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One Year Anniversary of the Mass Shooting that Killed 9 People in the Oregon District

One year ago, August 4th, nine people were shot and killed, seventeen other people were injured as well as more than two dozen who sustained injuries in the stampede that followed.

In the days following the shooting, mourners, friends, and family gathered to remember the victims and activists called for gun reform; the Dayton Strong mural created at the time is still outside Ned Peppers, the bar near where the shooting occurred in the Oregon District.

Dayton held nine minutes of silence on Tues-



Monica Brickhouse, 39, Derrick Fudge, 57, Beatrice Curtis, 36, Thomas McNichols, 25, Nicholas Cumber, 25, Lois Oglesby, 27, Logan Turner, 30, Saeed Saleh, 38, Megan Betts, 22.

day night to remember the nine victims; along with a candlelight vigil. The city

also unveiled a photo mosaic made from a collection of pictures submitted

by the public that have been pieced together to

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Black Businesses in Dayton for the Culture What's the Biz with "TJ" Cartwright

By Natasha Ivery

Never in my 26 years on this ghetto Earth would I have thought that we, as a culture, would be celebrating Juneteenth, the holiday commemorating when the last slaves in Texas were notified of their freedom, as a turn-up, but here we are and I love it.

In the spirit of celebrating Black culture, resilience, and struggle, we also have to talk about two of the keys to liberation: Creating and supporting Black businesses.

Twenty-eight-year-old Te'Jal (TJ) Cartwright is highlighting Black businesses in Dayton with her YouTube and social media-based show, "What's the Biz with TJ." She interviews Black entrepreneurs in the city of Dayton and educates the community on the power of collective economics.

"It was created over time. I've always wanted a talk show since I was a kid. I remember watching Oprah and really hanging on to every word and every conversation," Cartwright said.

"I didn't know about the Greenwood District in Tulsa, aka Black Wall Street, until I was 19, she recalled. It made me realize that money is power. In 2017, I learned the value of storytelling and how it could connect people and communities, so, I created 'What's the Biz.'"

The beauty of "What's the Biz" is that Cartwright is inclusive, intentional, and consistent. She has a special knack for finding niche Black businesses in Dayton and always features a variety of entrepreneurs, such as chefs, restaurant owners, nonprofit leaders, journalists, jewelry vendors, consulting agencies, and more. With videos featuring a bright yellow circular logo and a jazzy theme song, "What's the Biz" is a local staple.

The show mainly highlights Black women,

which isn't intentional but very on brand for her.

"It's really hard to find a lot of men that are business owners. I'm looking though! I'm working on interviewing men in season 3 and in any project that I'm working on," Cartwright said while beaming.

Black media, Blackonomics, or the Black community's relationship with money and entrepreneurship, and Black narratives are not always controlled by us. She aims to combat that by educating the community on what we can build, grow, and pool resources by supporting our own.

"I feel like other media outlets didn't tell narratives right," lamented

President Barack Obama Endorses Desiree Tims in Ohio's 10th Congressional District

Former President Barack Obama released his first round of endorsements for the 2020 election cycle. Among the endorsed candidates was Desiree Tims, candidate for Congress in Ohio's 10th district.

President Obama said in a statement:

"I'm proud to endorse this diverse and hopeful collection of thoughtful, empathetic and highly qualified Democrats. Together, these candidates will help us redeem our country's promise by sticking up for working class people, restoring fairness and opportunity to our system, and fighting for the good of all Americans—not just those at the top. They make me optimistic not just about our party's chances in November, but about our country's future long after that. So if you're in one of their districts or states, make sure you vote for them this fall. And if you can, vote early—by mail or in person.

