

2018
FULTON COUNTY, OHIO
**ANNUAL
REPORT**



Fulton County Employee Service Awards

As Fulton County employees reach five years of service, they are honored with a plaque. For every future five years, employees are awarded a button to put on the plaque. Listed below are the employees honored for their years of service in 2018.

40 Years of Service

Michael Bumb, Probate Court Judge

35 Years of Service

Debbie Searles, Eastern District Court

30 Years of Service

Beth Friess, Board of Developmental Disabilities

Dianne Valentine, Job & Family Services

Jane Sauder, Health Department
Jennifer Thourot, Probate Court

25 Years of Service

Eric Lehman, Coroner
Jill Precht, Health Department
Rich Kilgour, Sheriff

20 Years of Service

Dawn Hogrefe, Commissioners
Dean Boger, Engineer
Robin Yackee, Prosecutor's Office
Pat Wiemken, Health Department

15 Years of Service

Doug Nafziger, Auditor
Jody Gerig, Job & Family Services

10 Years of Service

Chris Thomas, Prosecutor's Office
Debra Villalovos, Senior Center
Jaime Fogarty, Health Department
Jerry VanZile, Auditor
Julie Douglass, Board of Developmental Disabilities
Teresa Short, Auditor
Tiffany Pike, Job & Family Services
T. Luke Jones, Prosecutor's Office



Engineer's Office: Dean Boger (20 Years), Tyler Bergstedt (5 Years) and Tyler Hamilton (Not pictured, 5 Years)



Job & Family Services: Dianne Valentine (30 Years)



Job & Family Services: LuAnn Stiriz (30 Years)



Commissioners: Dawn Hogrefe (20 Years)

5 Years of Service

Arely Aranja, Job & Family Services
Bonnie Davis, Auditor
Celeste Shrock, Board of Elections
Colleen Fether, Job & Family Services
Christopher Nofziger, Public Utilities
Claudia Overmyer, Senior Center
Deborah Myers, Senior Center
Horst Wudi, Common Pleas Court
Jeanne Ortiz, Senior Center
Jenna Andrews, Common Pleas Court
Jonah Stiriz, Sheriff
Joshua Rodriquez, Sheriff
Joshua Zuver, Sheriff
Kara Cowell, Probate Court
Karen Schroeder, Senior Center
Kasara Huddy, Sheriff
Kevin Bidwell, Recorder's Office
Kim Machinski, Senior Center
Laura Howell, Auditor
Margaret Wilson, Senior Center
Merissa Kessler, Job & Family Services
Sheri Rychener, Senior Center
Toni Schindler, Commissioners
Tyler Bergstedt, Engineer
Tyler Hamilton, Engineer
Vicki Hoylman, Senior Center
Wendy Hardy, Recorder
Whitney Lavinder, Western District Court
William Downing, Public Utilities
William Rufenacht, Commissioner



Auditors: Teresa Short (10 Years), Doug Nafziger (15 Years), Brett Kolb, Auditor, Bonnie Davis (5 Years), Laura Howell (5 Years)

2018 Fulton County Snapshot

Clerk of Courts-Title Division

19,458 Number of Titles Issued

1,439 New Cars

10,435 Used Cars

769 New Trucks

4,051 Used Trucks

179 Vans

490 Motorcycles

198 Manufactured Homes

247 Trailers

427 Travel Trailers

324 Motor Homes

3 Buses

653 Off-road Vehicles

187 Watercraft

46 Outboard Motors

10 Other

Total Fees Collected \$7,469,722.56

Legal Division

185 Domestic

210 Civil

212 Criminal

36 Miscellaneous

Total Fees Collected \$195,913.67



Fulton County Courthouse Wauseon, Ohio
(picture courtesy of Fulton County Historical Society)



Fulton County Government

296 Full-Time Employees

91 Part-Time Employees

Prosecutor's Case Count 2018

153 Juvenile Cases

177 Misdemeanors

213 Felony Cases

556 Traffic Citations

1 Complaint/**44** Answers Filed/**1** Small Claim

440 Total Child Support Cases

Ohio State University Extension-Fulton

1,178 Youth were served through **37** 4-H Clubs

190 Volunteers work directly with youth

(approximately 100 hours per year, per volunteer)

179 Youth participated in 4-H camp

321 Farmers participated in the annual Corn & Soybean Agronomy Day and received their Fertilizer Applicator Certification and Training.

