

Taxation issues dominate regional balloting

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Tax requests for law enforcement in **Hancock County** and services for mentally disabled people in **Fulton County**, along with a question of repealing a new sales tax in **Henry County** are expected to be among the most watched issues in the region Tuesday.
In **Hancock County**, voters will consider reinstating a 0.25-percent, five-year sales tax that expired June 30. It would generate \$2.5 million a year for the county's criminal and administrative justice services.
If the sales tax would fail, Sheriff Mike Heldman has said he would lay off seven jail employees and one or two road deputies and reduce the number of beds at the jail by 46, including 10 that are rented from Putnam County.
Fulton County Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities board is asking for an additional 2-mill, continuing levy that would provide homemaking and personal assistance, primarily for disabled adults who want to move out of their parents' home

and live in an apartment or share a home. Like most area counties, **Fulton** has a waiting list for such services, which typically range in cost from \$5,000 to \$122,000 per person, per year, depending on the severity of their disabilities.
In **Henry County**, a former county commissioner led an effort to put a question of repealing a new 0.5 percent sales tax on the ballot after the county commissioners put it on the books without taking the issue to voters.
The tax, which commissioners approved in July, went into effect Oct. 1. It is expected to collect \$1.1 million to \$1.2 million a year for county expenses.
If a majority of voters would choose to repeal the tax, it would come off the tax rolls April 1. If so, the commissioners have said they would consider 25 percent cuts to the funds they provide the sheriff, emergency medical services, cooperative extension service, Soil and Water Conservation District, Community Improvement Corp., airport, fair, planning commission, and other services.

Other issues in northwest Ohio include:
ERIE COUNTY
Kelley's Island: initiative to retain the requirement for a full-time police chief who is a resident of the village.
DEFIANCE COUNTY
Defiance County: 1.2-mill, 5-year renewal for senior citizens services and 1.9-mill, 5-year renewal for mental retardation and developmental disabilities.
FULTON COUNTY
Amboy Township: 1-mill, 5-year, fire renewal.
Clinton Township: 1.15-mill, 5-year, additional fire levy.
Metamora: 2.6-mill, 5-year additional levy for water plant operations.
Pike Township: 0.5-mill, 5-year fire replacement.
Royalton Township: 1.8-mill, 5-year fire replacement and question of a proposed zoning plan.
Swanton: 0.5 percent, continuing additional income tax for police.
Wauseon: eight charter amendments.
HENRY COUNTY
Holgate: 2.5-mill, 5-year renewal for village park and swimming pool.

Liberty Center village: Continuing 0.25-percent new income tax for parks.
McClure: 3-mill, 5-year operating renewal and 1.5-mill, 5-year operating renewal.
Freedom Township: 1.1-mill, 5-year replacement road and bridge levy.
Harrison Township: 1.5-mill, 3-year additional fire levy.
Ridgeville Township: 2-mill, 5-year replacement road and bridge levy.
OTTAWA COUNTY
Elmore: 0.75 percent, continuing, additional income tax for construction of a new sewer plant and 3-mill, 3-year street levy replacement.
Genoa: Proposal to reallocate a 0.5 percent tax — out of a current 1.5 percent income tax — from the sewer project to the general fund.
Rocky Ridge: 3-mill, 5-year additional tax for operations and municipal referendum on village water supply and distribution system.
Allen Township: 0.6-mill, 5-year additional cemetery levy.
Clay Township: 0.5-mill, 5-year cemetery renewal.
Danbury Township: 0.7-mill, 5-year fire replacement.

