



Wyandot County Office of Economic Development

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events

February 18th - 8:15am

[Wyandot Occupational Resource Committee \(WORC\) Meeting](#)
Wyandot Job & Family Services

February 19th - 8:00am

[AI Training Series—Session #2](#)
Wyandot EMS Conference Room

March 9th - 4:00pm

[WCOED Board Meeting](#)
Vaughn Industries, Carey

[Click here for additional local events](#)

Metrics Dashboard

State Procured Leads	634
WCOED Leads	86
Website Visits	75,075
Capital Investment from Attraction Projects	\$686,722,000
Capital Investment from Expansion Projects	\$388,845,135
Jobs Created	1,637
New Annual Payroll	\$72,412,942
Jobs Retained	6,100
Annual Payroll Retained	\$359,386,678
Grant Dollars Submitted	\$28,191,709
Grant Dollars Approved	\$18,735,132
Incentive Value Secured	\$14,062,077
Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) Visits	309

Note - numbers are cumulative estimates from the organization's inception intended to give board members a snapshot of the overall impact.

WCOED Welcomes OPS Controls and Quest FCU Advances Membership

The WCOED is pleased to start off 2026 with the addition of new silver level member, [OPS Controls](#). OPS is led by Owner, Dustin Brooks. Previously named “OPS Wireless”, OPS Controls is a designer, fabricator, and manufacturer of electrical control and wireless control systems for various types of machinery.

Located in Carey, OPS was a recent recipient of a JobsOhio Small Business Grant. The award will assist in the company's investment into new machinery and equipment, which will expand its local operation with the addition of 3 new full-time employees.



This month the WCOED would also like to sincerely thank [Quest Federal Credit Union](#), who enhanced its membership from the Gold to Platinum Level. Quest FCU now joins the short list as one of our nine WCOED Platinum Level Members.

Lisa Jameson, Vice President of Branch Operations for Upper Sandusky, will be the new Quest FCU representative to the WCOED board.



We thank OPS Controls and Quest Federal Credit Union for their commitments to WCOED!



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WCOED Member Spotlight

Roth, Bacon, Moon Attorneys

This month's WCOED Member Spotlight features silver level member [Roth, Bacon, Moon Attorneys, LLC](#). RBM has been a WCOED member since 2012. Partner Jessica Moon submitted the following:

Roth Bacon Moon Attorneys invites you to attend an open house at our Upper Sandusky office on Thursday, March 26th from 4:00 - 6:00pm. We look forward to welcoming clients, friends, and members of the community to our **new location** and celebrating the continued growth of our firm.

Roth Bacon Moon has served Wyandot County and surrounding communities for more than 70 years. Harold D. Roth served in World War II and began the firm just after he returned. Harold's brother-in-law, Forrest H. Bacon, completed law school in 1950 and after his service in World War II, he and Harold formed Roth and Bacon Attorneys in 1951.

The two Attorneys each held the post of Wyandot County Prosecutor during their tenure. Each had a son who would later join in the practice of law: Jeffrey P. Roth (1973); and David F. Bacon (1977). In the early 1990s, Jeffrey and David refocused and streamlined the firm to con-

centrate on estate planning, business succession, and real estate matters. In 2010, David's daughter, Jessica B. Moon, joined the firm after serving as a prosecutor with the City of Columbus. In 2011, all member attorneys were formally admitted to practice law in both Ohio and Florida.

The main office remains in Upper Sandusky, with additional locations in Marion and Port Clinton, Ohio, and Fort Myers, Florida. The main location was recently purchased by Wyandot County for jail expansion purposes has since moved to 107 S Fourth St. in Upper Sandusky. We appreciate the patience and support shown by our clients and friends during this transition.

In 2025, the firm was pleased to welcome associate attorney Hunter J. Dickson. Hunter is a 2022 graduate of Youngstown State University and a 2025 graduate of Ohio Northern University's Claude W. Pettit College of Law.

The firm continues to focus on estate planning, probate avoidance, trusts, wills, business associations, and related tax matters. Helping clients manage their current personal and business concerns—and plan for the people they choose to succeed them—remains our primary mission.



Wyandot Looks to Future with Establishment of Port Authority

The WCOED, working in close partnership with the Wyandot County Commissioners, have established an additional resource to aid in Wyandot County’s ongoing development efforts. The Wyandot County Port Authority was created this week, and will offer benefits for local business growth as well as establish new development funds that ultimately can aid in many types of growth projects.

A Port Authority is an independent unit of local government that can be established by one or multiple political subdivisions in Ohio. They have evolved from only being involved with maritime commerce to economic development generators. The Wyandot County Port Authority will join over 60 others in the state already bringing economic development, housing, recreation, transportation, and other governmental operations benefits to projects around the state.

