

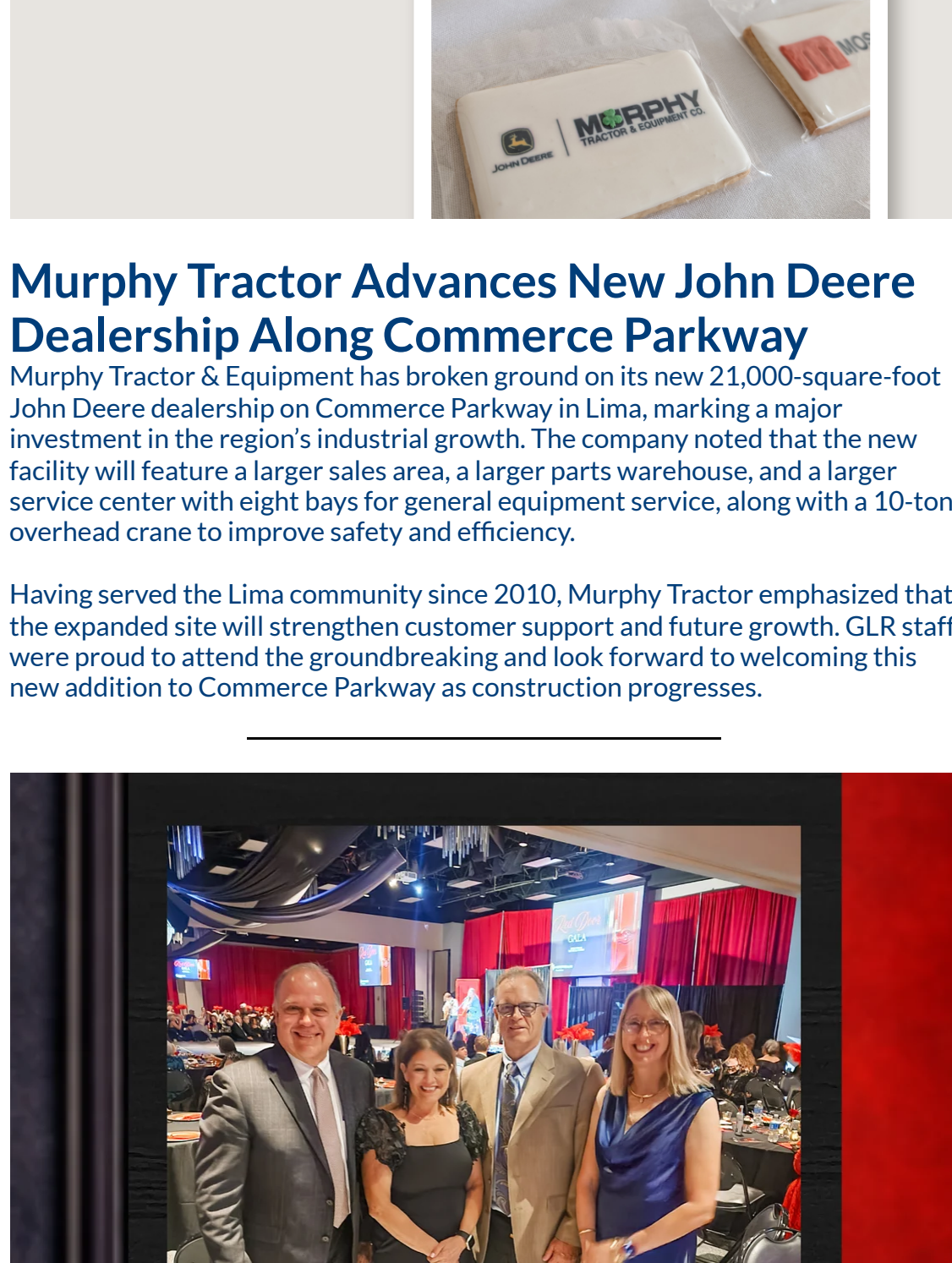
GLR CONNECT

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Hello there,

GLR remains committed to delivering timely strategic project updates, spotlighting key upcoming events, and sharing notable developments shaping the Greater Lima region. Explore this issue to stay informed on the latest activity and opportunities across our community.