Harris Township: 0.7-mill, 5-year cemetery renewal.
PAULDING COUNTY
A 0.5-mill, 17-year maximum additional levy for jail and sheriff's office and 1-mill, 5-year replacement levy for mental retardation and developmental disabilities.
SANDUSKY COUNTY
A 0.25 percent, continuing sales tax for emergency medical services.
Woodville Village: 7.4-mill, 5-year combination replacement and new levy for current expenses.
SENECA COUNTY
A 0.3-mill, 5-year replacement levy for the general health district.
Fostoria: 0.5-percent, 5-year income tax renewal; approve creation of a commission that would frame a city charter and select 15 members of the panel.
WOOD COUNTY
Bloomdale: initiative to establish zoning regulations.
Custar: 2-mill, 5-year renewal for current expenses.
Haskins: 2-mill, 5-year additional for street construction.
Hoytville: 1.8-mill, 5-year renewal for current expenses.
Jerry City: 3.5-mill, 5-year re-

newal for current expenses.
Luckey: 1.9-mill, 5-year renewal for current expenses.
Milton Center: 5-mill, 5-year additional for current expenses; and 2.5-mill, 5-year replacement for street improvements.
Portage: 2-mill, 5-year additional for current expenses.
Risingsun: 3-mill, 3-year additional for current expenses and 2-mill, 5-year replacement for street resurfacing and repair.
Bloom Township: 3.8-mill, 5-year additional for fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites; and 1-mill, 5-year replacement for road maintenance and construction.
Freedom Township: 3-mill, 3-year replacement for fire apparatus.
Henry Township: 2-mill, 5-year renewal for road maintenance.
Liberty Township: 0.3-mill, 5-year renewal for current expenses.
Montgomery Township: 3-mill, 5-year replacement for fire protection.
Perry Township: 0.5-mill, 3-year renewal for emergency medical services.
Troy Township: 1.2-mill, 5-year renewal for fire apparatus; and 0.8-mill, 5-year renewal for current expenses.



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Students leave school at Port Clinton Middle School. Voters are being asked to approve funds for new classrooms.

Area school districts ask voters for aid

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The **Bowling Green** City School District will build a middle school, a performing arts center, and two other nonclassroom structures if voters agree on Tuesday to approve a \$43.28 million funding plan.
A 28-year, 5.43-mill bond issue to fund the building projects would cost the owner of a \$100,000 house \$166 a year. Under the plan, the district would combine grades five through eight at a new \$31.1 million middle school. The junior high now houses grades six through eight. A \$5.5 million performing arts center would be built for students at the middle and high schools and the community, replacing the auditorium downtown next to the junior high.
A \$4.3 million support services building would house administrative offices and transportation, maintenance, and warehousing. The athletic building at the stadium would be replaced for \$1.2 million, and student rest rooms, storage, and a multipurpose room would be added to Crim Elementary for \$1.2 million.
All the new buildings would be erected on the 80-acre site of Bowling Green High School. Superintendent Hugh Caumartin said doing the projects on one site will save the district money.
Other school districts in northwest Ohio have tax issues on the ballot, seeking funds for building projects or to maintain student

programs and services.
OTTAWA COUNTY
For the third time in five years, voters in the **Port Clinton City Schools** are asked to approve a tax increase to fund construction of classroom buildings.
A 28-year, 4.2-mill levy bond issue would generate \$37 million and allow the Ottawa County district to replace four aging elementary schools with two new buildings. The newest of those schools, 48-year-old Bataan Elementary, would be renovated and expanded into a replacement for Port Clinton Middle School, which opened in 1922.
Voters rejected the district's two requests for building funds. In May, 2001, a 28-year, 3.92-mill bond issue to build a middle school and an elementary school in **Catawba Island Township** for \$26.4 million was rejected. Six months later, voters rejected a 28-year, 2.31-mill bond issue to build only the middle school for \$16.2 million. The bond issue would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$126 a year.
Also in Ottawa County, the **Benton-Carroll-Salem Local School District** is asking for its fourth operating levy request in a year. The five-year, 3.9-mill emergency levy would raise about \$1.2 million a year and help the district offset revenue lost from a state change in how tax revenue from nuclear power plants is distributed. The levy would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about

