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What voters should know

Stark polling locations open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3

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It's poised to be another exciting midterm election night in Stark County, with voters deciding the next Ohio governor, a close U.S. Senate race and many local races and issues.

Election Day is Nov. 3, and polling locations will be open between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. across Stark County.

Here's another look at local races and what to know about voting.

What's on the Stark County ballot?

After a measure to increase its sales tax narrowly failed in the May primary election, the Stark County Regional Transit Authority is on the ballot again. This time, it is asking voters to renew the existing 0.25% sales tax for another 10 years.

SARTA operates on about $36 million a year in revenue, with about $20 million of that coming from the 0.25% sales tax. The current sales tax expires in 2027. Officials said the bus service would have to shut down if the sales tax is not renewed.

SARTA has about 200 employees and provides about 1.4 million rides a year. The agency operates 24 fixed bus routes in Alliance, Akron, Canton, Jackson Township, Louisville, Massillon,

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GlenOak High School student Lon Wright displays some of his artwork that will be featured in his solo exhibition, "A Compulsive Life," which opens with a reception Nov. 2 at the Malone Art Gallery at Malone University.
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'A Compulsive Life'

Exhibition explores GlenOak student's OCD-inspired art

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Lon Wright beamed a smile while surrounded by artwork he created as he clutched one of the pieces. ● A sense of pride radiated from his grin. But the 16-year-old GlenOak High student's expression belied the depth and seriousness of drawings and paintings that are inspired by his struggles with obsessive-compulsive disorder, also known as OCD. ● The mental health condition has caused "a lot of dark periods in my life," said Wright, a junior at GlenOak. ● OCD affects people differently, the student noted. "But for me, it's really severe," he said.

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If you go

What – "A Compulsive Life," a solo art exhibition by GlenOak High School student Lon Wright

When – Opening reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2. "A Compulsive Life" will be on display through Dec. 12.

Where – Malone Art Gallery at the Johnson Center at Malone University, 2600 Cleveland Ave. NW in Canton. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Admission is free.



Wright created art pieces like this to express the realities of the mental health condition obsessive-compulsive disorder. Wright's artwork will be showcased in his solo exhibition at Malone University in Canton.

Massillon weighing data center dividend

Residents would receive payouts under proposal

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MASSILLON – A councilman is pushing for legislation that would transfer a portion of data center profits into the pockets of city residents.

Councilman Mandwel Patterson, R-at large, introduced a "digital infrastructure dividend" proposal that aims to pay Massillon residents a minimum of $200 per year from a net profit tax placed on future data centers.



Patterson

The annual payout per resident could reach or exceed $1,000 or $2,000, depending on the number of facilities operating down the road within city limits, according to Patterson.

"It would be a $200 minimum with no cap," said Patterson, noting that Massillon's proposal could be a model for other Ohio cities. "This (data centers) is a very controversial topic. It's worth looking at different ways our residents can benefit from a windfall of these facilities."

If approved by council, a data center infrastructure fund would be established, allowing money to be doled out yearly from the account to taxpaying residents. Checks would be sent to

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