

DEAR EDITOR:

On March 6, Van Wert County residents will have the opportunity to vote for two new commissioners.

If you are like me, you have spent many of the last few years a bit disillusioned with the current state of our county.

- Van Wert is only one of three Ohio counties whose population has decreased by 5 percent throughout the last 20 years. While that percentage may seem small, it equates to hundreds of people — gone.
- Van Wert has consistently ranked amongst the highest Ohio counties facing unemployment.
- For nearly a decade, Van Wert has pursued new businesses, and for nearly a decade, Van Wert has continued to lose jobs.

With such statistics, it is sometimes difficult to believe that our local officials have any power to change our circumstances. But a certain candidate has offered a new perspective to voters. Todd Wolfrum believes in a prosperous Van Wert County, and those beliefs extend beyond mere words and ideas.

- Todd Wolfrum believes in creating business incentives that will attract new businesses to the county.
- Todd Wolfrum believes in tapping into state monies that remain untouched each year simply because no one knows how to ask for them.
- Todd Wolfrum believes in promoting business opportunities for individuals and businesses who can invest in our economy today—rather than tomorrow.
- Todd Wolfrum believes that promoting a local higher-education branch campus is the best way to keep the brightest minds in our county.
- Todd Wolfrum believes in representing all segments of Van Wert County— teachers, business owners, factory employees, farmers, bankers, retailers, young, and old.

On March 6, I am voting for Todd Wolfrum. If you care about the future of Van Wert County, you should, too.

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