\$123 a year.
Other school issues include:
ALLEN COUNTY
Lima City Schools voters are being asked to approve a five-year, 6.8-mill additional operating levy.
DEFIANCE COUNTY
The **Defiance City School District** is asking for a 28-year, 2.84-mill bond issue that would raise nearly \$26 million for construction of a new elementary school. The building for grades K-5 would replace four neighborhood elementary schools. Coupled with the bond issue is a continuing 0.5-mill maintenance levy. Together, the tax issues would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$117.50 a year.
Also seeking funds for building are the **Hicksville Exempted School District** (a 28-year, 7.75-mill bond issue and a continuing, 2.5-mill new permanent improvement levy) and the **Central Local School District** (28-year, 3.99-mill bond issue to build a middle school and high school).
ERIE COUNTY
The **Sandusky City School District** is requesting a 28-year, 5.97-mill bond issue, coupled with a 23-year, 0.5-mill maintenance levy. The bond issue would raise \$49 million for a plan to close six schools — some of which date to the 19th century — and construct two new buildings, one for elementary students and one for junior high classes. Three elementary schools and Sandusky High School would be renovated. The tax issues would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$198,000 a year.
Also on the ballot is the **Huron City School District** with a pair of renewal levies. One is a three-year, 5.9-mill levy for operating expenses; the other is a five-year, 3-mill levy for permanent improvements.
The Margareta Local School

District, which includes some areas in Sandusky County, is requesting a five-year, 7.75-mill renewal levy for operations.
The **EHOVE Joint Vocational School District**, which includes Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Ashland, Lorain, and Richland counties, is seeking a five-year, 1.5-mill renewal levy for current expenses.
HANCOCK COUNTY
The **Arcadia Local School District** seeks approval of a five-year, 1.5-mill permanent replacement levy.
Voters in **Vanlue Local Schools** will decide on two money issues: a five-year, 1 percent income tax renewal for operations and a continuing, 4-mill levy renewal for general improvements.
HENRY COUNTY
The **Liberty Center Local School District**, including two precincts in **Fulton County's Swancreek Township**, is seeking a continuing, 0.5 percent income tax for operations.
SENECA COUNTY
Voters in **New Riegel Local Schools** will decide on a five-year, 0.75-percent income tax increase for operations.
The **Seneca East** school district is requesting a five-year, 1-percent income tax renewal.
WILLIAMS COUNTY
The **Bryan City School District** seeks a continuing 1 percent income tax increase for operations.
In the **Stryker Local School District**, voters are being asked to approve a 28-year, 5.5-mill bond issue, and a 0.25 percent, 25-year income tax for building construction and improvements.
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Election Day light in Monroe, Lenawee

Ex-Monroe mayor wants his job back

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MONROE — A race pitting a five-time former mayor against an incumbent who beat him by 12 votes two years ago highlights a light Election Day in Monroe and Lenawee counties.



Cappuccilli Iacoangeli

MONROE COUNTY
In the city of **Monroe**, former Mayor Al Cappuccilli, 75, is trying to regain the office he lost in 2003 to John Iacoangeli, 52. Mr. Cappuccilli claims city employee morale has plummeted under Mr. Iacoangeli. The mayor says Mr. Cappuccilli is out of touch with the reality of what it takes to be mayor.

Also, voters will choose new city council members, with five of the council's six seats contested in Tuesday's election:
Precinct One: Bill Burkett faces a challenge from Adam Yeager. In Precinct Two: Newcomers Edward Paisley and Richard Floraday, Jr., vie to succeed outgoing councilman James Sabo. Precinct Three: Incumbent Dorothy Edwards is challenged by J. Pat McElligott. Precinct Four: Fellow incumbent Jean Guyor is challenged by John Martin. Precinct Five: Incumbent Linda Compora faces Mary Conner and Gary Dahl. Precinct Six: Newcomer Brian Beneteau is unopposed.

