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Ohio Logistics Year in Review

By Ohio Logistics' Elizabeth Witt







As we close out 2024, we reflect on a year of growth, achievement and dedication at Ohio Logistics, Southern Tier Logistics, Penn Centre Logistics, and Olive Branch Logistics, all affiliated with Findlay's Tall Timbers Distribution Center (FTTDC). From exciting new initiatives to celebrated milestones, this year has been one of progress and success. Across all locations, our teams have been working hard to enhance our services, expand our footprint and give back to the communities we serve. Here's a look at some of the key highlights from the past year:

Expanding Our Facilities and Workforce for Continued Growth

At FTTDC, growth is a constant theme, and 2024 was no exception. We saw a notable 12% increase in our workforce this year, highlighting our continued success, the growing demand for our services, and our commitment to building a talented and diverse team. This growth has supported our operational capacity and strengthened

our ability to better serve our customers.

A major milestone early in the year was the opening of a new 186,000 square foot facility in Olive Branch, MS. This new location has greatly enhanced our ability to serve customers and expand our operational capacity.

In addition, our Trenton, OH facility has seen substantial growth operating an additional 120,000 square feet in the last year, adding new customers and increasing demand for our services.

We also added 130,000 square feet to our network in Clyde, OH, further expanding our footprint.

Our expansion efforts continued in Ohio, where we broke ground on a new 208,000 square foot warehouse in Findlay, OH near Hamlet Drive and County Road 212. Additionally, our Bowling Green, OH site is set to grow by 83,000 square feet, with the

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Findlay, OH 45840 Four Locations	(419) 425-4906
Fostoria, OH 44830 Three Locations	(419) 436-8210
Northwood, OH 43619	(419) 425-4906
Ottawa, OH 45875	(419) 523-3722
Willard, OH 44890	(419) 425-4906
Columbus, OH 43228	(614) 876-8611
Bellevue, OH 44811	(419) 379-1046
Bowling Green, OH 43402	2 (419) 326-5513
Trenton, OH 45067	(513) 714-3420
Clyde, OH 43410	(419) 425-4906
Joliet, IL 60431	(419) 425-4906

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Southern Tier Division

(607) 936-9414 Painted Post, NY 14870 Four Locations

Southern Tier Logistics Business Park (607) 767-6577 Horseheads, NY 14845

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Penn Centre Division

State College, PA 16804 (814) 357-6880 Bellefonte, PA 16823 (814) 357-6880

OHIO LOGISTICS Olive Branch Division

Olive Branch, MS 38654 (662) 219-2977

DOCUMENT SERVICE COMPANY

Findlay, OH 45839 (419) 422-3330

Interesting Ohio History

Franklin, OH, named for Benjamin Franklin, was founded in 1796. Construction of the Miami and Erie Canal occurred between 1825 and 1845. The canal followed the Great Miami River through Franklin, and the boat traffic led to new commerce. The town soon had a pork slaughterhouse, barrel making factory, sawmill, and whiskey distillery. Franklin's first mayor, Dr. Absalom Death, was elected at a tavern meeting in 1837. Dr. Death went on to be director of a medical college in Cincinnati. In its history, two doctors in Franklin have been named "Dr. Death.

Spotlight November Winners:

Bowling Green, Columbus, Fostoria #2 & Fostoria #3. OH

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expansion expected to be completed by early summer 2025. These new facilities will allow us to meet growing customer needs.

Alongside our facility and workforce growth, we are also investing in innovative technology to further improve our operations.

Southern Tier Logistics Expands with New Foreign Trade Zone

An exciting development this year was the activation of Southern Tier Logistics' first Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) – FTZ #37G – located at the Southern Tier Business Park in Horseheads, NY. The new FTZ, which boasts 461,000 square feet of warehouse space, brings significant benefits to our clients, especially manufactures. By operating within an FTZ, companies can defer customs duties on goods until they are shipped into the U.S. market, creating valuable cost-saving opportunities and logistical advantages. This new facility marks a major step in enhancing our operational capabilities.

Celebrating Recognition and Giving Back

FTTDC was honored to receive prestigious awards in 2024, recognizing our commitment to excellence. Among the highlights was the 2023 Whirlpool Supply Chain Award for Alliance, acknowledging our outstanding partnership with Whirlpool and our continued success in providing seamless, efficient supply chain solutions.



In addition to our supply chain achievements, FTTDC was also presented with Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist Award by the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Northwest Ohio (AFP NWO). This recognition highlights our dedication to giving back to the communities where we live and work, supporting local causes, and making a positive impact through charitable contributions.