WHAT'S NEW



Murphy Tractor Advances New John Deere Dealership Along Commerce Parkway

Murphy Tractor & Equipment has broken ground on its new 21,000-square-foot John Deere dealership on Commerce Parkway in Lima, marking a major investment in the region's industrial growth. The company noted that the new facility will feature a large sales area, a larger parts warehouse, and a larger service center with eight bays for general equipment service, along with a 10-ton overhead crane to improve safety and efficiency.

Having served the Lima community since 2010, Murphy Tractor emphasized that the expanded site will strengthen customer support and future growth. GLR staff were proud to attend the groundbreaking and look forward to welcoming this new addition to Commerce Parkway as construction progresses.

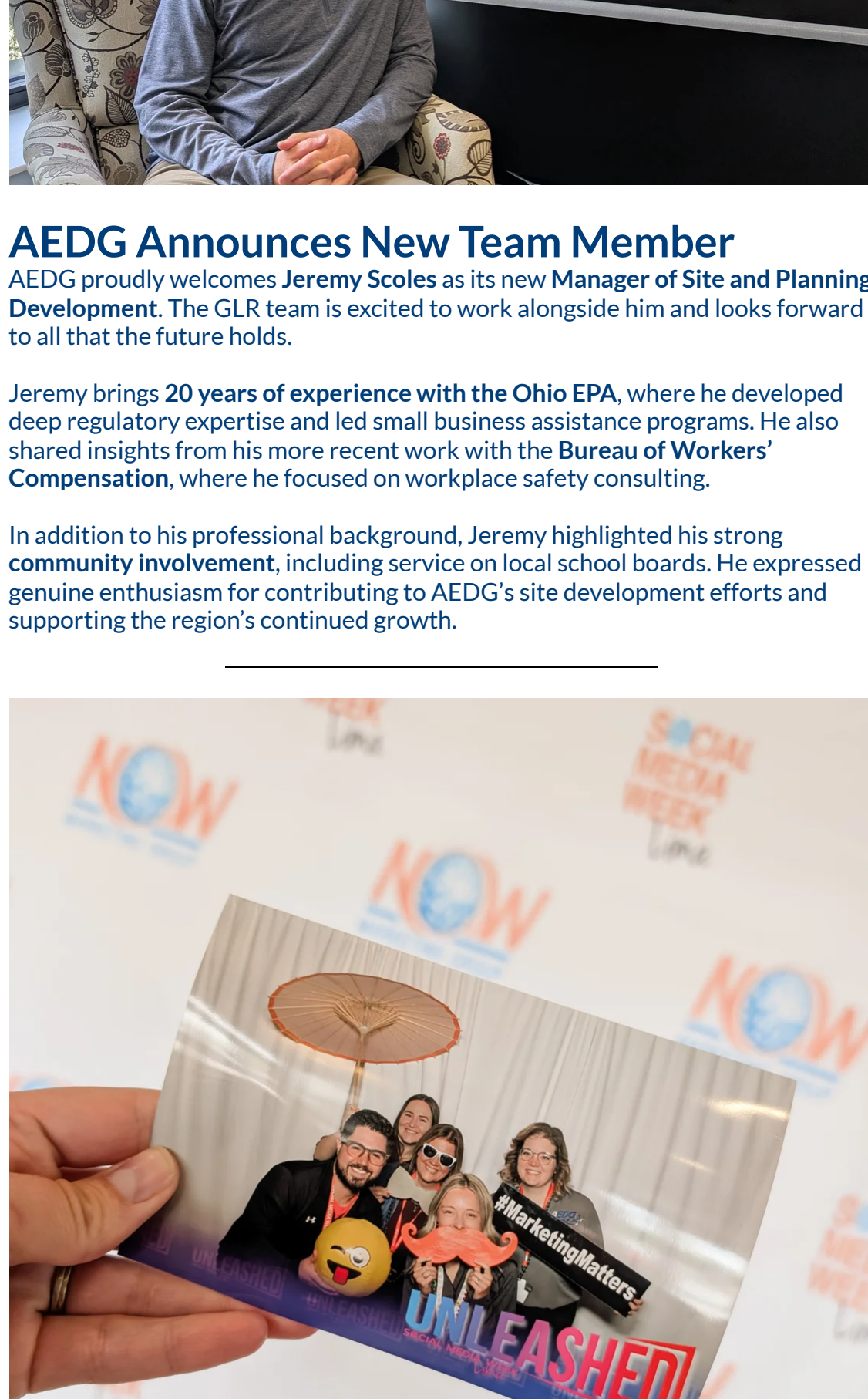


Red Door Gala Supports New Youth Behavioral Health Program

The Mercy Health Foundation's annual **Red Door Gala** brought hundreds together to raise funds for a new **adolescent behavioral health program** at Mercy Health – St. Rita's Medical Center. The program will be the region's only offering of its kind, helping local youth access the mental health care they need while staying connected to daily life.

Hospital President Ronda Lehman thanked the community for its strong support and highlighted the addition of two new child psychiatrists who will help launch the program.

Cindy Leis and Dave Stratton attended on behalf of **AEDG** and **GLR**, showing continued regional support for expanded health services.



Ambrose Drive Extension Boosts Industrial Growth in Delphos

Delphos and the Allen County Port Authority celebrated the opening of the Ambrose Drive extension, a project improving access and supporting growth in the city's industrial corridor. State grants covered most of the \$850,000 cost, with additional support from local partners.

