

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

For the week ending October 6, 2023

Monday, October 2, 2023

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced the appointment of Cynthia A. Welty to the Sandusky County Court District One. Welty, of Clyde, will assume office on Oct. 16, 2023, and will be taking the seat formally held by the Honorable John Kolesar. Welty will serve the remainder of the unfinished term and need to run for election in 2024 to retain the seat.



Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted held a virtual press conference to discuss the ongoing legal dispute involving the Ohio Department of Education, which, pursuant to changes in law, ceased to exist at midnight on Tuesday.

Tuesday, October 3, 2023



Governor DeWine spoke at the Buckeye Association of School Administrators Fall Conference about the ReadOhio initiative, a statewide effort to encourage improved literacy skills for all ages, including the implementation of curriculum aligned with the science of reading in K-12 schools. The science of reading refers to research that has been conducted for decades by scientists and literacy experts that shows there is an actual science behind learning to read and that certain skills need to be taught, including phonics.



Lt. Governor Husted traveled to West Liberty to speak at the Logan County Chamber's Annual Legislative Breakfast about the state's economic outlook and workforce priorities.

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Governor DeWine delivered a statement on the news that Dr. Pierre Agostini of the Ohio State University was announced as a winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics.

"Congratulations to the Ohio State University's Dr. Pierre Agostini who was named today as one of three Nobel Prize winners in Physics for their work on exploring electrons inside atoms and molecules," said Governor DeWine. "Ohio is the heart of innovation and research with talented scientists making internationally recognized discoveries, building on our proud legacy of inventions that have changed the world."

Governor DeWine announced several enhancements to the state's free Safer Ohio School Tip Line (1-844-SAFEROH) that will make it easier for Ohioans to report school safety concerns.

In addition to calling and texting the tip line, Ohioans anywhere in the state can now report school safety information through a new smartphone app and online web form.

"Not everyone wants to make a phone call or send a text - some are more likely to report concerns by sending a message through an app or website," said Governor DeWine. "We're making these upgrades so that it's as simple as possible for all Ohioans to quickly and anonymously report any potential school safety threats in a manner that makes them comfortable."

Wednesday, October 4, 2023



Lt. Governor Husted traveled to Newark Wednesday morning to speak at the Licking County Manufacturing Month Celebration about the important role manufacturing plays in the local and state economy.



Lt. Governor Husted participated in a media event at the Statehouse to promote the 56th annual All American Quarter Horse Congress, the world's largest single-breed horse show. The show continues through Oct. 22 at the Ohio Expo Center.

Thursday, October 5, 2023

In accordance with the orders issued by the president of the United States of America, in honoring the life and service of Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Governor DeWine ordered all U.S. and Ohio flags be flown at half-staff upon all public buildings and grounds throughout the state from sunrise to sunset on Thursday.



Governor DeWine provides an update on the new distracted driving law.

Governor DeWine announced that traffic crashes have significantly decreased in the six months following the enactment of strengthened distracted driving laws in Ohio.

New preliminary data from the Ohio State Highway Patrol shows that distracted driving crashes hit a record low in September 2023 when compared with each month dating back at least to January 2018. Distracted driving crashes peaked in May 2018 with 1,383 crashes as compared with last month's low of 576 crashes.

"In just six months, this law is saving lives by changing the culture around distracted driving and changing the behavior of drivers behind the wheel," said Governor DeWine. "I am grateful to every driver who has chosen to put their phones down, and I encourage other drivers to commit to doing the same. There is no acceptable amount of distracted driving."

Governor DeWine announced the appointment of Adam L. Myser to the Belmont County Court, Northern Division.

Myser, of St. Clairsville, will assume office on Oct. 20, 2023, and will be taking the seat formally held by the Honorable Chris Berhalter. Myser will serve the remainder of the unfinished term and need to run for election in 2024 to retain the seat.

Friday, October 6, 2023

Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik recognized Oct. 6, 2023, as Manufacturing Day to acknowledge the progress being made in one of Ohio's most important industries and shine a spotlight on modern manufacturing careers.

Manufacturing Day is an initiative of the Manufacturing Institute and celebrated nationally each year on the first Friday in October. It provides the industry with an annual opportunity to inspire the next generation of manufacturers through events and informative activities.

"Manufacturing is a cornerstone of our economy, and a foundation for many other industries," said Governor DeWine. "It is vital that we show the next generation of Ohio's workforce that there is a viable future in the manufacturing industry, and since our state is a leader in production, their future can be right here in Ohio, the heart of manufacturing."