Looking Ahead to 2025

As we look forward to 2025, FTTDC is poised for another year of growth, innovation, and service excellence. With our continued focus on providing value to our customers, we are excited about the future and the opportunities it brings.

We would like to take this moment to thank our dedicated teams, partners, and customers for making 2024 a successful year. Together, we've achieved so much, and we can't wait to see what's next.

Here's to another successful year in 2025 for FTTDC!

Ohio Logistics Collaborates with BGSU



The Center to Advance Manufacturing is the "network interface" of Bowling Green State University, University of Findlay and Owens Community College with the region's manufacturing and logistics economy. The Center recently collaborated with professors from the BGSU Schmidthorst College of Business and Ohio Logistics CEO, Chuck Bills, to explore innovative ways to connect students with industry through hands-on projects. Starting in January, students will work on a project importing and analyzing data to determine the potential benefits of activating within a foreign trade zone. The initiative will culminate in a student competition, where participants will present their findings. We're excited to see the innovative solutions the students develop.

Thank You!

From Challenged Champions Equestrian Center

Please join us in sending a huge THANKYOU to Findlay's Tall Timber's Distribution Center-Ohio Logistics for their incredibly generous donation! Ohio Logistics made a "Run for the Roses" with their horse sponsorship supporting our hardworking horses at Challenged Champions. But wait, there's MORE! They also sponsored a 10-week riding session for a participant Thank you for your generosity, you are doing great things in the community!



STL Associate Donates Time & Care



Briana Pruden of our Southern Tier Division is a member of the Chemung County Leadership class of 2025. Her group is currently working on connecting with the seniors at the Chemung Nursing Facility. Briana said, "Yesterday we went and handed out homemade Christmas cards to each resident. The smiles and joy we received from them was amazing. I hope we were able to provide some holiday spirit to their day." Great job, Briana! Without a doubt, you made their day!



Ohio Logistics Christmas, 2024

It has been a long held tradition at Ohio Logistics to give back to our communities, and this holds especially true during the Christmas season. Associates from all Divisions proudly gave to those in need. We donated to Hope House, Humane Society, Toys for Tots, and many others. We firmly believe that a strong community provides for the best environment in which to work and live. Once again, our Associates have stepped up with a selfless generosity to help those that are less fortunate. Thank you!

Tech Talk

By Ohio Logistics' IT Manager, Mike Spradlin



Welcome to "Tech Talk," your inside source for all things IT. Happy New Year everyone! Did you get a new cell phone for Christmas? Well, don't get too attached to it. Advancements in research have us on the verge of the next generation of wireless technology. 6G aims to deliver unprecedented speeds, ultra-low latency, and massive capacity. Key features include the utilization of higher frequencies, such as terahertz waves, enabling significantly faster data transfer rates. 6G will also leverage advanced technologies like artificial intelligence and network slicing to enhance efficiency, reliability, and user experience. While still in the research and development phase, 6G promises to unlock

new possibilities in areas such as holographic communication, brain-computer interfaces, and advanced manufacturing, transforming various aspects of our lives.

Did you know? The first cellular phone call was made in 1973 between Motorola and Bell Labs.

Fact: The electromagnetic spectrum is incredibly vast, spanning from extremely lowfrequency waves with wavelengths measured in kilometers to incredibly high-frequency waves like gamma rays with wavelengths measured in picometers (trillionths of a meter).

Test Your Logistics IQ:

1) A method for the effective planning of all resources of a manufacturing company. Ideally, it addresses operational planning in units, financial planning in dollars, and has a simulation capability to answer what-if questions. It consists of a variety of processes, each linked together, business planning, production planning (sales and operations planning), master production scheduling, material requirements planning, capacity requirements planning, and the execution support systems for capacity and material. Output from these systems is integrated with financial reports, such as business plan, purchase commitment report, shipping budget, and inventory projections in dollars.



Decisions or activities in part made at the expense of the whole. An example of sub-optimization is where a manufacturing unit schedules production to benefit its cost structure without regard to customer requirements or the effect on other business units.



January Dates of Importance:

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 9 - Law Enforcement Appreciation Day First iPhone, 2007

January 11 - Amelia Earhart Solo Flight, 1935

January 19 - National Popcorn Day January 20 - Inauguration Day MLK Jr, Day

January 23 - National Pie Day January 25 - First Winter Olympics, 1924

Answers to "Test Your Logistics IQ"

2. Sub-Optimization 1. Manufacturing Resource Planning

We are members of:

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Meet Toby Borer

Toby is a three-year Associate and Office Manager for our Bowling Green, OH facility. Read below to learn a little more about Toby.



