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Road Commission Announces Winner for 2026 Paint the Plow

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Area high school students participated in the Third Annual Paint the Plow outreach program developed to promote winter driving safety and general road safety, as well as to create awareness of transportation career opportunities. 2026 saw participation from five (5) high schools:

- Gobles High School
- Lawton High School
- Lawrence High School
- Mattawan High School
- Paw Paw High School

Voting took place from November 6th to November 13th. The winning school team as deemed by the community-wide vote was Lawton High School! The participating students will receive a pizza party paid for by the Van Buren County Road Commission's Managing Director, Bret Witkowski.

"The Road Commission's Paint the Plow Program is a great way to foster appreciation for high school art programs and student creativity. This year's theme, 250 years of freedom, gave students a

meaningful way to honor our nation's history through their artwork," said Witkowski. "Residents are encouraged to look for these decorated snow plows during parades and community events, and out on the roads during winter maintenance operations for heavy snow events."

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