

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

For the week ending November 24, 2023

Monday, November 20, 2023



A recently released report from the Wildlife Management Institute, Responsive Management, and Southwick Associates showed that wildlife-based recreation contributed nearly \$12.5 billion to Ohio's economy in 2022, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

"Ohio has rolling hills for hunting, vast waterways for fishing, and thriving habitats for birding," Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine said. "The diverse natural wonders of Ohio prove once again the state really is 'The Heart of it All.'"

Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced that the state is partnering with Intel, JobsOhio, and the Ohio Grants Alliance to formalize a semiconductor supply chain consortium in Ohio's Silicon Heartland.

The creation of the Silicon Heartland Supplier Consortium will better position Ohio to:

- * Become one of two new semiconductor clusters in the United States.

- * Help current and prospective Ohio suppliers compete for new federal grant funding for semiconductor materials and manufacturing equipment.

"Ohio is committed to ensuring the success of the Silicon Heartland," said Governor DeWine. "Bringing together industry partners to onshore this critical industry is key to strengthening our national security, spurring future innovation, and making our economy more resilient."

"When we were working to attract Intel to establish its semiconductor fab facility in Ohio, we knew that most of the jobs would be created from the supply chain that followed," said Lt. Governor Husted. "The establishment of this semiconductor consortium can play an important role in establishing Ohio as the Silicon Heartland."

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Lt. Governor Husted joined Chair of the Greater Cleveland Partnership's Board of Directors Paul Dolan for a fireside chat focused on economic development at the organization's annual Leadership Forum.

Governor DeWine announced that applications are now being accepted for a fourth round of child care stabilization grants and that steps are being taken to increase the base rates for publicly funded child care beginning Feb. 4, 2024.

"We have been focused on increasing the safe, stable, quality child care programs to ensure Ohio's youngest students have the best possible foundation for their future learning," said Governor DeWine. "We are now focusing on supporting early childhood professionals in order to increase the availability of child care spaces for working parents and caregivers."

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

In accordance with the order issued by the President of the U-

nited States and to honor the life and legacy of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, Governor DeWine ordered the flags of the United States and the state of Ohio to be flown at half-staff upon all public buildings and grounds throughout the State of Ohio effective immediately until sunset the day of her interment, November 29, 2023.

Thursday, November 23, 2023



Governor DeWine and First Lady Fran DeWine wished all Ohioans a happy Thanksgiving! Friday, November 24, 2023

Governor DeWine and Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer placed a friendly wager ahead of the rivalry football game between The Ohio State University and the University of Michigan, commonly referred to as "The Game."

"College football fans will have a great game to watch on Saturday as the 11-0 Ohio State Buckeyes face off against the 11-0 Michigan Wolverines," said Governor DeWine. "I am confident that Coach Ryan Day and The Ohio State Buckeyes will bring a win back to Ohio, so I am making another friendly wager of ice cream with Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. O-H!"

This year, Governor DeWine has bet peppermint stick, hot cocoa peppermint, and cow patty ice cream from Young's Jersey Dairy in Yellow Springs and black raspberry chip ice cream from Graeter's in Cincinnati.

Governor DeWine Announces Ohio Juvenile Justice Working Group

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)— November 13, 2023 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced the formation of a new working group to examine the state of juvenile justice and corrections in Ohio.

The Ohio Juvenile Justice Working Group will be chaired by Tom Stickrath, former director of both the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) and Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS). Stickrath is also the current chair of the National Commission on Accreditation for Corrections.

Governor DeWine has tasked the group with undergoing a thorough, holistic review of juvenile justice operations at DHS and of the agency's partnerships with county juvenile detention

facilities. The group will review and offer recommendations on a wide range of topics including, but not limited to, youth safety, education, reentry support, and health and mental health services. The group will also examine staffing levels and staff safety, training, recruitment, and retention.