OL: Tell us about your family.

Toby: I am married and have four boys ages 16,17,18 and 20. Two of our boy's wrestle for Fostoria, one is on the bowling team, and one has graduated. We also have two pugs and one cat.

OL: What are your interests outside of work?

Toby: Watching movies, taking day trips with the family, going to sporting events, and going to flea markets.

OL: Describe one of your all-time favorite home cooked meals.

Toby: My wife's stuffed shells. Big shells stuffed with a lot of cheese and an Italian red sauce, very good and rich.

OL: What's your favorite local hole-in-thewall restaurant? What do you order?

Toby: It is closed now, but it was the Elbow Room in Toledo. I always got the pizza.

OL: What are your biggest goals in the next

Toby: To keep advancing in my career, buy a new car, and go to a Raiders game in Las

OL: What advice would you give the 18year-old version of yourself?

Toby: Go to college and get a diploma.

OL: Tell us your favorite destination within two hours of home. Why?

Toby: Cleveland, OH area is probably the place my family and I go to the most. We love walking around downtown. We also have friends who live in Lakewood and Strongsville which are very nice cities outside of the downtown area.





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"The most extraordinary thing in the world is an ordinary man and an ordinary woman and their ordinary children. - G.K. Chesterton -

Happy Birthday To You!

OL Ohio

Kevin Anderson 1/12 Wayne Conley 1/11 Andrew Costley 1/3 Scott Crispen 1/28 Jason Daniels 1/23 Brooke Donovan 1/14 Randy Dorman 1/20 Carlotta Estrada 1/ Charles Hackworth Xander Manley 1/5 Gigi Mason 1/16 Jayson 1/16
Jayson Opp 1/15
Tom Orwick 1/28
Darryl Paul 1/1
Damein Reese 1/11
Roman Risner 1/8
Norm Wheeler 1/13
Brandon Widener 1/28

OL Southern Tier Div. Frank Caparulo 1/6 William Brimmer 1/6 Todd Crawford 1/11 Matthew Gleason 1/1 Matthew Gleason 1/12 Mairic Harnas 1/8 Ricky Hersh 1/12 Jordan Huffman 1/12 Richard Jochem 1/1 Eugene Keeney 1/4 Dennis McCarthy 1/21 Rebecca Morseman 1/14 William Schnipelsky 1/29 Robert Watkins 1/13 John Wood 1/21

OL Penn Centre Div. Todd Bennett 1/26 Robert Christy 1/11 Scott Rutherford 1/

It's Your Anniversary!

OL Ohio

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Dan Blanchard 14 Years
David Bravo 1 Year
Randy Buckmaster 18 Years
Tiffani Chumley 2 Years
Jeffrey Craig 1 Year
Lois Crosser 3 Years
Brooke Donovan 1 Year
Austin Hendrix 1 Year
Norm Hinkle 17 Years
Paul Koehler 1 Year
J-O loanis Laurdine 1 Year
Jolynn Long 19 Years
Xander Manley 3 Years
Jeff Montague 22 Years
Pam Orwick 17 Years
Eric Pavel 3 Years
Jose Quiroz 2 Years
Phil Roberts 11 Years
Dakota Rose 5 Years
Nicklaus Rowlands 1 Year
Dakota Steensen 3 Years
Jerrod Steffensen 12 Years
Liz Witt 9 Years
Jason Young 21 Years
OL Southern Tier Div.

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Damien Briggs 1 Year
Christine Brooks 3 Years
Alexander Cavanaugh 2 Years
Phillip Christian 3 Years
Rachel Christian 3 Years
Debra Durgin 4 Years
Patrick Folnsbee 2 Years
Jeffrey Ganger 1 Year
Alex Hargraves 1 Year
Justin Jayne 1 Year
Scott Jones 2 Years
Eugene Keeney 14 Years
Roger McIlwain 2 Years
Bob Moon 18 Years
Dustin Rehkopf 3 Years
William Schnipelsky 1 Year
Patrick Taylor 3 Years
Allen VonRapacki 3 Years
Carl VonRapacki 3 Years
Jenice Williamson 2 Years OL Southern Tier Div. Jenice Williamson 2 Years

OL Penn Centre Div. Rachel Irwin 5 Years

OL Olive Branch Div. Rita Williams 6 Year