Another **131** completed certification through other extension events

292 Fulton County twelfth graders participated in the Real Money, Real World program, supported by **64** volunteers

14 Farms participated in the February Farm Management School

11 Farmer-collaborators conducted on farm research trials

Farmers voluntarily participated in a Western

Lake Erie Basin water quality monitoring

project

72 ServSafe Level II exams were proctored through the Family & Consumer Sciences

71 Home horticulture issues resolved by a volunteer during summer Master Gardner hotline

1,837 participants were reached through direct nutrition education programs



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Weights & Measures

181 Establishment Inspections Performed

Top 5 Inspections

42 Gas/Fuel Station

36 Feed, Fertilizer & Grain

24 Other

18 Car Wash/Laundry/Apartments

15 Liquid Petroleum Gas

9 Complaints **7** Resolved

1,822 Total Devices Tested

144 Packages Checked **2** Packages Rejected



Fulton County Economic Development

\$29,800,000 New investments in real and personal property in 2018

230 New Jobs committed from this investment

2018 Significant Projects

-**Fulton County Processing** expanded their operation for the third time in the last eight years.

-**Sauder Woodworking** added additional production to their Funeral Products division

-**Aquablock** purchased additional space for their operation and renovated their facility in Swanton

-**Cleanlites Recycling**, from Mason, Michigan, purchased the former German Village building in Wauseon to start operations in 2019



2018 Fulton County Snapshot

Fulton Soil & Water Conservation District



4 Erosion Control Structures

24.11 Acres of Oak Savanna planted

400 School & Adult Presentations

645 Students at Third Grade Ag-Fest

5,643.63 Acres of Cover Crops

1,111.2 Acres of Soil Testing

5 Animal Waste Storage Facilities

Job and Family Services

7,138 Average # of monthly Medicaid recipients

55 Claims were established for Public Assistance Fraud for a total of \$132,073.87 collected

836 Reports to Children Services, 314 screened in for investigation

130 Reports to Adult Protective Services, 62 screened in for investigation

\$6,454,234.47 Child Support Collected

\$61,498,245 Total benefits administered (excluding childcare benefits paid for 3rd and 4th quarter)

Top Employers in Fulton County

ConAgra

Fulton County Government

Fulton County Health Center

International Automotive Components

North Star BlueScope Steel LLC

Sauder Woodworking Co

TRW Automotive

Worthington Industries

Eastern District Court

5,046 Traffic cases filed

481 Criminal cases filed

680 Civil cases filed



Western District Court

4,510 traffic cases filed

542 criminal cases filed

788 civil cases filed



Fulton County

A proud partner of the American Job Center network

Provided 8,368 services to 3,573 customers

481 Clients were currently employed

166 Attended Aspire (GED) classes

1,368 Were clients currently unemployed

177 Qualified for the Ohioans Opportunity with Disability

1,139 Clients performed a job search

32 Qualified for Veterans Services

18 Young Adult Program

97 Attended Job Fair

3,270 Resource room services utilized

1,052 Copy Machine

177 Fax

71 Phone

1,970 Computer

Recorder's Office Filings

1,987 Deeds

4,169 Mortgages

188 Liens

21 Leases

2,073 Miscellaneous

1 Partnerships

113 Power of Attorney

91 Solider Discharges

0 Plats

Board of Elections

29,612 Registered Voters

-for the November 6, 2018 General Election

55.76% Voter Turnout for November Election

17.5% Voter Turnout for May Election



Health Department

1,302 Food Service/Inspections/Consultations

194 In-County Births; 328 In-County Deaths

1,451 Flu Shots Given

1,572 Individuals Served during Nursing Hours

Sheriff's Office

62 Active Registered Sex Offenders
291 New Concealed Carry Weapon Permits issued
616 Concealed Carry Weapon Permits renewed
277 Felony Warrants served
610 Misdemeanor Warrants served
576 Persons fingerprinted for background checks