Desiree Tims, Democratic nominee for Congress in Ohio's 10th district, released the following statement:

"I am elated to have the endorsement of my former boss, President Barack Obama. His words of sup-

port continue to inspire hope around the nation. Each of us endorsed candidates is more than just a backstory, more than just a promise—we have the capability to bring the much-needed changes to Washington and from there, to the rest of the country. But we can't do it alone. As President Obama said, be sure to vote this fall and vote early if you can. We have the capability to win, we have the desire for change, all we need is

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KMG Pharmacy Supports the City of Trotwood and its Residents

Trotwood, Ohio – As previously reported, the Walgreens located at 5271 Salem Avenue closed its doors on July 27, 2020. The Trotwood location was one of 200 pharmacies slated to close by the company. Although the city offered incentive packages to the property owner in order to keep the pharmacy open, efforts were unsuccessful and prescription files were automatically transferred to a Walgreens in Dayton, Ohio.

KMG Pharmacy, located at 846 East Main Street

in Trotwood, Ohio, voiced their support for the City of Trotwood and its residents. The family-owned business is a full service community pharmacy that accepts all insurance plans. KMG Pharmacy will match or beat any competitor's price. They also offer the following prescription services:

- Transfer your prescriptions to KMG Pharmacy at no cost
- Free delivery of your prescriptions right to your door (five days a week)
- Unique packaging solutions to ensure medica-



Bessie Smith (1894 – 1937)

Bessie Smith (April 15, 1894 – September 26, 1937) was an American blues singer.

Nicknamed The Empress of the Blues, Smith was the most popular female blues singer of the 1920s and 1930s. She is often regarded as one of the greatest singers of her era and, along with Louis Armstrong, a major influence on other jazz vocalists.

Smith eventually moved on to performing in various chorus lines, making the "81" Theater in Atlanta her home base. There were times when she worked in shows on the black-owned T.O.B.A (Theater Owners Booking Association) circuit. She would rise to become its biggest star after signing with Columbia Records.

By 1923, when she began her recording career, Smith had taken up residence in Philadelphia. There she met and fell in love with Jack Gee, a security guard whom she married on June 7, 1923, just as her first record was released. During the marriage—a stormy one, with infidelity on both sides—Smith became the highest paid black entertainer of the day, heading her own shows, which sometimes featured as many as 40 troupers, and touring in her own railroad car. Gee was impressed by the money, but never adjusted to show business life, or to Smith's bisexuality. In 1929, when she learned of his affair with another singer, Gertrude



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Desiree Tims wants Ohio to help her change Congress.

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Miami Valley Weather

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Thunderstorms
High 86
Low 66



Sunday
Showers
High 86
Low 66



5 day Forecast

Monday
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Low 66

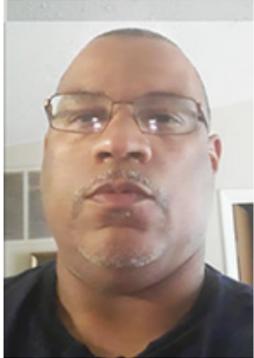


Tuesday
Showers
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What's The WORD On The Street

Will There be a 2020 Football Season?



Brian Hill



Chris Wright



Travis Trice

By LaTonya Victoria
Staff Writer

One of my favorite times of year is the start of football season. There's a certain electric energy in the air. You hear the sound of the drums, the cheering of the fans and cheerleaders, the coin toss, and all the action begins. But, in the current climate of our COVID-19 world full of masks and social distancing, will there be a 2020 football season? I spoke with several people in the Miami Valley and asked them if they thought there would be any fall high school or college sports and received a variety of responses:

Brian Hill who works for Unimark Trucking and lives in Huber Heights said "I just don't know if there will be a season. I read different things every day. Some schools are canceling. How can you justify kids not going to school, doing only virtual learning, and still have the students playing football or other athletics?"

