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'Out-of-this-world kind of work'



NASA astronaut Christina Koch, left, takes control of the Orion spacecraft during a manual piloting test of the Artemis II mission. To her right is CSA (Canadian Space Agency) astronaut Jeremy Hansen and NASA astronaut Victor Glover. PROVIDED BY NASA

How Ohio's NASA centers helped power Artemis II

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Before NASA's Artemis II mission journeyed to the far reaches of space, the Orion spacecraft underwent rigorous testing right here in Ohio.

Engineers spent nearly a decade putting Orion through deep-space stress tests before Artemis II at NASA's Neil Armstrong Test Facility in Sandusky, according to the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland. And that's not the only role Ohio has played in the first human lunar flyby since Apollo 17 in 1972.

Ohio researchers spent years developing, managing and testing key parts of the Orion spacecraft now carrying four astronauts on their 10-day mission around the moon and back.

Aaron Weaver, chief of the Human Exploration and Space Operations Projects Office at NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, said the Artemis II mission is both a point of pride for Ohio and a chance to showcase the state's role in aerospace innovation.

"Artemis is a platform to showcase all of the great work we do in Ohio and the great jobs that are here to do this really intense, out-of-this-world kind of work," Weaver said.

The milestone mission also builds on Ohio's broader legacy in spaceflight, from the state's 25 astronauts to its long-standing role in NASA engineering and exploration.

"For Ohio in general, it gives a sense of pride in the type of work and the things we can do within the state," Weaver said.

How NASA Glenn in Ohio helped Artemis II

NASA Glenn Research Center manages Orion's service module, the critical component that provides the spacecraft's power, propulsion, and air and water systems for astronauts.

The module, built by the European Space Agency (ESA) and Airbus, is designed to safely support astronauts farther from Earth than any humans have traveled before.

"The service module provides the propulsion needed to perform the mission," Weaver said. "It provides the power, the communication, water and air—the things the crew need to survive and the mission needs to be

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OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL RACE

Meet the Democratic candidates

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For the first time in eight years, Ohioans will pick a new attorney general to act as the state's top law enforcement officer and head of the largest public interest law firm in the state.

Republicans are expected to nominate Keith Faber, who has been state auditor since 2019. In the May primary, Democrats will pick either former state representative Elliot Forhan or retired Vorys partner John Kulewicz to be the party nominee for attorney general.

Attorney General Dave Yost cannot run for reelection due to term limits.

The attorney general represents state agencies, pension funds and public colleges and universities, investigates and prosecutes charity fraud and Medicaid fraud, and operates the peace officers' training academy, state crime labs and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. The attorney general can also join multi-state lawsuits on behalf of Ohio.

Early voting for the May 5 primary starts April 7.

Who is John Kulewicz?

Kulewicz, of Upper Arlington, earned his undergraduate degree from Ohio State University and law degree from Yale. He has been involved in local and statewide Democratic politics since the mid-1980s and is in his second term on the Upper Arlington City Council.

He retired in December 2024 after 43 years with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease.

"I have far more experience as a lawyer in both the number of years and breadth of experience," Kulewicz said when asked why voters should pick him over Forhan.

If elected, Kulewicz said he'll focus on issues to help improve lives for Ohioans, including fighting monopolies, pushing utility regulators to protect consumers, and investigating nursing home fraud, wage theft and elder abuse.



Kulewicz said he's running to give voters a choice between "more of the same" and aggressive action to protect Ohioans' interests.

Kulewicz filed a complaint with the Ohio Inspector General over JobsOhio paying \$60,000 for a podcast. He noted that Faber, Forhan and Yost had not done so.

Kulewicz said he would work to make sure public pension board members follow their fiduciary duties. While he said he followed Yost's lawsuit to remove two men from the State Teachers Retirement System, he declined to comment on it since the case is being appealed. The next attorney general will likely inherit that appeal.

Kulewicz is an accomplished long-distance swimmer who led relay teams crossing the English Channel. "It's a wonderful experience," he said. "To swim the English Channel is like

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Pickerington building permits include one for a new Hill Road Sheetz

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PICKERINGTON - The Pickerington building department granted eight commercial building permits worth \$4,630,099 recently.

Topping the list is a \$2,455,601 permit for the construction of a Sheetz gas station at 1188 Hill Road North.

That is not the only multi-million dollar permit, however. The city also granted a \$2,101,280 permit for work at Ridgeview Junior High School, including HVAC work, additional security and exterior playground work.

- The other six permits are:
- A \$25,100 permit for fire alarm equipment at 4 E. Columbus St.
 - A \$15,400 permit to install illuminated signs at 1890 Winderly Lane.
 - A \$10,000 permit for a tenant im-

provement package at 1771 Hill Road North.

- A \$8,618 permit for sprinkler head work at 10701 Blacklick-Eastern Road, Unit 400.
 - A \$7,600 permit for sign installation at 4 E. Columbus St.
 - A \$6,500 permit for sprinkler head work at 809 Hill Road North.
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