard and worked together. I was proud to be a part of it all.

John Pct 102

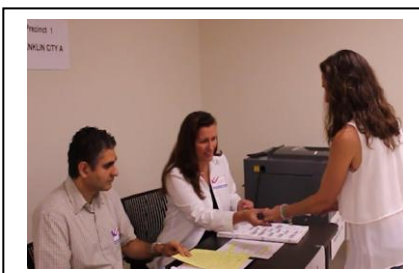
*We had no issues, from my perspective all went well. I received numerous compliments on the new process. We had a 45 minute wait during the first 2 hours and as the greeter I **did not** receive any complaints for the wait. We had an AWSOME group working the tablets the first two hours and they were the key to that success.*

Michael- Pct 17

I wanted to tell you I had a great time working the polls on Tuesday! It was awesome to be a part of the process and learn more about how it all works! It was fun being at The Park with Stephanie all day, too! Make sure you keep my name on the list for next time!

Kim Pct 164

Precinct Election Official Training



We hope that you enjoyed the addition of a video during training. To explain the new format mandated by the state we thought a video would help make clear how voters moved through a polling location. Since this will be the set-up for the polls moving forward, we appreciated your willingness to learn. Our special thanks to the "stars" of the video:

John Barnes, Suzanne Bilyeu, Janet Bohren, John Masterson, Kendall Mays, Jessica Milo, Kouhyar Mostashfi, Ana Seward, Grace Siefer, and Janie Zecher.

2016 General Election at a Glance



This election we had 119,450 ballots cast. 72,042 of those were cast on Election Day.

Voters by mail: 27, 255
 Voters who came to our office for Early Voting: 18,922 (see above)
 Voters we assisted in nursing homes: 731
 Warren County voters who live overseas: 309
 Warren County voters who serve in the Military: 191

We had 2567 Provisional Ballots cast. After careful review, we were able to count 2248 of them. We hope that the Provisional Station helped but, we know that we need to emphasize in training how to print the Authority to Vote slips for Provisional Voters. Next time we will be sure all printers are hard wired so there will not be delays or failures of the blue tooth feature. We are always trying to improve the process to make it easier!

A Note from Jennifer

You Survived!

Warren County had a 78% voter turnout, which is great. Thank you all so much for your hard work which made the 2016 General Election a success. Many of you went above and beyond what was asked of you to help us out and for that we are immensely appreciative. I sincerely hope this upcoming holiday season is filled with rest and relaxation for you and your family.

Jennifer

A Note from Dee

As we pause to be thankful this holiday, we think first of the many seasoned Precinct Election Officials who faithfully served our voters once again with honor and grace. They are the foundation of the Board of Elections for this county, one that we build upon for the future and one that we trust to carry out and protect the democracy we love. The Presidential General election presented us with new opportunities in the form of new partnerships, and the strengthening of cherished existing partnerships. Joining us as a new partner for democracy was the Springboro Chamber of Commerce. They were represented well by Adam Hughes! Mr. Hughes brought his considerable people skills from the Chamber, combined with training and a positive attitude to represent both his employer and his home town with excellence. Also joining us again were our friends from Lebanon High School, Mason High School, Springboro High School and Waynesville High School. The students were well prepared, many answering the last minute call, arriving where needed with a cheerful and very helpful attitude. Together, our officials represent all of Warren County and work hard to preserve, protect and promote the idea of "We the people." Thank you to one and all!!

Dee

2017 Elections

If you were wondering about elections next year, mark your calendar for November 7, 2017. We could have a Special Primary in May, but it would be necessary only in specific circumstances. With the lines of 6:30am voters you accommodated at all polling locations we know that everyone can use a break, but don't forget that we need you next year even if it is only for one election.

The faces of voting

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A note from Brian & Shari

As we began preparing for this election over a year ago, we tried to anticipate what we could do to make your jobs easier. Some ideas seemed obvious: provide more voting tables, hire more help, improve training to answer the questions you were asking. Other changes we made this year were not entirely our decision: new polling locations, the “polling location mode” format, the additional security details that were required. A wise person said that “Change is the law of life.” That definitely holds true in elections. Thanks for adapting with us to all the changes and helping make this election one that we will all remember.

Brian & Shari

