Another year full of Halloween fun despite the cooler weather. The Annual Bean Supper served the community a delicious supper where friendship was had by all. I believe that all the kiddos had a blast in their costumes during the Halloween Costume Contest and most certainly during this year's evening Trick-O-Treat.

With Halloween over, Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. The Arcanum Area Business Association along with Village Administration, are preparing for a wonderful new Light-O-Rama display in Ivester Park for December. Thank you to the Arcanum VFW, Give Thanks Foundation, Troutwine Auto Sales, GNB-Arcanum, Park National Bank, The Rose Post, Primetime Construction, and the Arcanum Preservation Society for their generous donations that made this dancing light display possible for the community. Don't forget to purchase your AABA raffle tickets for a chance to win a 6 ft live Christmas tree from Brown & Sons Nursery for this holiday season. Winner will be drawn at the Christmas In The Park event on December 6th.

The Village would like to leave Ivester Park's restrooms open as long as possible, weather permitting. However, they are again being vandalized, presumably by kids, and if this continues, we will have no choice but to close them early. Additionally, the teeter totter has had to be repaired again, and it has been reported that a few older kids seem to have the objective to see how much it takes to break them. This is not OK. If you see something, report it, so those individuals can be held responsible for the damage, not the taxpayers.

There was a total of 78 violations issued this year ranging from property maintenance, dead trees, stumps, vehicles, trailers and fences all in need of removal or repair. 86% have been completed or a commitment to have them completed by end of year. Four of the major building repairs have committed to a completion in spring '26. Thank you for everyone's cooperation and timeliness in correcting the violations and keeping Arcanum a great and beautiful place to reside.

Village Administration is in the process of preparing the 2026 budget. Without any levy money received in '25 the Village is struggling to finish the year within budget. The '26 budget will need to be scrutinized by the Finance Committee and Council to

determine where additional reductions can be made. These reductions will be evident by the community in the coming year if the levy fails again. Since there was no attendance to the levy meeting, I can only hope that residents fully realize the need for this levy to pass on November 4th.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Turkey Day, and to leave you with this: The best way to predict the future is to create it.



VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, and his wife Angie, recently attended the Ohio Chief of Police Reception with Gov. Dewine and his wife Frances



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- November 1 from 9-noon AWTHS Open Hours with special display of America 250 traveling educational panels sponsored by Fort GreeneVille DAR. Come and view about our past, present and future of Darke County featuring our frontier, Revolutionary War Patriots, economy, people, places and communities.
- November 13 @ 6:30 Educational exhibits & guest presenters: Fort GreeneVille Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Christmas Bazaar Nov. 28th
 5:30-8 ~~ Nov. 29th 9-4pm.
 AWTHS would like to thank everyone who has donated items and who help in so many ways to make the fundraiser a success.

You can contact AWTHS at: awthsinfo@gmail.com

Movember

November 10 Utility Committee - 6pm Village Council Meeting -7pm

November 11 Veteran's Day - Village Offices Closed

November 13 Park & Rec Committee -4pm

November 15 SINGO - Arcanum VFW -7pm

November 25 Village Council Meeting-7pm

November 27 & 28 Village Offices Closed -

> Happy Thanksgiving

November Events at the Arcanum Public Library

November 3rd from 6:00-7:30PM: Felt Pumpkin Pie Garland Craft (Ages 13 and up) - Must Preregister at front desk.

November 4th at 1:30PM: "Winter Homestead Preparation" with The Ohio State Extension Office of Darke County

November 10th from 6:00-7:30PM: Community Euchre Night

November 4th at 1:30PM: The Ohio State Extension Office will present a program about preparing your garden and homestead for winter.

November 6th, 13th, and 20th at 10AM: Storytime

November 6th, 13th, and 20th: After School Program for Middle School Students 2:45-3:45PM

November 6th, 13th, and 20th: After School Program for Elementary School Students 3:45-4:45PM