Chris Wright who lives in Dayton is a professional basketball player, CEO of the Flight Academy, and Founder of the Wright Way Foundation Academy. Chris replied, "I'm hopeful. I'm an athlete and I understand the importance of sports in all communities. But I don't think that there's going to be a season. The protocols that have been put in place are hard for a larger group. The testing before every game is a lot and somebody has to pay for the tests to be administered. Being safe is good, but how do you execute that? I love sports. But, at the end of the day, it's best to be safe than to be sorry. You and your kids may be healthy enough to physically get through any virus. But after that game, what's the first thing you would do? You would go hug mom or hug dad and they might not be fit to fight off this virus. Me personally, if I had children, I don't think that I'd allow them to be out there. We would just have to figure it out in the backyard and stay active and I was always big on my grades. I think as a community, we must look to each other to figure out how we can help our community grow. Like helping the kids with school supplies and having a virtual group session. We must figure out other ways to keep them engaged. I teach the kids at the academy that sports can be taken from you just like that. This is a worldwide injury that all athletes are suffering from right now. We should teach the kids to have a now plan and a backup plan. While I'm studying or playing ball, I can

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

MVRPC will hold a virtual Public Participation Meeting regarding the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update on August 19, 2020.

The Long Range Transportation Plan is a long-range (20+ year) strategy and capital improvement program developed to guide the effective investment of public funds in multi-modal transportation facilities.

The meeting will take place via Zoom, a video conferencing platform, and will be held as follows on **Wednesday, August 19, 2020 - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Access the meeting via computer, tablet or mobile device using this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83248393179>

Or By phone: (301)715-8592 US (Germantown)
(312)626-6799 US (Chicago)

Enter Meeting ID: 832 4839 3179#

After a brief presentation, MVRPC staff will accept comments and answer questions regarding transportation issues in order to update the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

If you are unable to attend, visit plan2050.mvrpc.org to view documents and provide comments.



For additional information, contact Ana Ramirez, Director of Transportation Planning and Funding at 937.223.6323 or plan2050@mvrpc.org

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I Love West Dayton Cleanup

By: Jalyn Cummings, Young Ladies Aspiring Greatness (YLAG) Contributor

On July 18, 2020, YLAG had the opportunity to clean up different parts of Dayton thanks to an initiative called "I Love West Dayton". Chaz Amos, leading organizer, states: "I Love West Dayton" is a 15-week cleanup initiative that focuses on 5 West

Dayton neighborhoods (Westwood, Residence Park, Greenwich Village, Otterbein, and Hilltop/Lakeview). The idea takes on the lack of pride here in our black communities. Our 100-plus network of volunteers clean parks, alleys, and vacant homes."

If you have a place that is considered your home, you should be able to proudly claim that place without worrying about

how people view it. One major step to accomplish this is by cleaning the city and making sure it looks nice. Being able to contribute to making your city a better place to live should make you feel proud. De'Asia Jackson, member of YLAG states: "I felt great cleaning up the Dayton area. Just being able to do a good deed felt amazing."

From 10am - 12pm, YLAG cleaned the Hilltop/Lakeview area. Oftentimes, people don't realize how messy things are until they are clean. Aolani Brooks, a YLAG member, states: "Cleaning up helped me understand how polluted the city is everywhere. Not just from buildings, but from non populated areas too." You should always be proud to show people where you live and cleaning up definitely makes that easier.

The people in the city of Dayton are the only people who can make it a better place. You should stop littering and, if you are walking and see some trash, even if it's just one item, pick it up and throw it away. If enough people do this, Dayton will quickly become a cleaner place. Chaz Amos also stated: "If

we say Black Lives Matter, it should start here in the Black community." For more information on

the "I Love West Dayton" initiative, please visit their web site at www.ilovewestdayton.org.



Organizer, Chaz Amos



YLAG members (L to R) Marli Thomas, Alahna Reynolds, Jalyn Cummings.



YLAG member Jaleeyah Howard

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- Dayton Nutra Foods**
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- Donut Palace**
5264 Salem Ave.
- Estridge Grocery**
4230 Hoover Ave.
- Germantown St. Market**
2247 Germantown St.
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1010 Free Pike
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- Zik's Pharmacy**
1130 West Third St.

