

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

Monday, November 6, 2023



Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted provided remarks at the unveiling of the Sinclair Community College Aviation Maintenance Training Facility at the Dayton International Airport.

This cutting-edge facility marks a significant milestone in the college's commitment to aerospace education and workforce development.



Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik announced that approximately \$420 million in grant funding is now available to help positively transform Ohio's 32-county Appalachian region.

The Ohio Department of Development began accepting applications for the second round of the Appalachian Community Grant Program on Monday morning. The program will fund projects that revitalize downtowns, enhance quality of life, and help rebuild local economies.

"Ohio's Appalachian region has so much to offer - from a willing workforce to historic downtowns and breathtaking natural wonders," said Governor DeWine. "Funding from this program will help positively transform Appalachia and impact those living there for generations to come."

"This targeted investment will help bring transformative change to our Appalachian communities," said Lt. Governor Husted. "Improvements to downtown areas, along with enhancing the local education and workforce systems, will help prepare the entire region for a successful future."

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director Mihalik announced details for the \$125 million Innovation Hubs Program in Ohio. The program will capitalize on communities' existing industry and research strengths to build a sustainable talent pipeline and commercialize new products and technologies.

Innovation hubs are industry-focused ecosystems of researchers, entrepreneurs, and public and private partners who work together to create and develop innovative solutions and products. Aimed at small- and medium-sized Ohio cities, the hubs will create jobs, increase STEM talent, and attract research funding and outside capital investment.

"This is an opportunity for all regions to capitalize on the innovations in their communities

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and be part of the big-picture strategy for growing Ohio's economy," said Governor DeWine. "With this program, we're investing in Ohio's long-term future and enabling the success we've seen through our innovation districts in Columbus, Cincinnati, and Cleveland to be realized across the state."

"We currently have three thriving Innovation Districts in Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati. This new round of funding for Innovation Hubs will empower other regions across Ohio to leverage their world-class assets, recruit and create STEM talent, and attract private investments," said Lt. Governor Husted. "These hubs establish a local ecosystem that serves as a magnet for both investments and talent, enabling more parts of Ohio to compete on a global scale for jobs and future prosperity, diversifying our economy and ensuring that our children and grandchildren will have plenty of opportunities right here at home."

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Lt. Governor Husted gave remarks during the



Ohio Manufacturers' Association's Annual Workforce Summit in Westerville.

"If we want people to work in manufacturing, we need to make it a career pathway not just a job - that there is a pathway for them to start entry-level and eventually be CEO," said Lt. Governor Husted.



Governor DeWine and Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) Director Ursel J. McElroy announced the launch of a new grant program designed to empower Ohioans to thrive as they age. Administered by ODA, Ohio's new Healthy Aging Grants program is providing \$40 million in support of local aging services focused on helping Ohioans age 60 and older stay healthy, live longer, and maintain their independence.

"Ohioans want to live well as they grow older. They want to live in their homes, around their family and close friends, while remaining vibrant and active contributors to their communities," said Governor DeWine. "The local programs strengthened by our new Healthy Aging Grants will make this level of vitality and autonomy possible for more older adults across our state and is key to achieving our vision of making Ohio the best place to age in the nation."

Lt. Governor Husted participated in a roundtable discussion and tour at Vantage Career Center in Van Wert. The school received a



\$1,229,175 grant through the Career Technical Construction Program that will help them expand their construction equipment technology and criminal justice programs to serve 57 additional students.

The Ohio Department of Development announced internet service providers may now apply for a share of the \$77.5 million available in round two of the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant (ORBEG) program that helps bring affordable, high-speed internet to more of Ohio's underserved and underserved areas.

"We're committed to giving all Ohioans high-speed internet access," said Governor DeWine. "The projects created through this groundbreaking program will greatly expand the digital resources that make a tangible difference for those who live in rural and underserved communities."

"You can't be part of the modern economy without access to reliable, affordable internet access," said Lt. Governor Husted. "It takes both public and private investment to get as many Ohioans as possible that connectivity and this grant program will help close the funding gap."

Thursday, November 9, 2023



With just six months until Ohio's highly-anticipated total solar eclipse, TourismOhio is encouraging residents and visitors to start planning now by offering out-of-this-world inspiration to make memories that will last a lifetime.

