

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

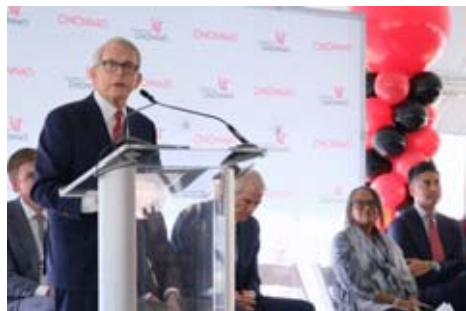
For the week ending October 27, 2023

Saturday, October 21, 2023



Ohio Governor Mike DeWine attended a ceremony in Canton unveiling the relocated statue of President William McKinley at its new home on the grounds of the Stark County Courthouse.

Monday, October 23, 2023



Governor DeWine attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the University of Cincinnati for the opening of the Portman Center for Policy Solutions.

Governor DeWine delivered remarks celebrating the opening of the Portman Center for Policy Solutions at the University of Cincinnati.

Tuesday, October 24, 2023



Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted and Second Lady Tina Husted served food at the Hunt. Fish. Feed. event in Columbus hosted by the Sportsman Channel and Charter Communications (Spectrum). The event promotes the donation of game meat and fish as a way to end hunger in cities across America that have the greatest homeless and low-income populations.

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Lt. Governor Husted spoke at the Startup



Midwest luncheon in Columbus. The event, hosted by the Ohio State University's Center for Software Innovation, celebrated and showcased Ohio's role as a destination for entrepreneurs. It provided valuable content, education, resources and opportunities for early-stage technology entrepreneurs and others.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its partners announced a new project agreement totaling more than \$100 million, with a significant investment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These much-needed funds will clean up nearly 875,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediments from the Cuyahoga River Gorge Dam.

EPA Regional Administrator and Great Lakes National Program Manager Debra Shore announced the agreement alongside Ohio EPA Director Anne Vogel and Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan at the Gorge Metro Park in Cuyahoga Falls. This long-awaited cleanup will greatly advance the environmental and economic revitalization of local communities and will help lead to the ultimate removal of the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern from the list of 25 remaining U.S. Areas of Concern (AOCs) — highly degraded areas found across the Great Lakes basin.

"Improving water quality is something I've prioritized throughout my years in public service, and the state is proud to support this long-awaited project with funding from the H2Ohio initiative," said Governor DeWine. "It's also great to see the important role that the Great Lakes Legacy Act is playing in this project. When I sponsored the Act in Congress in 2002, we knew it would make a significant impact on water quality across the Great Lakes region. Now, more than two decades later, the act is still making a difference, contributing to the removal of the Gorge Dam and the contaminated sediment behind it."

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Lt. Governor Husted spoke at the Wayne E-

conomic Forum in Wooster. The forum is an an-



nual event that brings leaders and executives together to share ideas and best business practices.

Governor DeWine and Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) Director Kim Hauck announced that \$2.8 million will be distributed across 52 counties to bolster state and local efforts to support youth with complex needs in their family homes.

"Ohio's youth need the support of their families and communities, but sometimes they have significant needs and find themselves in crisis. We must support these families and provide financial assistance to county boards of developmental disabilities and other local partners who help families provide healthier environments," Governor DeWine said. "This funding leverages local creativity to ensure families have the resources to succeed and stay together."

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) announced CareSource and Crown Equipment Corporation as the 2023 Governor's Inclusive Employer Award winners for their commitment to individuals with disabilities in the workplace.

"Congratulations to CareSource and Crown Equipment Corporation," said Governor DeWine. "By recognizing the value that skilled workers with disabilities offer and creating workplaces where all Ohioans can thrive, they have set powerful examples of what it means to leave no Ohioan behind."

Friday, October 27, 2023

Governor DeWine at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Greene County jail



Governor DeWine joined community leaders

in Xenia to break ground on the new Greene County Gene Fischer Correctional Center.

In April, Governor DeWine announced that the jail construction project would receive \$15 million in funding from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's Ohio Jail Safety and Security Program.

Lt. Governor Jon Husted, Supreme Court of Ohio Chief Justice Sharon Kennedy, Interim Su-



perintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Chris Woolard and other partners highlighted Ohio's commitment to improving school attendance statewide during the Ohio Takes the Pledge to Stay in the Game! event held at the Columbus City Preparatory School for Girls. During the event, members of the Ohio Attendance Taskforce announced recommendations to improve school attendance and reduce chronic absence.

These recommendations will help schools and districts implement effective prevention and early intervention strategies to improve attendance and decrease chronic absenteeism. Chronic absence is defined in Ohio as a student missing 10% or more of school hours. In the 2022-2023 school year, Ohio's chronic absence rate was 26.8%, meaning more than 615,000 students in the state were chronically absent.

"We want our students to be in school every day because it's vital to their personal success and well-being," said Governor DeWine. "As a state, we're focused on the needs of all students and this partnership between educators, families, and communities demonstrates our commitment to supporting strong school attendance so Ohio's students can learn, grow, and thrive."