The project strengthens ongoing expansion by Vanamatic, which has already created 57 new jobs and invested over \$7.5 million in upgrades. GLR proudly supported this effort, reinforcing its commitment to community development and regional economic growth.



AEDG Announces New Team Member

AEDG proudly welcomes **Jeremy Scites** as its new **Manager of Site and Planning Development**. The GLR team is excited to welcome him and looks forward to all that the future holds.

Jeremy brings **20 years of experience with the Ohio EPA**, where he developed deep regulatory expertise and led small business assistance programs. He also shared insights from his more recent work with the **Bureau of Workers' Compensation**, where he focused on workplace safety consulting.

In addition to his professional background, Jeremy highlighted his strong **community involvement**, including service on local school boards. He expressed genuine enthusiasm for contributing to AEDG's site development efforts and supporting the region's continued growth.



Advancing Regional Marketing Strategy: Social Media Week Comes to Lima

NOW Marketing Group brought together marketing leaders at Social Media Week Lima 2026 to explore how brands can stay human in an increasingly AI-driven world. Attending on behalf of AEDG and GLR, Jena Shafer gained valuable insights and practical strategies. One key takeaway: while AI can enhance efficiency, authentic human connection remains essential for building trust, fostering engagement, and creating lasting relationships.

As technology evolves, AEDG and GLR remain committed to using new tools thoughtfully while creating meaningful, people-first experiences for our audiences.