Last year, the WCOED and Wyandot County partnered with the Erie County Port Authority on multiple local expansion projects. Doing so provided tax savings advantages to the businesses carrying out these projects, but the majority of program fees were sent to the Erie County Port Authority. Therefore, local development officials proposed the establishment of a local port authority to offer the same incentives to local businesses, while keeping all the associated program fees local.

The WCOED will administer the work of the Wyandot County Port Authority and share in a portion of the Port program fees moving forward. The WCOED is also covering the costs to establish the Port Authority.

In general, the mission of the Port Authority will be to foster economic development by providing financing for projects making capital investments and increasing jobs in Wyandot County. A mission that closely aligns with that of the WCOED.

The County Commissioners are responsible for appointing Port Authority board members, and have set the initial Port board to include the following 5 individuals: Chad Baker—Owner, Baker Financial Group; Brad Batton—County of Wyandot Commissioner; Walker Gottfried—CEO, Thrive Local & Partner, Ohio Family Farms; Greg Moon—Executive Director, Wyandot County Office of Economic Development; and Jennifer Romich—President & CEO, The First Citizens National Bank.



ODOT Adds Upper Sandusky as New GoBus Route Stop

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has been hard at work with the City of Upper Sandusky and Wyandot Rides to bring GoBus to Upper Sandusky. GoBus is a statewide intercity bus network managed by ODOT with the help of the Hocking Athens Perry Community Action Partnership using state and federal funds. Tickets are subsidized and routes focus on connecting rural Ohioans to metropolitan cores, colleges and universities, and other transportation options.

ODOT recently announced that Upper Sandusky will be a new stop on its new service route between Toledo and Columbus. It will be one of four new routes that will launch this spring; adding 20 cities to the GoBus network, bringing the total number of cities served to 65.

Tickets for the GoBus expansion will go on sale ([see ticket link here](#)) on Wednesday, February 11th. The new service routes begin on Monday, March 2.

About GoBus: The Rural Intercity Bus Program is designed to address the intercity bus transportation needs of the entire state by supporting projects like GoBus that provide transportation between non-urbanized areas and urbanized areas which result in connections of greater regional, statewide, and national significance. GoBus achieves this goal by coordinating with Greyhound Lines, Barons Bus Lines, John Glenn Columbus International Airport, and other national and local transportation services.

To provide the best public transportation experience in Ohio, GoBus provides passengers with first-class amenities and ADA accessibility on board the deluxe, 50-passenger motor coaches, while keeping fares affordable by using a mileage-based fare structure. We strive to provide safe, reliable and affordable transportation to all.





WCOED, Wyandot Chamber, & MTC Offering Artificial Intelligence Training Series

The WCOED and Wyandot Chamber of Commerce have teamed up with expert instructors from Marion Technical College to offer a 3- to 4-part training series focused around Artificial Intelligence (AI) and implementing AI tools within regular workflows.

The initial Introduction to AI session was offered last month, but each session offers separate trainings not dependent on one another. The next two sessions will take place on Thursday, Feb. 19th & Thursday, March 19th, both from 8:00—10:00 am at Wyandot EMS.

[Registration is FREE and available here.](#)

**SESSION TWO:
COPILOT MEETS MICROSOFT OFFICE**

Introduction to Microsoft Copilot will explore how AI is integrated across the Microsoft Office suite to enhance everyday work. We'll cover how Copilot supports productivity and collaboration in tools like Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, and Teams, along with a practical look at user experience, adoption, and important considerations around security, privacy, and ethics.

- Introduction to Microsoft Copilot
- Copilot Integration Across Microsoft Office Suite
- Enhanced Productivity and Collaboration
- User Experience and Adoption
- Security, Privacy, and Ethical Considerations

Thursday, February 19th 8-10am Wyandot County EMS Building - 401 N. Warpole St. Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351
This is a no cost event, but registration is required.

Register now at the link below or at wyandotchamber.com

Commercial Listings:

Carey Professional Building

For Lease: Price dependent

(927 Summer Dr, Carey)

13,000 sq. ft. flexible layout, build-to-suit opportunities are available in the newest office space constructed in Carye's Sheriden Subdivision.

Positioned near childcare, banking, medical offices, fast food, and gas stations, the Professional Building is an ideal location for many types of businesses.

A BETTER PLACE TO DO BUSINESS
 Sheriden Professional Building 2 - Carey, OH

13,000 SF Available!

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927 Summer Drive, Carey, OH 43316

SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY!
 419-396-3900

Upper Sandusky Highway Site

For Sale: \$600,000

(County Hwy 121, Upper Sandusky)

This 15.57 +/- acres site sits within the City of Upper Sandusky with municipal utilities located on site. It has approximately 580' of visibility from US HWY 23 and approximately 630' of road

frontage off of County Hwy 121, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. Zoned General Business.