Members of the working group include:

Judge Anthony Capizzi
Retired Juvenile Court Judge, Montgomery County
Gabriella Celeste
Policy Director, Schubert Center for Child Studies
Melissa Day
Juvenile Division Chief, Stark County Prosecu-

tor's Office
Judge Amy Lewis
Juvenile Court Judge, Greene County
Judge David Stucki
Retired Juvenile Court Judge, Stark County
Tom Stickrath (chair)
Former Director, Ohio DHS, Ohio DPS
Chair, National Commission on Accreditation for Corrections
The following members of the Ohio General Assembly will assist the working group on an advisory level:

Rep. Cindy Abrams (R-Harrison)
Rep. Richard Brown (D-Canal Winchester)

Sen. Paula Hicks Hudson (D-Toledo)
Sen. Nathan Manning (R-North Ridgeville)
Additional working group members may be added before the group's first meeting, which will be announced at a later date.



(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—November

14, 2023 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced that the application period for Ohio's Teacher Bootcamp Program is now open for institutions of higher education. Teacher bootcamps bring educators into local businesses to help expose them to the in-demand career skillsets their communities need so they can better prepare students to be career ready upon graduation.

"This kind of real-world experience will give our teachers a better understanding of what businesses are looking for when they hire, allowing teachers to better prepare students," said Governor DeWine. "This is another tool teachers have to help their students be college or career ready after graduation."

"Education and student preparedness are

Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted Announce Teacher Bootcamp Program Application Period

most effective when there is collaboration between the private and public sectors. This is the driving force behind the initiation of teacher bootcamps," said Lt. Governor Husted. "During these programs, teachers are immersed in the local business community, gaining insights into various careers and understanding the essential skills students require for success. Armed with this knowledge, educators return to their schools better equipped to provide students with the necessary tools and guidance for a prosperous career path."

Institutions of higher education can apply today to administer bootcamps. Once awarded, they can enroll teachers into their bootcamp, and when the teachers complete the courses, the institution

will be reimbursed for tuition costs. Qualifying coursework is to be delivered in bootcamp format and may include Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or graduate credit coursework.

The goal of the program is to incentivize teacher professional development and expose teachers to the career opportunities for their students in critical sectors like Advanced Manufacturing, Broadband & 5G, Cybersecurity, Healthcare, Transportation, or other trades. A total of \$500,000 is available through this program.

"With the current

and future job growth in these high-demand fields, it's critical to have the educators in place who will prepare Ohio's skilled work-

force," said Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor Randy Gardner. "The Teacher Bootcamp Program is one more way to ensure we meet that need."

The application period for the Teacher Bootcamp Program opens today, November 14, and will close December 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

To apply, institutions of higher education can visit Workforce.Ohio.gov/TeacherBootcamp.



Governor DeWine Announces Funding Support for Village of East Palestine

(EAST PALESTINE, Ohio)—November 17, 2023 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik announced that the state will award the village of East Palestine \$150,000 to help support the purchase of new emergency response equipment.

East Palestine, which was the site of February's Norfolk Southern train derailment, previously secured grant funding from the federal government to partially cover the cost of two eight-ton dump trucks, a one-ton utility bed truck, and a drone. To reduce the amount of local funding necessary to cover the difference, the Governor's Office of Ap-



palachia is contributing \$150,000, representing more than 65 percent of the required local match.

"This funding is another example of our administration's continued commitment to the East Palestine community," said Governor DeWine. "This investment will significantly reduce East Palestine's share of expenses associated with this new equipment."

The existing village trucks are more than 20 years old and have been used to haul materials and supplies to and from the derailment site. The East Palestine Fire Department, which was forced to

borrow equipment for overhead views of the derailment, will receive the drone.

"The tragedy of last February's derailment highlighted the urgent need for enhanced preparedness measures," said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Ohio Department of Development. "While we hope that nothing like this ever happens in any of our communities again, the residents of East Palestine can have some peace of mind knowing the village is better equipped to assess and respond in emergency situations."

Governor DeWine also announced today that the first round of 0% interest, forgivable loans to be awarded as part of the East Palestine Emergency Support Program will be announced as early as next week. The loans will be awarded to businesses to assist with ongoing expenses and recovery efforts associated with the train derailment. Eligible business can still apply through the online application available at development.ohio.gov/East-Palentine.