TYPE OF CALLS	2015	2016	2017	2018
Ill/Injured	3,541	3,603	3,452	4,513
Suspicious Nature	1,419	1,360	1,401	1,402
Threats/Harassment	280	272	265	253
Vehicle/Traffic Offense	958	1,016	1,048	1,044
Property Damage	1,049	1,033	947	917
Burglary/Assault/Vandalism	241	223	194	163
Animal Calls	472	343	390	257
Domestic	383	421	393	403
Juvenile/Unruly	258	288	290	216
911 Call Volume	11,199	13,854	16,513	12,183
Wireless 911 Calls	74%	77%	65%	77%

Dog Warden

State Pound Keeper's Report	2016	2017	2018
Stray	223	207	207
Owner Signed off to Dog Pound	42	14	95
Dead On Arrival	10	4	8
Total (breakdown below)	275	251	310
Euthanized at Owner's Request	26	26	30
Euthanized	2	3	2
Redeemed by Owner	134	127	119
Adopted	24	14	1
Rescued	79	77	150
Dead On Arrival	10	4	8
Total	275	251	310

Data derived from the Fulton County State Pound Keepers Report Log



Did You Know?

All Adoptable Dogs are now transferred to the Fulton County Humane Society after the statutorily required three (3) day period that they must be temporarily housed at the Fulton County Dog Pound. Occasionally, if the Humane Society is full, dogs will be housed at the Fulton County Pound, and

will be available for adoption.

The Fulton County Humane Society, a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization, is located in Wauseon, Ohio.

Their mission is to offer sanctuary and care to homeless, neglected and abused domestic animals and to provide humane solutions to reduce their numbers through education, medical care, rehabilitation and re-homing.



Hours of Operation
 Monday-Friday 10am-5pm
 Saturday 10am-3pm
 Sunday: CLOSED

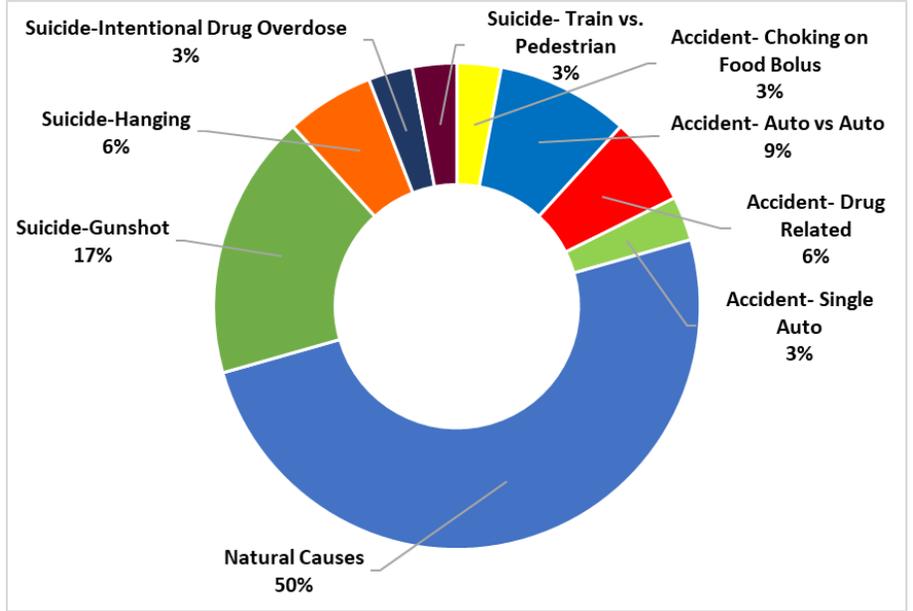
14720 County Road J
 Wauseon, OH 43567
 419-349-3841

Coroner's Report

January 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2018

Coroner Investigated Deaths=34

2018	TOTAL DEATHS	CORONER'S CASES
Alzheimer's/ Dementia	48	0
Cancer	63	0
Heart / CVA	105	10
Other Natural	46	4
Pulmonary/ Pneumonia	49	3
Accident	7	7
Suicide	10	10
Total	328	34