In **Luna Pier**, Todd Deal is the only candidate on the ballot to succeed current Mayor Jerry Welton, although Mr. Deal's fellow councilman, Dean Ansel, is running as a write-in candidate. The four people running for council include two incumbents, Chris F. Heid and Kenneth Krusel, and newcomers Arthur Lutz and Nola Young.
In **Petersburg**, Mayor Leroy Burguard is unopposed in his bid for a sixth consecutive term. Seven people are vying for the three open council seats. Incumbents Dawn Cille and John McFellin, Jr., face challenges from Ronald Cevora, Joanne Tollison, Brian Parros, Jenna LaRocca, and James Holeman.
Monroe County has four local issues on the ballot:
Summerfield School District is seeking approval of a \$5.3 million bond issue to pay for a number of large maintenance and capital improvement projects in the schools.
Frenchtown Charter Township voters are being asked to

renew a 2-mill fire levy and approve an additional 1-mill levy for the department.
LaSalle Township voters will decide on a 0.75-mill renewal request for their township fire department.
LENAWEE COUNTY
Adrian mayor's race has John Abraham, an 82-year-old political novice, going against city commissioner Gary McDowell, 63. The winner will replace five-term incumbent Samuel Rye.

Adrian City Commission has six candidates competing for four positions. Commissioners Chuck Chase and Greg DuMars are running for re-election. They will be joined by Michael Osborne, Jr., a sheriff's deputy; Harry Steele, an insurance company executive; Jim Awad, owner of Diana's Market, and Kirk Valentine, a builder.
Also on the Adrian ballot, voters will be asked to renew a 1-mill, 10-year levy for public improvements.
Morenci incumbent Russell Sutherland will face challenger Jeffrey Lantz in the mayor's race. In the city council race, incumbent Keith Pennington and newcomers Jason Bryant and Tracy Schell are running unopposed.
Hudson pro-tem Mayor Joel Haynes and newcomer James Steele are running for two spots on city council.
Also on the ballot is a 2-mill, five-year sinking fund levy for Hudson schools for buying real estate and upgrading schools.
Tecumseh incumbents Laurence VanAlstine, Troy Wright, and Patricia Housekeeper are running unopposed for three spots on city council.
Rollin Township voters will be asked to pass a pair of levies that would benefit Addison Community Schools. One is a renewal for six years of a 17.8-mill operating levy. The other would increase another operating levy by 3.9 mills, also for six years.

Candidates

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to city councils and school boards as well as township trustees and clerks. Among the contested races outside of Lucas County:
DEFIANCE COUNTY
Defiance City Council President: Darrell Handy (R.) and Timothy Holtsberry (D).
Defiance Council-at-Large, three to be elected: Daniel Bohn (D.), Joe Eureste (D.), Ronald Gustwiller (R.), Jack Hale (D.), Stephen Hubbard (R.), and Ellen Upp (R.).
Defiance school board, two to be elected: Mark Klein, Stephen Snavely, and Howard Tropepe.
Central Local school board, three to be elected: Mark Baden, Connie Clinker, Jilene Richards, Mickey Schwarzbak, Dennis Smith, and Steve Smith.
Hicksville school board, three to be elected: Michael Cleland, Brian

Kermer, Karen Schmidt, and Robert Weatherhead.
ERIE COUNTY
Kelley's Island Village Council, four to be elected: Gary Finger, Paul Hiller, John Hostal, Dennis Kaminski, John Killo, Jacqueline Kranyak, and Barbara Schmittker.
Bellevue school board, two to be elected: Michael Dwyer, David Lee Kowaleski, James Linder, Samantha Natole, Raymond Parker, Martin Shelley, Patrick Smith, and Kimberly Stults.
FULTON COUNTY
Archbold Village Council, three to be elected: Kenneth Cowell, Jeff Fryman, Bradley Grime, and Roger Pinkelman.
Delta Village Council, three to be elected: Catherine Buehrer, Rose M. Butz, Lynn Frank, Keith Lantz, Allan W. McQuillin, Frank H. Wilton, and Michael C. Wolford.
Swanton Village Council, four to be elected: William E. Belinger, Scott Haselmann, Pamela J. Moore, Michael Rochelle, and Richard H. Ueberroth.
Wauseon City Council, three to