"Too many of our kids are chronically absent, and they are missing out on more than just reading and math, but also other support services and the life and job skills that come with attending school," said Lt. Governor Husted. "The recommendations the task force has put forth will help address the underlying cause of absenteeism so that Ohio students are prepared to succeed in school and life."

Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted Announce New Projects Expected to Create More Than 2,200 Jobs, \$482 Million in Payroll

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today announced the approval of assistance for three projects set to create 2,247 new jobs and retain 63 jobs statewide.

During its monthly meeting, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA) reviewed economic development proposals brought to the board by JobsOhio and its regional partners. Collectively, the projects are expected to result in more than \$152 million in new payroll and spur more than \$482 million in investments across Ohio.

Projects approved by the TCA include:

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Joby Aero, Inc., city of Dayton (Montgomery County), expects to create 2,000 full-time positions, generating \$140 million in new annual

payroll, as a result of the company's new Dayton location. Joby is an aerospace company that is developing an electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft designed to pioneer the air taxi market. The company plans to build a large-scale manufacturing facility capable of delivering up to 500 aircraft per year. TCA approved a 2.055 percent, 30-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

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LabConnect LLC, city of Cleveland (Cuyahoga County), expects to create 167 full-time positions, generating \$8 million in new annual payroll, as a result of the company's new location in Cleveland. LabConnect provides laboratory and functional outsourcing for biopharmaceutical, pharmaceutical, and contract research organiza-

tions. The company performs the assembly of test kits, sample management, and tracking, testing, or storing of specimens. The new location will provide bio storage and processing measures to accommodate expansion needs. The TCA approved a 1.475 percent, eight-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Cleveland Kitchen Co., city of Cleveland (Cuyahoga County), expects to create 80 full-time positions, generating \$3.6 million in new

annual payroll, as a result of the company's expansion project in Cleveland. Cleveland Kitchen manufactures packaged raw and probiotic fermented foods such as sauerkraut, kimchi, and pickles to be distributed and sold in grocery stores across the country. The project includes the expansion of their current manufacturing space to accommodate an increase in product sales due to a recent acquisition. The TCA approved a 1.217 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.



New Soybean Processing Plant to Bring More Than 100 New Jobs to Ohio

October 20, 2023

(UPPER SANDUSKY, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik, and JobsOhio president and CEO J.P. Nauseef announced that a new soybean processing plant in Upper Sandusky will bring more than 100 new jobs to Ohio.

Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC), a leading merchant and processor of agricultural goods, will invest approximately \$500 million to construct the new plant in Wyandot County, bolstering the region's economic growth in the critical food and agriculture sector.

"Soybeans are Ohio's top exported agriculture product, so we are very excited to welcome LDC to Upper Sandusky," said Governor DeWine. "This new facility will not only bring in new jobs, but it will also lead to new av-

enues for growth and innovation in Ohio's agricultural sector."

There are approximately 26,000 soybean farmers in Ohio, and the annual economic impact from soybean production in Ohio is \$5.3 billion. LDC's state-of-the-art soybean processing plant will have integrated crushing, edible oil refining, and lecithin production and packaging capabilities.

"LDC choosing Upper Sandusky for its expansion grows our robust agricultural industry and adds to the list of innovative companies choosing Ohio because of our talented workforce and dedication to business growth," said Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted. "The positive ripple effect of this project on local communities and across the state is something we look forward to seeing."

"This is a memorable moment for the people of Wyandot County," said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Ohio Department of Development. "This signifi-

cant investment by LDC, and the jobs that will be created out of it, not only will strengthen the economy throughout the region, but are proof that Ohio is an attractive landing spot for businesses looking to expand."

According to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, soybeans are cleaned, cracked, dehulled and rolled into flakes to separate the oil and meal components during processing. Soybean products include tofu, soymilk, edamame, soy nuts, sprouts, miso, and soy sauce. Soybean oil is also used in salad dressings and mayonnaise, as well as in industrial products such as plastics and biodiesel.

"LDC's substantial investment is a testament to Ohio's economic vibrancy and our appeal to global agribusiness leaders," said J.P. Nauseef, JobsOhio president and CEO. "This collaborative effort brings 100 new jobs and cut-

ting-edge technology that will serve as a magnet for future investment in this critical sector."

Wyandot County has long been recognized as a center for manufacturing, agri-business, and farming, backed by an ideal location and highly skilled workforce. The partnership between JobsOhio, Regional Growth Partnership, Wyandot County Economic Development, and the City of Upper Sandusky created an ideal environment for LDC.

Dean Monske, CEO of Regional Growth Partnership, added: "This development is a beacon of economic development and innovation. The Regional Growth Partnership is excited to support the endeavor, which will contribute to the region's prosperity and lays a foundation for future collaborations."

The State of Ohio and JobsOhio will consider assistance for the project, which will be made public after any incentives are approved.