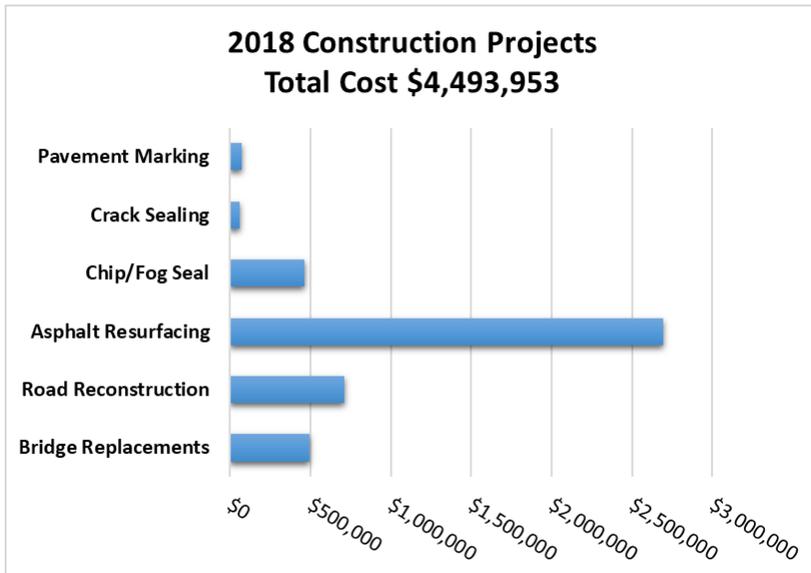
10% of Deaths were Coroner's Cases
 8 of the 34 Coroner cases involved alcohol use
 and/or drug toxicity=24%

Engineer's Report



Before and after photos of County Road M widening project

- 21 Miles of Asphalt Resurfacing
- 34 Miles Chip/Fog Seal
- 2 Bridge Replacements
- 3 Miles Road Reconstruction
- 26 Miles Crack Sealing
- 85 Miles of Centerline Pavement Marking



Of the total project costs –

- \$2,203,019 Local County Funds
- \$973,357 Other Governmental Entities
- \$843,709 OPWC Issue 2 Grant (incl. townships)
- \$389,868 OPWC Issue 2 Loan (incl. townships)
- \$84,000 CDBG Grant for a township

859.4
 County, Township and Municipal
 road miles

Fulton County Senior Center



240 Clinton Street; Wauseon, Ohio 43567 419.337.9299

2018 Annual Report

Meal Program

Total Meals Served: 118,178

Total Seniors Served: 1,207

Food Expenses: \$344,290

Donations: \$163,537

Grant: \$75,392

Housekeeping

Total Seniors Served: 134

Total Hours of Service: 6,151

Donations: \$12,034

Grant: \$40,018

Transportation

Total Seniors Served: 157

Total Units of Service: 2,951

Volunteer Hours: 2,561

Grant: \$5,379

Information &

Referral Services

Total Appointments: 1,723

Average per Month: 142

Recreational Trips

Total Bus Trips: 62

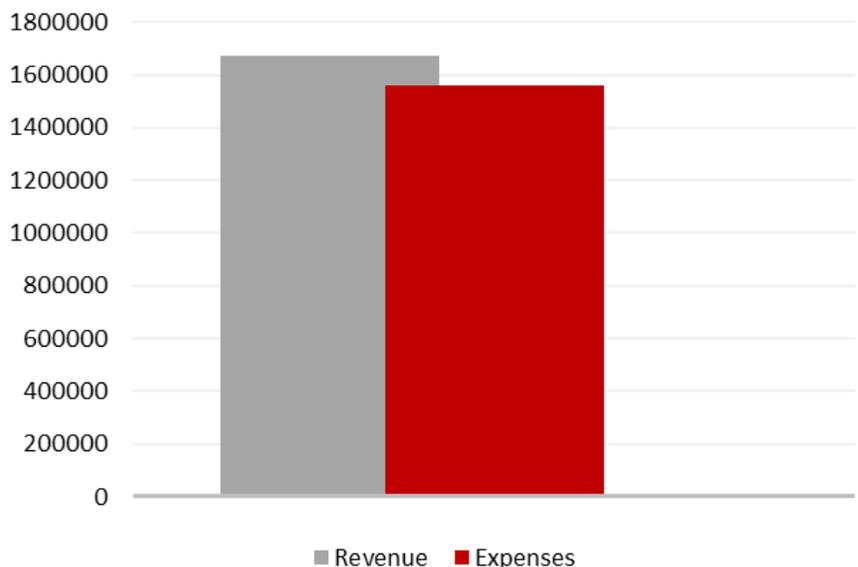
The Fulton County Senior Center is a program of the Fulton County Commissioners and is funded through local levy support (\$1,238,932), donations (\$197,709), and Title III grants (\$120,789) administered under the Department of Aging.