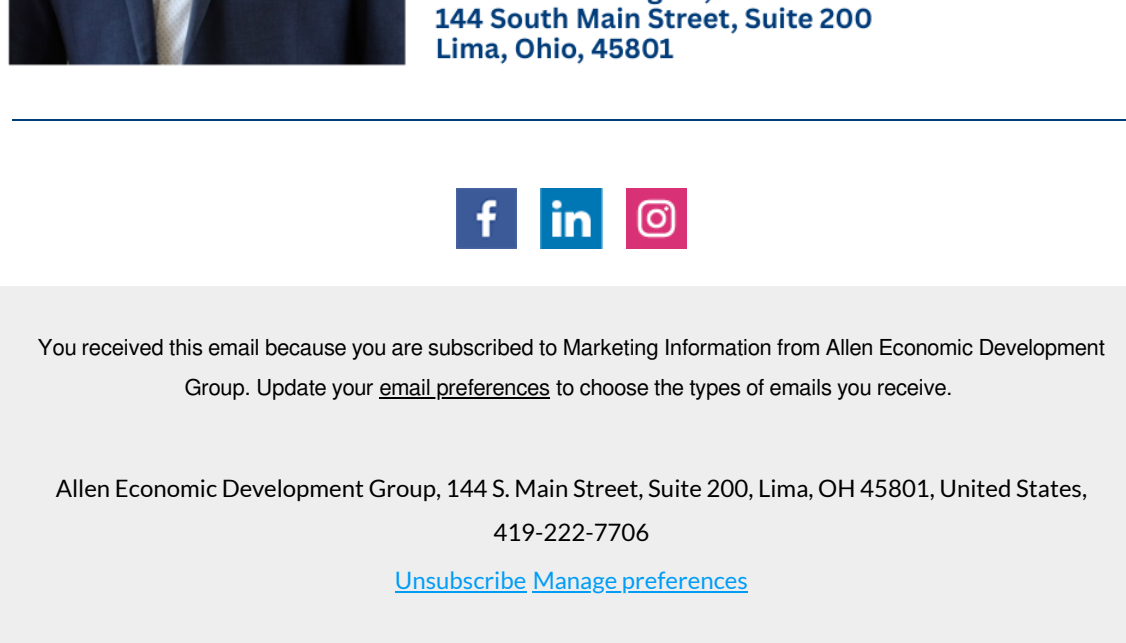


AEDG and GLR Share Development Updates on the Noon Edition

Cindy Leis and Dave Stratton joined Noon Edition to share updates on the major infrastructure, housing, and economic development projects shaping our region. From safer roads to thoughtful growth planning and expanded housing options, AEDG and the GLR continue to collaborate to strengthen our community's future.

Watch the full segment to learn more.
https://www.hometownstations.com/_/video_d44c19be-1e6e...

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Ohio Logistics Pushes Ahead, Moving Ground on First 100,000-Square-Foot Commerce Parkway Facility

Ohio Logistics is moving full steam ahead on the first of its two planned 100,000-square-foot facilities, with crews already on-site and earthmoving underway. This marks a major step in expanding their presence along Commerce Parkway and strengthening Lima's growing logistics corridor.

GLR is proud to see the momentum building and looks forward to watching the project rise from the ground up. The continued progress is an exciting sign of what's ahead for both the development and the community it will serve.

IN JUNE, WE'VE ADDED 1 MEMBER

New GLR Membership
Please join us in welcoming **Guardian Energy** as the newest member of the Greater Lima Region. We're excited to support their continued growth and celebrate the success they bring to our community.

If you know of businesses interested in becoming a GLR Member, feel free to connect them with Dave Stratton at stratond@greaterlimaregion.com.

EVENTS

Join the Celebration: Toast to the City

Lima Festivals and Amphitheater Alliance is bringing the community together on June 25 for *Toast to the City*, held at the Greater Lima Region Park & Amphitheater. This signature summer celebration supports future programming and events in Downtown Lima, offering an evening of live entertainment, local culinary favorites, festive décor, and exclusive auction experiences—all in honor of our city's vibrant spirit.

There's still time to secure your spot at this standout event. Individual tickets are \$100, or guests can reserve a table of eight for \$750. Attendees will enjoy a ceremonial toast, exceptional food and beverages, and the chance to bid on one-of-a-kind auction packages showcasing the creativity and generosity of local partners.

Guests are encouraged to arrive in summer cocktail attire and get ready for a memorable night celebrating community, connection, and the continued growth of Downtown Lima.

If you're interested in setting up a time to meet and talk through your membership commitment and any other ideas or visions, feel free to reach out to me directly. I'm happy to coordinate a time that works well for you and make sure we get everything in place.

Thank you for reading this month's edition of **GLR CONNECT**. We're excited about the growth and progress within our community, and we look forward to keeping you updated on future developments. Stay tuned for more exciting news, events, and opportunities to get involved.

If you have any feedback or want to contribute, don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We value your input!

Until next time,

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