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"Ohio has always been a leader in manufacturing and now with the high-tech manufacturing jobs on the rise, average incomes in this sector are exceeding \$70,000 with some manufacturing jobs paying over \$100,000," said Lt. Governor Husted. "Ohio has always been a leader in manufacturing and the future of manufacturing is very bright with existing and new companies moving to and expanding operations. Manufacturing is alive and well and thriving in Ohio, now and for the future."



Violence in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital and main port, has spiked in recent months, with gangs controlling a majority of the city. As many as 200,000 people have fled their homes during a rash of murders, kidnappings, arsons, and other violent acts.

Recently, Governor DeWine sat down with Father Hagan to talk about his work in Haiti - feeding and educating children and their families - during these violent days.

Lt. Governor Husted spoke at the Ohio March for Life. The rally's focus was to advocate for the protection of unborn children and to oppose abortion.

Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director Mihalik announced that 51 communities will receive more than \$10.6 million in allocations to support community development projects across the state.

Funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocation Program, this funding will assist communities in completing a variety of infrastructure improvements and public services aimed at spurring economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents.

"With every investment we make in our communities' infrastructure, we're planting seeds of prosperity that will bear fruit for years to come," said Governor DeWine. "This funding will not only fuel economic growth by creating jobs and attracting outside investment, but it will also greatly improve the quality of life for Ohioans in some of our most underserved areas."

"Ohio is experiencing unprecedented economic growth, and in order to continue to attract new companies, the infrastructure in our communities needs to be up to date," said Lt. Governor Husted. "These grants will help communities across the state prepare to attract those looking to build and expand into Ohio, creating new jobs and improving the quality of life for all Ohioans."

Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted attended a statue dedication in honor of former state representative and assistant director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Jim Buchy. The statue is located on the Darke County Art Trail.

Governor DeWine Announces \$100M in Federal Funding to Communities to Fight Opioid Addiction, Prevent Overdose Deaths

(上接 P03) "While the rate of unintentional overdose deaths is slowing, our work must continue. This funding will help us save lives and promote stronger, healthier communities."

More than \$58.7 million of the \$100 million will be channeled to Ohio's 50 county Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) boards to expand access to local prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery supports. Another \$16.6 million will be designated for direct-funded community initiatives. OhioMHAS will also use these funds to partner with the Ohio Department of Health to provide funding to purchase additional supplies of the overdose reversal drug naloxone, and the Ohio Department of Veteran Services to provide services for veterans and active-duty service members, including the expansion of peer recovery support services for residents at the ODVS Domiciliary who have a history of opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder, and/or co-occurring disorders. (See list attached below details on planned investments/awards).

OhioMHAS coordinated with statewide partners, state level agencies, and Governor Mike DeWine's RecoveryOhio initiative to identify Ohio's goals for the SOS initiative. Key priorities include:

- * Reducing unintentional overdose deaths
- * Increasing access to addiction treatment
- * Preventing youth alcohol and drug use
- * Increasing recovery supports
- * Supporting responsible prescribing practices
- * Promoting harm reduction practices

"I am proud of the work Ohio is doing through the SOS initiative and look forward to extending the impact of these programs with this additional round of funding. Ohio has experienced significant successes thus far with the SOS initiative, exceeding the national rates in several key data collection and outcomes performance measurements," said OhioMHAS Director Lori Criss. "Together with our local partners, we are saving lives and illuminating the pathway to recovery with a goal of connecting Ohioans with the services they need to get well, be well and stay well."

*Ohio's rate is 8.8% higher at intake than the national rate and 5.5% higher at 6-months, thus explain the lower rate of change.

** U.S. change data not available.

Some examples of programs funded in year one that will be sustained with the continuation funding include:

- * \$686K to the Wood County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board for a Quick Response Team (QRT) to respond to overdoses; installation of naloxone vending machines; expand treatment and withdrawal management services; and an array of recovery supports including peer support, housing and transportation.
- * \$202K to the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Belmont, Harrison, and Monroe Counties to implement peer recovery support programs in local jails to assist clients struggling with opioid and other stimulant use disorders.
- * \$842K to the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board to support prevention and after school programming to help youth build healthy and effective coping skills; expand access

to Medication-Assisted Treatment; promote treatment in lieu of incarceration; and promote peer support services and other recovery supports including housing and transportation.

* \$150K to the Youngstown Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (Mahoning County) to increase prevention, treatment and medication assisted treatment services to minority youth and adults with or at risk of opioid use disorder.

* \$150K to Brigid's Path (Montgomery County) to provide services to infants exposed to addictive substances and assist families with community linkage.

* \$558K to Workit Health (Lucas County) for online and on-demand addiction treatment through mobile and web applications.

See the full list of grant awards for the second year of State Opioid and Stimulant Response grants.