The program aims to be a focal point for the senior population in our county by providing opportunities for independence, growth and wellness. Seniors are encouraged to get involved with this positive community resource.

Sites are located in Wauseon, Archbold, Delta, Fayette and Swanton. Services are available to any Fulton County resident age 60 and over.



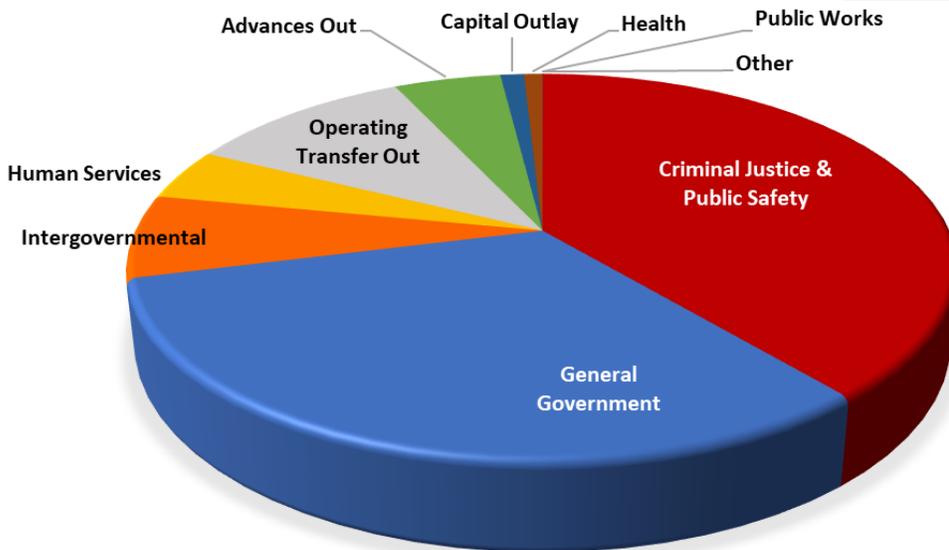
Senior Center Account



General Fund Expenses

**Where does the money go?
\$14,980,295.50**

General Fund Expenses	2018 Expenses
Criminal Justice & Public Safety	\$5,825,411.77
General Government	\$4,821,459.39
Intergovernmental	\$1,044,658.77
Human Services	\$650,092.81
Operating Transfer Out	\$1,593,652.82
Advances Out	\$750,000
Capital Outlay	\$165,457.20
Health	\$126,073.24
Public Works	\$3,489.50
Other	\$0
Expense Total	\$14,980,295.50



General Fund Revenues

Description	2018 Revenue	Percentage
Taxes	\$9,556,144.34	66.2%
Charges for Service	\$1,512,103.12	10.5%
Intergovernmental	\$1,086,097.26	7.5%
Other Revenue	\$1,017,614.87	7.0%
Interest	\$874,710.66	6.1%
Fines and Forfeitures	\$347,766.17	2.4%
Transfer In	\$0	0%
Advance In	\$40,000.00	0.3%
Licenses and Permits	\$2,708.29	0%
General Fund	\$14,437,144.71	100%

Description	2018 Revenue	Percentage
Sales Tax	\$7,769,440.89	77%
Property Tax	\$1,779,704.86	33%
Manufactured Home Tax	\$6,500	0%
Total	\$9,549,145.75	100.0%