be elected: Karen W. Krumm, James M. Parker, Douglas W. Shaw, and Jeffrey Lee Stritz.
Township trustees, two to be elected: **Chesterfield:** Clark Emmons, Paul D. Holman, and Jim Stubbins. **Clinton:** Robert Albright, Ivan A. Hite, Allen J. Nofziger, Leonard L. Richer, and Gregory L. Stutesman.
German: Jim Grieser, Stephen Lange, Bruce C. Lauber, Kenneth L. Leupp, Randy Ruffer, Bruce Rupp, Jim Schrock, and Peter D. Short.
Gorham: Curtis Fether, Dale Kunkle, Matt Lumbrezzer, and William G. McKinney.
Pike: Ted Howard, Brinda S. Miller, John Pelton, and Dennis N. Savage.
Royalton: Steven D. Gillespie, R.J. Lumbrezzer, and George Pochay, Jr.
Swancreek: Ronald Holdeman, James F. Meyer, Richard Stout, and Phil Wiland.
York Township clerk, unexpired term: C. Yvonne Beck and Pamela A. Rathbun.
HANCOCK COUNTY
Findlay City Council, at-large,

three to be elected: Kevin Crook (D.), Andy Peters (R.), James P. Slough (R.), Randy C. Ward (R.); Ward 1: James W. Madison (D.), and J. Michael Slough (R.).
Educational Service Center, three to be elected: Nancy George, John Oman, George Thieman, and Frederick Ziegman.
OTTAWA COUNTY
Port Clinton City Council, Ward 2: Glenn Chapman II, Robert Scarpino; Ward 4: Jeffrey Morgan, Mick VanHoose.
Marblehead Village Council, four to be elected: Reba Bishoff, John Imke, John McDonald, Danis Putzbach, and John Starcher.
Oak Harbor Village Council, four to be elected: Fred Conley, Jon Fickert, Beverly Goldstein, Donna Wendt-Elliott, and Timothy Wilkins.
Put-in-Bay Village Council, four to be elected: Fred Berry, Judith Berry, Joseph Cerny, Jr., Bret Klun, Jeffrey Koehler, John Scarpelli, Margaret Scarpelli, and Ryan Stoiber.
SANDUSKY COUNTY
Gibsonburg school board, three

to be elected: Marvin Davis, Eric Jones, Thomas Kline, Scott Partner, Sharon Schuett, and Scott Widmer.
SENECA COUNTY
Fostoria City Council, at-large, three to be elected: Carol Boos (D.), David Clark (R.), Barbara L. Marley (R.), and Georgianna Widmer (R.).
Fostoria school board, three to be elected: Linda R. Anderson, Jo Hollingsworth, William McGough, and Debra Ward.
WOOD COUNTY
Bradner Village Council, four to be elected: Shawn Hall, Terry James, Brett Linkey, John Piper, Virgil Shull, Richard Teeple, G. Jane Trumbull, and Linda Wildman.
Cygnets Village Council, four to be elected: Nancy Myers, Betty Ramsey, Jon Reynolds, Venita Simon, Heather Stombaugh, and Michael Wenig.
North Baltimore Village Council, four to be elected: Jeffery Bretz, William Cameron, Robert Hartigan, Cynthia Hotaling, C. Michael Julien, Robert Neuhard, and Leslee Thomspon.
Pemberville Village Council, four to be elected: Eric Campbell,

Brandon Donaldson, Keith Madaras, David Miesmer, Marc Mullholland, and Patricia Vandersall.
Risingsun Village Council, four to be elected: Rachel Dissauer, Linda Krotzer, Clair Morse, Earl Morse, Richard Sprow, James Steiner, and Phillip Walters.
Weston Village Council, four to be elected: Charles Akers, David Bolton, Shad Kendall, Mark Sheffer, Ronald Trumbull, and Teresa Vestal.
Weston Township trustees, two to be elected: Frank Baumberger, Bruce Dewese, and Daniel Weaver.
Elmwood school board, two to be elected: Dale J. David, Cathy Harrison, and David E. Knisely; unexpired term, one to be elected: Sue E. Rose and Trent K. Snowden.
North Baltimore school board, three to be elected: David Casey, Matthew Davis, Susan Ebright, Laura Julien, Tamyra Thomas, and Jake Trevino.
Wood County Educational Services, three to be elected: Kenneth Ault, Joel Kuhlman, Timothy Meyer, Robert Nicholson, and Henry Zaborniak.