"Next year, we anticipate that thousands of visitors will come to Ohio to join our residents in having a front-row seat to the solar eclipse," said Governor DeWine. "The solar eclipse is sure to be an educational and memorable experience, and Ohio will be ready to host visitors with a wide variety of activities, dining, and entertainment options."



Governor DeWine with the inductees of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame class of 2023

Governor DeWine attended the Ohio Veter-

ans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to recognize 20 inductees who have honorably served their country through military service and have continued to serve and inspire with their deeds and accomplishments throughout their lifetime.

Governor DeWine announced that he will nominate Stephen D. Dackin as director of the Department of Education and Workforce. Governor DeWine also announced that Lori Criss will leave as director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OMHAS) to pursue a new career opportunity at The Ohio State University.

"Steve Dackin has a broad base of experience that will benefit Ohio's continued efforts to create a transformative education system that provides the resources and support for students and serves as a pipeline of talented young people to Ohio employers, colleges, universities, and career and technical education centers, helping every Ohioan live up to their God-given potential," said Governor DeWine. "I look forward to working with Steve in this new role once confirmed by the Ohio Senate."

"I am also grateful for Director Criss's leadership as she has pursued my vision of building a world-class behavioral healthcare system in Ohio," said Governor Mike DeWine. "Lori has been an advocate for lifesaving prevention and treatment services, including expanding medication access and telehealth, reducing overdose deaths through naloxone availability, and launching the Ohio Careline and 988 to give Ohioans immediate access to help."

Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director Mihalik announced the launch of a new program to help alleviate the cost of Commercial Driver's License training for Ohio employers.

The Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Training Program will provide \$3 million in tax credits to Ohio employers to support the upskilling of current and future employers in today's high-demand economy.

"Ohio is a state that makes things, and commercial drivers are essential to getting our products from here to there," said Governor DeWine. "This program takes a major step toward a more competitive, skilled, and agile workforce in Ohio that is poised to lead the future of manufacturing and trucking."

"By supporting individuals through tax credits for CDL training, we're not just helping businesses, we're helping truck and bus drivers and taking another positive step to attract people to a profession that is in desperate need of drivers," said Lt. Governor Husted. "It's a strategic move that benefits everyone - employers, workers, and the state's economy."

Friday, November 10, 2023

In observance of Veterans Day, all state offices will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10. Veterans Day is on Saturday, Nov 11.

Governor DeWine thanks Ohio veterans for the sacrifices they made protecting our country.



First Lady Fran DeWine attends the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Greene County Imagination Library Program

First Lady Fran DeWine celebrates Greene County's 10 year Imagination Library anniversary

(CEDARVILLE, Ohio) — Ohio

First Lady Fran DeWine celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Greene County's Imagination Library Program this morning with hundreds of Greene County families currently receiving free books in the program.

"It's wonderful that the Greene County Public Library has supported and promoted Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for a decade, helping thousands of Ohio families over the years," said First Lady DeWine. "I'm grateful that Greene County continues to support early childhood literacy and be a leader for other county Imagination Library programs around Ohio."

Since 2013, nearly 600,000 Imagination Library books have been mailed to children in

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Greene County. The Greene County Public Library Foundation is the local program partner that administers the program, builds local partnerships,

and raises funds to cover half of the monthly book bill. The other half of the book cost is paid for by Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio. A similar kind of local and state partnership happens across Ohio, helping to ensure that the Imagination Library program remains free to all families who enroll.

"We were honored to have Ohio First Lady DeWine join us to celebrate the families of Greene County who have made such an impact on children's literacy in our communities," said Karl Colón, Executive Director of the Greene County Public Library. "Through her vision and dedication, we've been able to share this model of success across the state and the nation."

At today's celebration, First Lady DeWine and Karl Colón welcomed hundreds of

Greene County residents whose children are currently participating in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Greene County.

Additionally, First Lady DeWine read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle to children and their families during the celebration.

The Imagination Library in Greene County first became available county-wide in November 2013. Currently, 64% of eligible children (5,936) in Greene County are enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio.

Statewide, over 59% of eligible children (393,991) are enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio, each receiving a high quality, age-appropriate book every month in the mail. Any child from birth to age five can enroll in the program at no cost to their family.

To learn more about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio or to enroll a child, visit OhioImaginationLibrary.org.