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CEO: Think Dayton site represents opportunity

Facility to have industry, Air Force researchers, academics and more.

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The Think Dayton building is approaching completion on the site of the former Montgomery County fairgrounds in Dayton. Project leaders say it will be a collision of government, private industry and academia.

A catalyst of the onMain Innovation District, the building represents opportunity, said onMain CEO Brian Heitkamp.

“Having them together, working on new technologies and new skillsets for the future is critical to replace the workforce for tomorrow,” said Heitkamp following a tour of the construction site Friday morning, Sept. 18.

The Think Dayton building encompasses 120,000 square feet and is under construction at the corner of East Stewart and South Main Streets. It will be home to industry, Air Force researchers, academics and others. The University of Dayton Research Institute’s Digital Transformation Center will be among the building’s future tenants.

onMain officials hope to have up to 90 companies operating through the facility. The facility will contain room for 60 office suites, collaboration areas, meeting rooms and creative lab spaces. Other spaces in the building will include a lounge and a podcast production area.

The building is expected to be completed in summer 2027.

An aerial view of the construction of the Think Dayton building, which is a part of the onMain Innovation District, on Friday, Sept. 18, in Dayton. The building is expected to be completed in summer 2027.

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The new facility aims to attract companies to the Dayton area, as well as help those that are already here grow. Think Dayton also will be a hands-on experience for students as technology continually adapts – “We’re hopeful we’ll be an appendage to universities to offer some of that additional credentialing and training

that isn’t caught in some of their curriculum.”

The creation of the Think Dayton building is the first phase of development for the onMain campus, which borders the South Park and University Park neighborhoods and will have space for 15 buildings. The makeup of Dayton’s future innovation zone –

including office and retail options – will be determined by future development partners.

The innovation district is a partnership of Premier Health and the University of Dayton. Both organizations purchased the 38-acre property, which was

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DIGGING DEEPER

Pastor’s release from ICE custody unusual

Others denied bond hearings, moved to out-of-state jail.

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Some community members celebrated when a Haitian pastor was recently released from the Butler County Jail on bond. But his was a special case: Most Haitian people who have been put on ICE holds at the Butler County Jail remain incarcerated, and several that departed were just transferred to a privately operated detention center located hundreds of miles away in Michigan.

Immigrant advocacy groups have called on authorities to release more detainees on bond, and some local detainees are fighting to be freed from lockup, including a Haitian man from Springfield who recently sued ICE and the federal government alleging his detention is unlawful.

Thousands of similar lawsuits have been filed across the country by detainees challenging mandatory prolonged detention without bond, according to groups like the National Immigration Forum, a national nonprofit advocacy organization focused on immigration issues.

Immigration judges across the country have granted bond in less than one-third of bond hearing cases held in fiscal year 2026, says data from the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University.

Many detainees reportedly are being denied bond hearings, which means they do not even get an opportunity to argue in court why they should be released as they defend against removal. ICE data shows there were roughly 60,000 people across the country in detention in June, but that month only about 2,000 people were bonded out.

Vilès Dorsainvil, president of the Haitian Community Help and Support Center in Springfield, recently said the community came together and spoke with a powerful unified voice to help get the pastor

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CONTINUING COVERAGE

Senate takes up bill to regulate college sports

U.S. Sen. Jon Husted, R-Ohio, presides over the Senate on Thursday, Sept. 17. Senators voted to officially begin debate on a bill to limit Name, Image Likeness deals and foreign athletes in college sports.

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Sen. Jon Husted says he wants to limit foreign athletes on rosters.

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There are plenty of major issues that Congress could work on right now: cost-of-living, high gas prices, rising diesel fuel costs, and health care just to name a few. But with a lack of bipartisan solutions available before Elec-

tion Day, U.S. senators decided to start work instead on a measure to fix college sports.

“There is no way I would be standing here as a U.S. Senator if it weren’t for college athletics,” U.S. Sen. Jon Husted said in a speech on the Senate floor, smiling as he recounted his time playing football at the University of Dayton.

Backed by the Big Ten and the Southeastern Conference

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In Silicon Valley, some say an AI bubble would be just fine. B3

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