



'round the Courthouse square

Winter 2025 Vol. 36, #1
Wood County Employees
Bowling Green, Ohio
www.woodcountyohio.gov/employee

Password Complexity Awareness

The County authorized a new end user password policy. Many may question why strong passwords are so important.

Here are a few examples of how fast a password can be cracked.

- Falcons#1 = 66.96 seconds
- Falcons#1!!! = 1 hour

By slightly modifying the above two examples and writing it as a phrase with 16 or more characters, and using lowercase and uppercase letters, words not found in the dictionary, numbers in place of letters, spaces, and special

characters, the password becomes very difficult to crack.

- L3t\$ GO F@lc)n\$#1! = 39,000 years

When creating a password, it is best to use phrases containing non-dictionary words that are meaningful to you, not easy to guess, and contain special characters, numbers, lowercase and uppercase letters. This will significantly improve your password hygiene and increase the time you or someone else may be alerted to an attempt to compromise your credentials.

You are encouraged to apply this approach to any password you create - at work or at home.

If, and only if, you are forced to interact with an aged application that does not adhere to best practices by allowing special characters, the longer the password, the stronger the password.

- LetsGoFalcons2025 = 5 years
- LetsGoFalconsClassof2024 = 2,000 years

Also, do not share your password or reuse the same password for multiple applications or websites.

On November 27, the Elected Officials hosted the third annual Employee Charity Cornhole Tournament. This year featured the addition of a novice bracket for those teams to compete against similar skill sets.

For the second year in a row, Brian Boos and Doug Hartman from the Prosecutor's Office won the event. Josh Schroeder (Commissioners' Office) and Zach Nemec (Solid Waste Management District) came in second place.

Novice bracket champs were Tara Stager and Milah Bakhsh from the NorthWest Community Corrections Center. Second place went to Rich Schmidbauer and Jared Goris from Juvenile Court.

3rd Annual Charity Cornhole Tournament



The event raised \$1,639. The winning team donated their portion of the proceeds to the Wood County Special Olympics, when combined with the basket raffle donations totaled \$1,249.

BIRTHS

Dan and Sarah Renda (**Law Library**) are the proud parents of a baby girl, ZoeJane Noel Renda, born December 20, 2024, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 20 inches long.

WEDDINGS

Anna Cotterman (Park District) became the bride of Jim Stuart on October 10, 2024.

Brianna Kolodziejski (JFS) married Jesus Ochoa Jr. on October 12, 2024.

Emma Seitz (Adult Probation) wed Logan Scott on November 9, 2024.

KUDOS

Tyler Briggs, Health Department, received the President's Award from the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC). Tyler created a user-friendly dashboard that makes analyzing salary data for the association much easier. His solution allows for quick access to important reports, streamlining the entire process. This award highlights Tyler's hard work and creativity.

NEW EMPLOYEES

BOARD OF DD

Kathy McLafferty	10/21/24
Madeline Burtch	10/21/24
Rebecca Fitzpatrick	10/21/24
Alexis Reich	10/21/24
Stacey Webb	11/18/24
Patricia Allen	11/18/24
Nora Hoskay	11/18/24
Kyle Walton	11/18/24
Anna Young	11/18/24
Salvina Tirone	11/18/24

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Brandon Svanberg	10/07/24
Kyle Blachuta	10/28/24

JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

Madison Weilnau	10/21/24
Kim Merrow	11/18/24
Samantha Joseph	11/20/24
Emory Bado	12/02/24

ANNIVERSARIES

James and **Lauren Schall (Commissioners' Office)** celebrated 35 years of marriage on October 15, 1999.

RETIREMENTS

Jeff Burns, Buildings and Grounds, retired on October 1, 2024. He started with the County in 1998.

Pamela Boyer, Commissioners' Office, officially retired on October 31, 2024, following a 38 year career with the County.

Pinwheels for Prevention

The Job and Family Service

Protective Services Unit is once again hosting the Pinwheels for Prevention luncheon and silent auction on April 2 from 11:30-1:30 in the courthouse atrium.

You can also show your support of the event by wearing blue on that day for child abuse prevention awareness.

