

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

For the week ending July 26, 2024

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine released a statement following the announcement that President Joe Biden is dropping out of the presidential race:

"I have known President Biden since 1995, when I entered the U.S. Senate and served with him on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Fran and I wish President Biden and the First Lady all the best as he serves out the remainder of his term and in the years ahead."

Monday, July 22, 2024



Governor DeWine signs bill creating Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor.

Governor DeWine signed House Bill 253, designating 85 miles of Ohio roadway from Greene County to Brown County as the Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor.

Governor DeWine signed the bill in front of the Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument in Wilberforce, where the newly designated corridor starts along U.S. 42 in Greene County. The corridor then follows U.S. 68 into Clinton County to U.S. 62 in Brown County, ending at the Simon Kenton Memorial Bridge near Ripley, where Brigadier General Young spent most of his childhood.

"Today we acknowledge Brigadier General Young's tremendous achievements, not only in Ohio but throughout the United States and the world," said Governor DeWine. "With the designation of this new corridor today, those who travel through this region will have the opportunity to learn about and remember Brigadier General Young and his military service, which brought honor to Ohio and the rest of the country."

Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted, who serves as director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, announced that more than 100,000 credentials have been awarded since the start of the TechCred program. This milestone demonstrates Ohio employers' demand for the skills needed to keep up with modern and future-forward technology.

"Back in 2019, we recognized the need to help Ohio's workforce develop the skills to compete in a tech-infused economy," said Lt. Governor Husted. "That's why we created TechCred—to more rapidly build a skilled workforce that benefits Ohio businesses, workers, and the economy. This milestone demonstrates that our investment in TechCred has been embraced by people across Ohio as they compete for economic success."

In addition to this milestone, Lt. Governor Husted announced the results of the May round of TechCred in which 518 employers were awarded, providing the opportunity for Ohioans to earn 6,612 tech-focused credentials. This round marks the most employers and credentials awarded since the program's start in 2019.

The current and 27th application period for Ohio employers opened July 1, 2024, and will close on July 31, 2024 at 3 p.m. Apply now at TechCred.Ohio.Gov.



Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted provided remarks at the Council of State Governments' 78th Midwest Legislative Conference, where legislators from 11 Midwestern states and four Canadian provinces gathered to collaborate and learn in a bipartisan setting.

From 2019 through the second quarter of

2024, the Midwest Legislative Caucus region won 36% (44 of 122) of all megadeals (by the 2021 definition in ORC of \$1B+ or \$75M payroll), while representing 19% of U.S. population (63M of 333M). Ohio led the region with 13 megadeals.



Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted announced new grant funding through CyberOhio to assist local government entities with cybersecurity software and services to boost their preparedness and resilience.

A total of \$7 million is now available as part of Ohio's new CyberOhio Local Government Grant Program.

"Today we are taking another crucial step to ensuring our local government partners are protected against cyber threats from around the world," said Governor DeWine. "These threats are constantly changing, and we must help Ohio stay ahead."

"Technology is infused into almost all government services because it improves the way we serve our customers and saves money, but that also means we need to protect those services from bad actors," said Lt. Governor Husted. "It's vital that local government partners across Ohio have the resources they need to protect our citizens and show companies across the country that Ohio is a safe and secure environment to bring their business."

Tuesday, July 23, 2024



Governor DeWine served as the opening speaker for the first-ever Accessible Ohio Conference & Expo.

The one-day conference, hosted by Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, showcased ways to make Ohio's businesses, communities, venues, and attractions accessible and inclusive for all Ohioans, including Ohioans with disabilities.

"Ohio's strength lies in its people, and we can't afford to leave anyone behind. Accessibility is a mindset that we should always be thinking about, from education and employment to recreation and civic engagement," said Governor DeWine. "We're grateful for the positive impact individuals with disabilities have had on Ohio's workforce and communities. By breaking down barriers and providing opportunities, we tap into the tremendous potential of all our citizens."

"In recent years, businesses, organizations, and venues have come to us to ask how they can be more accessible to all Ohioans," said Governor DeWine. "Through Accessible Ohio, our team of specialists provides free guidance to make accessibility a reality for more of our partners in more communities across our state."