INVITATIONS FOR BID
Sealed bids will be received in the office of the Director of Procurement, GREATER DAYTON REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY, 4 S. Main Street, Dayton, OH 45402, for the following:
Legal Notice: IFB GD 20-13
Title: Mobile Column Hoists
Due Date: 8/31/20 at 2:00 p.m.
Copies of the bid are available from the office of Director of Procurement, RTA, 4 S. Main Street, Dayton, OH 45402 or online at <http://proc.greaterdaytonrta.org/>. All bids must be submitted in accordance with requirements set forth in the IFB.
Deborah Howard
Director of Procurement

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL
Sealed proposals will be received in the office of the Director of Procurement, GREATER DAYTON REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY, 4 S. Main Street, Dayton, OH 45402, for the following:
Legal Notice: RFP GD 20-14
Title: Group Medical and Prescription Insurance
Due Date: 8/19/20 at 2:00 p.m.
Copies of the Request for Proposal are available from the office of Director of Procurement, RTA, 4 S. Main Street, Dayton, OH 45402 or online at <http://proc.greaterdaytonrta.org/>. All proposals must be submitted in accordance with requirements set forth in the RFP.
Deborah Howard
Director of Procurement

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Date of Notice: June 17, 2020
Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility List
Scope of Selection Process:
• National Testing Network (NTN) Written Exam.
• Completion of Candidate Physical Agility Test (CPAT) (Current at time of application) or Kettering Sports Medicine "Firefighter Pre-Placement Physical Abilities Test" (Current at time of application)
• Oral Interview(s)
• Voice Stress Analysis
• Drug & Alcohol Screen
• Background Investigation
• Physical & Psychological Exam
Minimum Qualifications:
• CPAT or Kettering Sports Medicine "Firefighter Pre-Placement Physical Abilities Test" current at time of application
• Achieve a passing score of 70% on the National Testing Network written examination at time of application
• Successful completion of all phases of the selection process
• US Citizen & at least 18 years of age, and less than age 41 at first appointment
• HS Graduate or GED
• Valid Ohio Drivers' License with less than 6 points
• Eye sight correctable to 20/20
• Possess the physical ability to perform the tasks associated with the position
• State of Ohio Firefighter II certification (at time of appointment)
• State of Ohio certification at Paramedic level (at time of appointment)
• Ability to obtain Fire Inspector certification within one (1) year of employment
Nature of Work:
• Responds to calls in various capacities such as driving a piece of equipment and operating it once it is on the fire scene, extinguishing of fires and for clean up once the fire is out, is responsible for making decisions on City of Trotwood the fire scene in the absence of an officer, and after the fire is out is sometimes responsible for completing the paper work and determining the cause of the fire.
• Makes complete fire safety inspections for area businesses.
• In conjunction with inspectors, also does pre-fire planning which allows for planning in case a fire occurs in the business.
• Inspects equipment that is used within the Department and performs minor repairs.
• Types various memoranda ranging from letters to other departments to official memoranda posted within the Department.
• Participates in fire prevention/safety programs for children ranging from pre-school age to second grade.
• Oversees the safety of personnel removing underground storage tanks
• Keep records of medical supplies that are utilized within the City.
• Maintains station appearance by cleaning and making minor repairs.
• Performs technical rescue tasks by removing individual(s) from dangerous and hazardous environments or positions.
Administers emergency medical care.
• Performs a wide variety of related tasks.
Starting Salary \$15.31 per hour
Application Process:
Candidates must take the written test through the National Testing Network (NTN). This is a Virtual testing process.
Instructions for written testing registration
• Go to the National Testing Network website @ nationaltestingnetwork.com
• Choose the departments you are testing for
• Complete the questionnaire
• Take the written exam
• Obtain a passing score of at least 70% to be considered for employment

*The Candidate Physical Agility Test (CPAT) must be scheduled with the Miami Valley Fire & EMS Alliance by calling (937) 512-5103.
*The Kettering Sports Medicine "Firefighter Pre-Placement Physical Abilities Test" must be scheduled through Kettering Sport Medicine by calling (937) 395-3910.
The application packet for this position may be obtained from the Human Resources Department at the Trotwood Government Center 3035 Olive Rd., Trotwood, OH 45426 or completed online at www.trotwood.org. (HR or Fire & Rescue pages).
Proof of Military/Reserve service (DD-214) must be provided at registration to receive additional credits on a passing written examination.
Applications must be submitted to Human Resources by 4:00 PM, August 19, 2020.
The city of Trotwood complies with Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) laws and regulations. Furthermore, the City of Trotwood considers qualified applicants for positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or military/veteran status, genetic information, or sexual orientation.