Wyandot County News

Vaughn Industries Completes Sheriden Professional Building

13,000 Square Feet of Commercial Space Available for Lease

WCOED member partners Vaughn Industries and member partner contractor CSI Construction Services Inc., recently completed the buildout of Carey’s second Sheriden Professional Building. The new facility is partially leased, and still boasts 13,000 sq. ft. of flexible space available for all types of office and commercial operation needs.

Vaughn Industries is offering build-to-suit opportunities for tenants, featuring zero-step entry, ADA-accessible

entrances and parking, with 111 total parking spaces on-site. The facility is located in Carey’s newest, and fastest growing area, the Sheriden Subdivision, which features mixed uses adjacent to a 4-lane highway interchange generating high traffic volume. Contact Vaughn Industries for more information!

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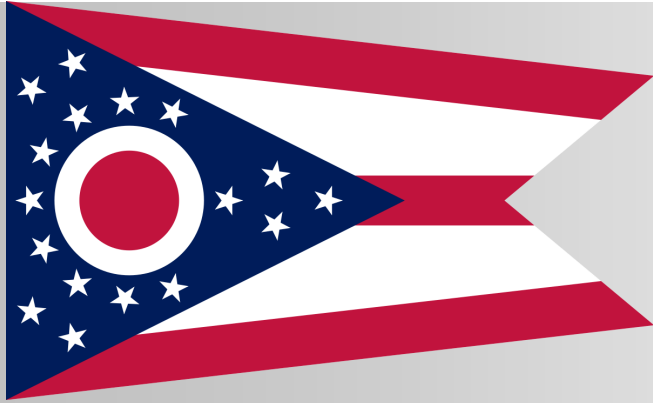
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Ohio Economic Development News

SBA Implementing Rural Business Initiative

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is implementing a new Ohio Rural Business Initiative to increase knowledge of its lending programs specifically available to those in rural areas.

Multiple educational sessions are planning in different areas of the state over the coming months, with a session in Tiffin on Friday, May 29th from 10:00am – Noon.

[Registration for the event is free and accessible here.](#)



Elevating Rural
Creating a Stronger Economic Environment for Rural America




OHIO RURAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE

Is your rural business ready for the next level? The Ohio Rural Business Initiative is a collaborative effort to bring resources and access to capital to rural-based small businesses in all sectors. Join us for this exclusive event to learn how the SBA and other agencies are working together to help you grow.

Why You Should Attend:

- ✓ **Unlock Resources:** Understand exactly what tools the SBA and other agencies offer specifically for rural businesses.
- ✓ **Access Funding:** Learn the step-by-step process of how your business can obtain the capital needed to expand.
- ✓ **Grow Your Network:** Meet with officials, providers, and fellow small rural business owners.

Friday, May 29, 2026
10:00 AM to Noon
96 S Washington Street
Tiffin, OH 44883

Registration: <https://SBA-Ohio-Rural-Tiffin.eventbrite.com>

POC: Ray Graves, raymond.graves@sba.gov





Mission Statement:

The WCOED was established to assist existing local businesses in economic development projects enabling them to remain profitable and competitive. In addition, we strategically research existing supply chains and regional industries to target and recruit new businesses development into the community. Ultimately, it is our intent to help improve the overall economic viability and quality of life in Wyandot County and the various municipalities located therein.

A Special Thanks to our Members:

Platinum Members:



Gold Members:

Carey Exempted Village Schools
The Composites Solution Partner
CSI Construction Services Inc.
Custom Glass Solutions
First Citizens National Bank
First National Bank of Sycamore
Freedom Caregivers
Hempy Water
Kimmel Corporation

Kirbys Sand & Gravel
Marion Technical College
M.C. Diversified
Mohawk Local Schools
National Lime & Stone Company
North Central Electric Cooperative
Ohio Logistics
Prospira America Corporation
Roynon Electrical Products Co.

Schilling Propane Service
Sycamore Telephone Company
Thrive Local
UIS Insurance & Investments
Upper Sandusky Schools
Vancrest of Upper Sandusky
WesBanco
WMS Marketing Services

Silver Members:

A-1 Printing
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Arc Private Wealth
Edward Jones - Chris Daris
Hancock-Wood Electric Coop.

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Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc.
OPS Controls
Peterman Associates, Inc.
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Regina Vent Realty LLC

Roth Bacon Moon Attorneys, LLC
Tuttle Construction Inc.
Union Home Mortgage
Village of Sycamore
Wyandot County Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

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Wyandot Chamber of Commerce
Wyandot Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities

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