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From promiscuity to vegetarianism



English inventor Archibald M. Low (1888-1956) conducts electronic experiments in 1920 in this image from *The English Mechanic and World of Science*, a magazine from the United Kingdom. PROVIDED BY WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

100-year-old predictions about 2026

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We've waited a century for this!
Nearly 100 years ago, a group of futur-

ists dared to imagine what life would be like in 2026. Some of their prognostications turned out to be completely wrong while others proved to be eerily true.

Let's see what the experts predicted in 1926.

Diverging paths

Science writer David Dietz (1897-1984), a future Pulitzer Prize winner from Cleveland, believed there were two possible paths for mankind.

One was good. The other was awful.

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Plan ahead with this early look at local events happening in 2026

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CHILLICOTHE—It's never too early to start planning your next fun outing. As we wind down 2025, take a look at some local events you can get excited about taking place in 2026.

Restaurant Week

Jan. 12- Jan. 25

Join local restaurants as they celebrate restaurant week with specialty dishes.

Earth Gathering

April 18

Join local vendors as they sell their

crafts inspired by nature. Musical guests will also perform throughout the day on the Pump House Center for the Arts lawn.

Kenworth Truck Parade

June 13

Join Kenworth truck drivers as they celebrate the trucks made right here in Chillicothe with a parade.

America 250 Celebration

June 13 and June 14

Join the Nathaniel Massie Daughters of the American Revolution as they celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Guests can visit the Adena Mansion to see the historic site, see artifacts and hear stories from interpreters and reen-

actors. Various America 250 events will be happening around the county in 2026.

Ross County Fair

Aug. 8- Aug. 15

Come to the fairgrounds to enjoy a variety of fair activities, from 4-H competitions to rides and food. There is plenty to enjoy for all ages at this annual county fair.

Sand in the Streets & Battle on the Beach

Aug. 21- Aug. 23

Come to Downton Chillicothe to enjoy a day at the beach, as truckloads of sand are dumped in the streets for a sand volleyball competition and party.

Street paving levy may be coming

Similar tax increase lasted for 10 years starting 2015

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CHILLICOTHE — Members of the Chillicothe City Council recently discussed, and had a reading of, a new street paving levy. Before it goes on to a third read and vote, here is what you need to know about the levy.

What will it do?

The 0.2% income tax levy will collect money to be used for paving projects and street repair in the city.

What happened to the old levy?

In 2015, voters approved a similar income tax increase for paving and street repair, which lasted for 10 years. This year city council approved putting the levy back on the ballot for renewal, but the issue did not make it on to the ballot.

What is the condition of city roads?

When discussing the levy, Chillicothe Mayor Luke Feeney showed council members an interactive software the city uses to assess street conditions. It rates streets on a scale from excellent to failed. This software showed that several alleys are in failed conditions and the average Pavement Condition Index for roadways was 68 out of 100.

How much will it cost?

This income tax increase would cost a person making \$100,000 per year \$200. The median household income in Chillicothe is actually around \$49,193, so the average citizen would pay less than \$100 per year with this increase.

When will it go into effect?

Chillicothe City Council is scheduled to vote on this levy during a regular meeting in early 2026. If passed, this item will be seen on the May primary ballot, where citizens will get to vote to pass or fail the levy. If voters adopt this levy, it will become effective on Jan. 1, 2027.

Note to readers

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