Governor DeWine signs House Bill 47, requiring AEDs to be placed in Ohio schools and municipal sports or recreation locations

Governor DeWine signed House Bill 47 during a ceremony at Worthington Kilbourne High

School. The new law will require automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to be placed in every public and chartered nonpublic school in Ohio.

"The evidence is clear: AEDs save lives," said Governor DeWine. "While we know that sudden cardiac arrest is the number one killer of student-athletes in America, we also know the vast majority who get immediate help from AEDs survive. The difference these devices make is astounding. Having them on standby in our schools to safeguard our students is a must."



Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine was invited by the Columbus Crew to flip the coin at the Major League Soccer (MLS) Special Olympics All-Star Game. Columbus hosted a number of events this week leading up to the 2024 MLS All-Star Game on Wednesday.

Wednesday, July 24, 2024



Governor DeWine, First Lady DeWine, and Lt. Governor Husted celebrate opening day of the Ohio State Fair.

Governor DeWine, First Lady DeWine, and Lt. Governor Husted joined Ohio State Fair Executive Director Adam Heffron to open the gates for the first day of the Ohio State Fair.

The fair runs from Wednesday, July 24 to Sunday, August 4 and continues to host traditions and family favorites including the famed butter cow and calf sculptures, iconic SkyGlider ride, and Smokey Bear in the beautiful 8-acre Natural Resources Park.

"One of the things that is particularly exciting about this year's state fair is that we're on the path toward progress. We have several construction projects underway that will enhance the fairgrounds for the future, both for the fair and the events held here the other 353 days a year," explained Governor DeWine.

"The Ohio State Fair also is a great venue for kids to learn and play, hone their interests, and start making steps toward their future careers," said Governor DeWine. "You can have it all in the heart of it all, and organizations like COSI, Battelle, and Intel, all in the Lausche Youth Exploration Space, help make the connection for Ohio's next generation of scientists and engineers who will play a tremendous role in Ohio's ongoing success."

"Our state fair is truly an opportunity to highlight what makes Ohio great," said Lt. Governor Husted. "Showcasing exhibits from across the state, it brings Ohioans together to celebrate agriculture, innovation, business, natural resources, food, music, art and more."

Governor DeWine's RecoveryOhio initiative will host Mental Health Day at the Ohio State Fair on Friday, July 26, 2024.

On Friday, fairgoers can access behavioral health resources and information at state agency booths throughout the fairgrounds. These resources aim to make prevention, treatment, and

recovery supports more visible and accessible to all Ohioans.

"Mental health challenges impact Ohioans from every city, town, village, and community across our state, and we need to do everything in our power to connect people who are struggling to supports that can make a real difference in achieving recovery," said Governor DeWine. "We encourage everyone to come out to the State Fair on Mental Health Day to learn about the resources we offer through RecoveryOhio and programs throughout the state to help people break through mental health challenges and reach their full potential."

Governor DeWine signed 21 bills into law

Thursday, July 25, 2024



First Lady DeWine cooked pizza with kids inside Kasich Hall at the Ohio State Fair.

First Lady DeWine talked with kids about where food comes from, and she shared healthy herbs and vegetables from the Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden for kids to use to top their pizzas.

Governor DeWine and First Lady DeWine joined Ohio Department of Natural Resources Director Mary Mertz to plant a Sugar Maple tree in the Natural Resources Park of the Ohio State Fair and Expo Center.

Governor DeWine signed Substitute Senate Bill 144, sponsored by State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario), which amends the Revised Code regarding immunizations



administered by pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians; regarding certificates of need and change of operator procedures for nursing homes; regarding the per Medicaid day payment rate for specified ICFs/IID; regarding medication aides and certified nurse aides, including competency evaluation programs and training and competency evaluation programs; regarding nursing home quality improvement projects; regarding conditional employment in homes and adult day care programs; regarding grants provided to adult day care providers.

Governor DeWine line-item vetoed the following from the bill:

Ohio Medical Quality Foundation

"This item would dissolve the Ohio Medical Quality Foundation (OMQF) and transfer the substantial assets of OMQF to another entity. The Sunset Review Committee established under R.C. 101.84 was scheduled to conduct hearings on the OMQF. I believe that in this case the Sunset Review Committee should conduct hearings on the future of the OMQF. I encourage the affected parties to work together on a solution and look forward to working with all parties on this matter. "Therefore, the veto of this item is in the public interest."