'ROUND THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

published quarterly for employees of Wood County Government

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jodi Quintero, Child Support
Janese Diem, Commissioners
Ronda Downard, Juvenile Court

Want to join the Committee or have comments and suggestions?

Email: newsletter@co.wood.oh.us

The deadline to submit information for the Spring Edition is April 11.

JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL CENTER

Danielle Cain	10/29/24
Jayden Issac	10/30/24
Emily Watson	10/30/24
Ethan Motter	11/13/24
Ben Justice	11/19/24
Connor Schlosser	11/21/24
Sarah Schepers	11/26/24
Joseph Elia	12/30/24

JUVENILE COURT

Alexander Apple	11/21/24
Kristina Rubel	12/03/24

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTER

Kayleigh Kordish	10/22/24
Matthew Boroff	10/15/24
Rachael McCoy	11/12/24
Peytan Rentz	12/30/24

NORTHWESTERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Darrell Cross	11/25/24
---------------	----------

PARK DISTRICT

Jessie Walton-Summers	11/14/24
-----------------------	----------

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jakari T. Robinson	10/05/24
Kayann M. Scott	10/16/24
Martin A. Huffstutler	12/06/24

Acentra

Employees Assistance Program

1.800.607.1522

www.eaphelplink.com

Code: WEBAEP

See the employee website for a list of monthly webinars and additional information on services provided.

The Employee Recognition Program is scheduled for April 3 at 9 a.m. in the Alvin L. Perkins Atrium. The following employees will be recognized for years of service as completed in 2024.

Thirty-Five Year Awards

Auditor's Office

- Beth Fritz

Job and Family Services

- Shannan Talbott

Juvenile Court

- Ronda Downard

Park District

- Andrew Kalmar

Thirty Year Awards

Board of DD

- Jason Brown

Board of Elections

- Terry Burton

Buildings and Grounds

- Jim Johnson

Dog Shelter

- Rodney Cook

Health Department

- Amy Jones

Job and Family Services

- June Walther

Juvenile Residential Center

- Heather Post

Probate/Juvenile Court

- Jennifer Robeson

Twenty-Five Year Awards

Auditor's Office

- Cheryl Frobose

- Amanda Holman

Board of DD

- Holly Hernandez

- Beth Instone

- Kathleen Murray

Health Department

- Jacqueline Mears

Job and Family Services

- Jennifer Appelhans

- Katty Appelhans

- Melissa Tokar

Juvenile Court

- Holly Ramirez

- Robin Roe

Juvenile Residential Center

- Greg Wortman

Public Defender

- BethAnn Crum

- Elizabeth A. Mertz

Sheriff's Office

- Jill A. Holland

Wood Haven Health Care

- Kim Graham

Twenty Year Awards

Board of DD

- Barbara Dussel

Board of Elections

- Brienne King

Buildings and Grounds

- Frank Davis

Clerk of Courts

- Kathryn Mahlman

Job and Family Services

- Christina Bradner

- Shannon James

- Brandy Laux

- Janelle Smith

- Kristin Weymer

NWCCC

- Jacob Bowman

- Steven Martinez

Sheriff's Office

- Patrick J. Mormile Jr.

Wood Haven Health Care

- Stephanie Fulweber



Fifteen Year Awards

Board of DD

- Danielle Galbraith

- Timmy Rice

- Michael Stanford

Court Administration

- Brandy Hartman

Health Department

- Katherine Barricklow

Job and Family Services

- Jodi Quintero

Juvenile Court

- John Dauer

Park District

- Eli Eynon

Sheriff's Office

- Elizabeth A. Amos

- Brian L. Bonnough

Ten Year Awards

Adult Probation

- Ryan MacRitchie

Auditor's Office

- Stephanie Abke

Board of DD

- Linda Cox

- Jennifer Irvin

- Ian McClure

- Kristin Nagel

- Allison Voland

Board of Elections

- Tracey Pritts

Building Inspection

- Ron Elliott

Buildings & Grounds

- Dan Balser

Commissioners' Office

- Rachel Richmond

Common Pleas Court

- Kelly Persinger

Health Department

- William Bryant-Bey

- Ashley Roach

- Kamarose Wildman

Job and Family Services

- Autumn Chapa

- Natalie Jenkins

- Laura Leathers

- Danielle Lowry

- Jennifer Reynolds

Juvenile Residential Center

- Mikale Campos

- Chase Freyer

Park District

- Zebediah Albert

- Craig Spicer

Prosecuting Attorney

- David Harold

Sheriff's Office

- James P. Connin

- Jared L. Cooper

- Joy L. Sharp

- Jessica N. Vargas

Wood Haven Health Care

- Sarah Mugler

- Jeff Orlowski

Continued on back

Just Keep Moving!