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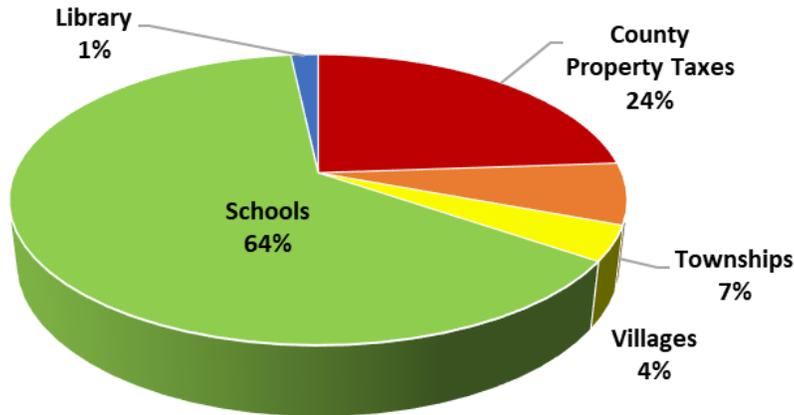
Jeremy Williams of Williams Aerial captured the beautiful sunset image of the Historic Fulton County Courthouse with his drone.



Property Taxes

Property Tax Collected

\$51,601,810.94



Townships	2018 Total
Amboy	\$255,272.58
Chesterfield	\$155,142.13
Clinton	\$791,738.28
Dover	\$105,211.32
Franklin	\$80,755.01
Fulton	\$223,203.03
German	\$463,390.64
Gorham	\$209,934.90
Pike	\$170,143.58
Royalton	\$212,771.06
Swan creek	\$563,288.71
York	\$283,880.93
Total	\$3,514,732.17

Where did the \$\$ go?

County Government	2018 Total
Board of Developmental Disabilities	\$3,402,981.38
General Fund	\$1,779,704.86
Emergency Medical Services	\$3,305,681.79
Senior Center	\$1,234,837.02
Four County Mental Health Board	\$1,002,977.73
Board of Health	\$852,004.18
911 Emergency Phone	\$528,739.47
Emergency Medical Services Fund	\$218,976.77
Total	\$12,325,903.20

Villages	2018 Total
Archbold	\$729,617.29
Delta	\$412,837.88
Fayette	\$76,480.97
Lyons	\$59,582.97
Metamora	\$35,009.56
Swanton	\$154,931.13
Wauseon	\$529,653.34
Total	\$1,998,059.14

Schools	2018 Total
Archbold	\$5,404,816.19
Evergreen	\$4,050,689.56
Fayette	\$1,674,274.77
Liberty Center	\$818,397.07
Pettisville	\$1,517,146.97
Pike-Delta-York	\$6,049,459.00
Swanton	\$3,569,979.00
Wauseon	\$6,801,631.91
Anthony Wayne	\$3,697.27
Four County Career Center	\$2,665,929.86
Penta Career Center	\$326,369.95
Total	\$32,882,391.55

Libraries	2018 Total
Archbold	\$207,932.24
Delta	\$284,031.71
Swanton	\$153,247.88
Liberty Center	\$14,731.94
Fayette	\$26,629.69
Wauseon	\$194,151.42
Total	\$880,724.88

Property Tax Counties levy a tax on the transfer of property after its sale. By state law, the minimum tax is \$1 for every \$1000 in assessed value of the property being transferred in ownership.

Millage-How property taxes are measured in size. One mill equals \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 in assessed value of property. Taxes increase as a community's voted millage goes up.



About Fulton County Ohio

Established on April 1st, 1850, The County of Fulton is comprised of 15 Elected Officials, 7 Boards and Commissions and many departments that provide outstanding service to the community. Home to nearly 42,000 residents and spanning 407 square miles, Fulton County is home to seven distinct communities and twelve townships.

EST. April 1, 1850

42,698

Population

*Population Figures are per the U.S. Census Bureau

Village of Archbold	4,346
Village of Delta	3,103
Village of Fayette	1,283
Village of Lyons	562
Village of Metamora	627
Village of Swanton	3,580
City of Wauseon	7,332

12 TOWNSHIPS

Amboy	1219
Chesterfield	1012
Clinton	2222
Dover	1578
Franklin	743
Fulton	1519
German	2097
Gorham	977
Pike	1854
Royalton	953
Swan creek	6013
York	1678

*Based on 2010 population figures per the U.S. Census Bureau.

2018 Elected Officials

Auditor	Brett Kolb
Clerk of Courts	Tracy Zuver
Common Pleas Judge	Jeff Robinson
Engineer	Frank Onweller
Recorder	Sandra Barber
Probate/Juvenile Court Judge	Michael Bumb
Commissioner	Jeff Rupp
Commissioner	Jon Rupp
Commissioner	William Rufenacht
Treasurer	Char Lee
Coroner	Rick Yoder, M.D.
Eastern District Court Judge	Colin McQuade
Prosecutor	Scott Haselman
Sherriff	Roy Miller
Western District Court Judge	Eric Nagel

Check out our Courthouse Renovation Blog!

