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## **March Primary Election**

Another election for the books! As expected, it was a low turnout, but we did hit a couple of bumps. You may have noticed that some of the voting machines were not holding a charge. As it turns out, it was time to change all the batteries. We ordered all new batteries and will be installing this spring so there will be no issues this fall. Also, our jetpacks experienced spotty service most of the day. We later found out that Verizon had issues all over Ohio that day. The only thing the Jetpack does is allow our office to securely communicate to the ePollbooks. We use this device to monitor how many voters were checked in and the ballot inventory. We will be working closely with Verizon to make sure this does not happen in the future.

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### **Election Night Stats**

#### Polling Location Returns:

Otterbein was the first location

to report back, coming in at

**First to Report Back** 

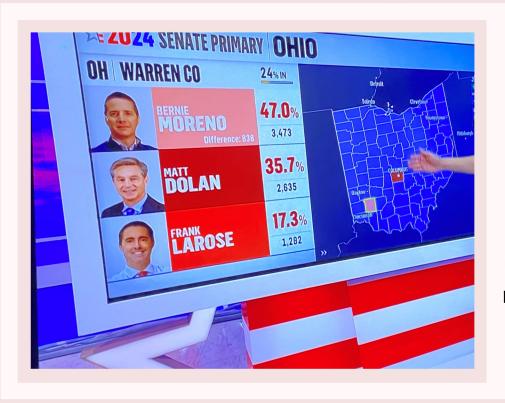
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How Many Voters?

Total ballots cast: <u>43,714.</u> Voter turnout was <u>25.3%.</u> Registered voters:<u>172,792.</u>

#### **Voting Breakdown**

Provisional Votes: <u>238.</u> Election Day Votes: <u>32,515.</u> Early Voting Votes: <u>7,362.</u> Absentee Votes: <u>3,837.</u>



Because Warren County was the first county in Ohio to report absentee results on Election Night, CNN used our data to show the earliest results in this race! All thanks to our hardworking poll workers and officials.

"I have a great team! All of the new workers did wonderful! Everyone rotated to all of the jobs, including the ePollbook."

- Lynda Bowman, Southwest Church



Linda Brainard at Lifehouse Church snapped this photo of voter Abby showing her kids the ballot machine. We love seeing future voters encouraged to learn about the process!

We are often asked the question: "Do we have to work all day/can we have two shift of Poll workers?"

Unfortunately, the state requires that all poll workers work a full shift (except in the case of an emergency).

"Our location manager (Sheri) was extremely well-prepared at Covenant Presbyterian." - Michael Z March 2024, Volume 12, Issue 1

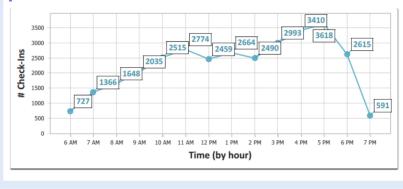
"Despite our different political leanings, all of us were committed to helping voters and ensuring the ballots were safe and secured, and volunteered because we recognize the right to vote is a cornerstone of American democracy. Our location manager, Brian, a seasoned pro in poll management, is a patient, thorough, and unflappable leader. The troubleshooter, John B., was a wealth of information and I learned a lot from him about the equipment we were using and the poll setup process."

- CJ Parrish, Grace Chapel

#### Fastest Locations

Voting Location	# Touchpads/EPBs	Average Check-In	Total Check-Ins
FOSTERS POINTE CLUB HOUSE HOA	3	0:57	474
LITTLE MIAMI ELEMENTARY	5	0:58	764
TURTLECREEK TWP ADMIN BLDG	3	0:59	390
LAKEVIEW CHURCH OF CHRIST	3	0:59	866
OLIVE BRANCH METHODIST CHURCH	3	0:59	384

#### Check-Ins by Hour



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The crew at Baptist Tabernacle poses for a group shot.

"[The yellow/green line] worked great! We processed over 95% of our voters through the green line, significantly speeding up the process."

- Waynesville Community Church

"We have a good crew at Southwest Church in Springboro. Everyone is well trained on all positions."

- Diana F.

### **Did You Know?**

#### Which of the following is considered political conversation?

- a. Talking about how elections are stolen/fraudulent
- b. Acting surprised or shocked when someone requests a ballot from the minority party
- c. Commenting on how many voter in each party has turned out or not shown up
- d. Making jokes like, "Those party ballots don't count," or
  - "Our scanners don't read those ballots"

If you couldn't guess, the answer is *all of them*. We know that the day is long and oftentimes boring, but we must *insist* that you not only keep political conversations away from voters but also from other Precinct Election Officials. Each scenario above was reported to us, sometimes by voters, sometimes by other PEOs and occasionally by both. By law, we cannot allow political conversations in polling areas.

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### Youth at the Booth

In Ohio, 17-year-old students are able to serve as poll workers. In doing so, they're paid for their time and can receive extra credit, community service hours, and a boost to their college applications. They're a great help to us and are serving their county while learning about the elections process and civic engagement.

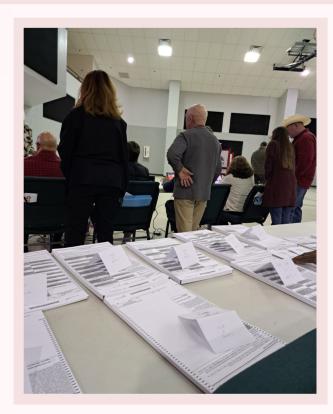
Warren County would like to give a shout-out to our nineteen Youth at the Booth workers, who came from a range of schools such as Lebanon High School, Kings Local High School, Little Miami High School, Mason High School, The Miami Valley High School, Franklin High School, and more. Everyone did an excellent job, and we hope to see them back in future elections.

#### Thank you!

"Southwest Church recognizes new worker Jacalyn - she did a very nice job and was a joy to have at our location."

"I once again had a great, experienced crew of PEOs that made the election both fun and go smoothly!"

> - Doug Tunney, Waynesville Community Church



Fellowship Baptist Church's ballots, all ready to be packed up securely and sent to the Board of Elections.

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We are approaching what will most likely be a historically high turnout election and will need more PEOs than ever. Please ask your friends and family if they would like to be PEOs and we can even try to arrange for you to work together at the same location. Everyone will need to be trained in order to work, and due to the turnout we will need to move training over to the County Administration building. Keep your eyes out for more details.

We will be busy this summer ensuring that you will have a safe working environment at the polls. We work closely with the County Sheriff, local police agencies and Emergency Services to make sure our election will be secure for everyone.

- Brian & Shari



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#### **Our Mission**

"To recruit and train the best Precinct Election Officials who are committed to serve voters and protect the integrity of the election."

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