Benefit-eligible employees can earn up to a \$100 Deductible Credit

Virtually walk, bike, run and/or swim the length of the Colorado River (approximately 1,450 miles)

Credit is based on miles completed throughout 2025.

- \$25 – 400 MILES FOR THE YEAR
- \$50 – 750 MILES FOR THE YEAR
- \$75 – 1,100 MILES FOR THE YEAR
- \$100 – 1,450 MILES FOR THE YEAR

Visit the employee website for tracking options including electronic tracking by day or week or a downloadable monthly tracking log.



Wellness Events

Employees may also complete Wellness Events to earn additional miles. Approved events are posted on the employee website.

With warmer weather on the horizon, pop-up events will also be sent via email. One upcoming pop-up event is the Poker Walk at BGSU on April 2. Check the Employee Website for additional details.

Wellness Screenings

Benefit-eligible employees can also complete a Wellness Screening during 2025 regardless of the date of their last screening. By completing the screening, employees can gain access to a new reimbursement program for on-line fitness and nutrition programs. For more information see the 2025 Health Benefits Guide.

Community Sponsored Fitness Events

Benefit-eligible employees can also request reimbursement for 5Ks, triathlons, and other fitness related events. Up to \$50 per year is available. See the form on the employee website for full details.

Upcoming Events

March

- 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 11 State of the County Address
- 17 COOP Training Session
- 19 Statewide Tornado Drill
- 19 Wellness Subcommittee Mtg.
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 22 Leprechaun Open Geocaching - Bradner Preserve 10am - 1pm
- 26 Employee Orientation
- 29 Craft Circle - Historic Carter Farm 1 - 4 pm

April

- 1-30 Easter Scavenger Hunt at Wood County Musuem
- 2 JFS Pinwheel Event - Atrium Lunch & Silent Auction
- 2 Wellness Pop-up Event: Poker Walk at BGSU
- 3 Employee Recognition Program
- 8 Early In-Person Voting Starts in the Atrium
- 16 Wellness Subcommittee Mtg.
- 24 HR Group Meeting

Five Year Awards

- Adult Probation
 - Alisha Espitia
- Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services
 - Kathryn Shackleton
- Auditor's Office
 - Michelle Karns
- Board of DD
 - Cory Barnett
 - Allison Kall
 - Katherine Moenter
 - Chelsea Moll
 - Alison Okenka
 - Tiffany Rettig
 - Samantha Siefer
 - Julie Sprague
 - Audrey Stock
- Building Inspection
 - Rob Cendol
- Clerk of Courts
 - Courtney Tollison
- Commissioners' Office
 - Steve Jackson
 - Dan Scherger
- Common Pleas Court
 - Kiley Long
 - Veronica Williams
 - Kevin Hartman
- Emergency Management Agency
 - Erin Konecki
- Engineer's Office – Highway Garage
 - Marc Socha

Health Department

- Dr. Bushra Aouthmany
- Melinda Bowling
- Jodi Cline
- Dr. John Coates

Job and Family Services

- Elizabeth Harden
- Morgan Steck
- Madison Weilnau

Juvenile Court

- Nathaniel May

Law Library

- Sarah Renda
- Serena Sadowski

NWCCC

- Taya Graham
- Troy Meyers
- Madeline Wilhelm

Park District

- Aaron Hoyos

Planning Commission

- Jamie Stanley
- Pamela Gross
- Rebecca Von Sacken

Sheriff's Office

- Jeremy C. Decker
- Peyton N. McDermott
- Sara E. Stott
- Martha V. Villegas
- Rebecca L. Wilson-Burch

Treasurer's Office

- Lindsey Ball