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Boards and Commissions

- Board of Elections
- Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Board of Health
- Court Security Council
- Emergency Management Agency
- Maumee Valley Planning Organization
- Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center
- OSU Extension-Fulton County
- Regional Planning Commission
- Soil & Water Conservation District
- Veterans Services

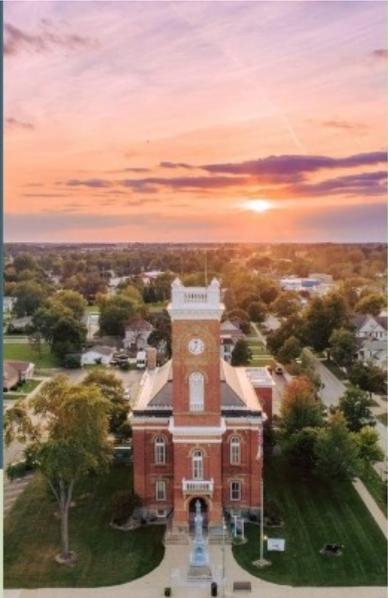
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COURTHOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE

"Transformation is Taking Place"

Fulton County

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Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Monument

In 2018, the Commissioners resolved to have the Civil War monument that stands in front of the Fulton County Courthouse cleaned and refurbished. Little did they know at the time there was such a history behind this “silent soldier.”

The Fulton County Soldiers and Sailors Memorial and Monument Association was organized in 1912, but its history goes back for more than fifty years prior. In 1867, through the efforts of Colonel Dresden W. H. Howard, the citizens of Fulton County began to erect a soldiers' monument, in memory and honor of those sons of the county who had served in the Civil War.

However, the monument was never finished, and the project remained dormant until early in 1912, when Mr. Allen Shadle made efforts to continue the completion of the statue. Soon after, the Fulton County Memorial and Monument Association was formed to complete the project. During the next few years the public supported the efforts and became involved in helping to raise funds for the statue.

Both Colonel Howard, Mr. Shadle and his wife volunteered to contribute



Crews working on the monument

more than \$1,000 “to perpetuate the sacred memory of the brave soldiers of Fulton County who risked all to keep the Stars and Stripes from trailing in the dust, and to save the sacred Union established and preserved by our noble ancestors” and “to crown the failure with success.”

On July 4th, 1921, the Association planned and hosted an “unveiling celebration and dedication” ceremony at the east front of

the courthouse. The Fulton County Tribune reported “A Red Letter Day” with over two thousand people attending the ceremony.

In 2018, crews from RAM Construction Services of Michigan, Inc. professionally cleaned the statue as well as restored and cleaned the plaques. Each soldier that was Killed In Action has a star listed by their name on the plaques. Wauseon Machine reproduced and donated “look alike” stars to match the original stars on the plaque that were missing.

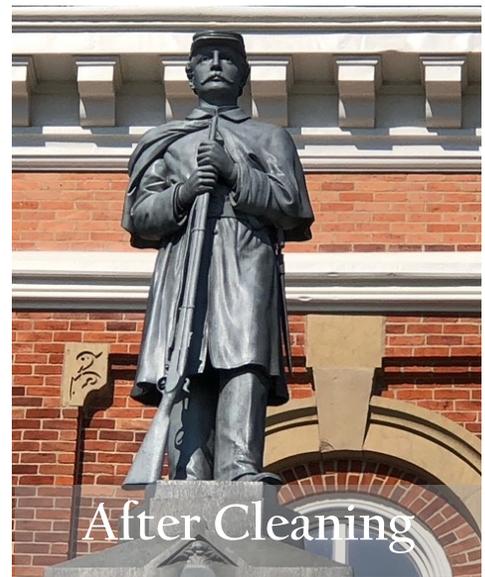
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Before Cleaning



After Cleaning



Each soldier that was Killed in Action has a star listed by their name on the plaques under the statue. Missing stars were reproduced and added courtesy of Wauseon Machine.

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