National

NNPA Teams with Magic Johnson to Fund Over \$100 Million in PPP Loans for Minority and Women-Owned Businesses

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., President and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) recently announced that he and the NNPA have agreed to assist the efforts of Earvin "Magic" Johnson, majority owner of EquiTrust, the nation's largest minority-owned insurance company, and MBE Capital Partners (MBECP), the largest certified minority-owned asset-based lender, in funding over \$100 million in PPP loans.



Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., Earvin "Magic" Johnson

lifeblood of our communities." Johnson's EquiTrust is providing critical financial support to underserved communities and businesses that have been traditionally neglected. These small and diverse businesses often have difficulty developing strong lending relationships with big banks. According to the Center

for Responsible Lending, up to 90% of businesses owned by people of color have been, or will likely be, shut out of the PPP program. MBE Capital is perfectly positioned to help small and diverse businesses take advantage of this latest round of PPP funding; and the company is an approved SBA lender with over 20 years of experience serving diverse and minority businesses. They can process up to

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you." About Desiree Tims Desiree Tims was born and raised in West Dayton and is a proud graduate of Dayton Public Schools. She is the granddaughter of sharecroppers, and the first in her family to graduate from a four year college before serving in the Obama White House. Following her time at The White House, Desiree began working on Capitol Hill for United States Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-New York). She was also elected to serve as President of the Senate Black Legislative Staff Caucus. Later, Tims served in senior advisory roles at Child Care Aware of America and League of Conservation Voters. Most recently, Tims graduated from Georgetown Law. Tims has earned the endorsement of Senator Sherrod Brown, Mayor Nan Whaley, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, AFL-CIO, IBEW, the Congressional Black Caucus, and many more local and national elected officials and organizations. To find out more or get involved, visit <https://timsforcongress.com/>.

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EquiTrust, MBECP and the NNPA together are all focused on informing and encouraging minority- and women-owned businesses throughout the United States to take advantage of the current PPP loan opportunities for businesses in underserved communities. Dr. Chavis emphasized, "I have the highest regard and respect for the entrepreneurial leadership and courage of Earvin Magic Johnson. The NNPA, therefore, is enthusiastic and pleased to assist Johnson's EquiTrust and with MBE Capital to enhance the economic recovery of African American and other minority owned businesses amidst the devastating COVID-19 pandemic in America. Our businesses are the

Editorial & Comments

Something to Consider:

Failure vs. Personal Defeat

By: Brenda Cochran
Contributing Writer

There's a difference between failure and defeat. Failure is temporary, but defeat is permanent. For an individual who accepts defeat, there is no hope, only regret.

According to famous basketball player, Michael Jordan: "I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something, but I cannot accept not trying." Another quote by C. S. Lewis: "Failures are finger posts on the road to achievement."

The following are some suggestions that can help you accept failure:

1) Just accept how you feel. When one fails, he/she would most likely hurt. Sometimes a bit, sometimes a lot, but you should not try to push it

away by distracting yourself or by putting the responsibility on the rest of the world and also, don't try to paint over it with a smile. It seems like it works better not to allow yourself to be led away by options or impulses.

2) Remember that you are not a failure just because you had a set-back. When you have a set-back, it is very easy to start thinking that you will always keep failing in any area of your life. Remind yourself that just because you failed today or yesterday, doesn't mean that you will fail the next time. The truth is, this will not last for the rest of our life if you are determined to keep moving forward.

3) Be constructive and try to learn from the situation. Look at it as a valuable feed-back that you can use to improve rather



Brenda Cochran

than a big set-back. The best way to do that is to ask yourself the questions: What is the one thing that I can learn from this or what is one thing that I can do differently the next time?

4) Remind yourself that anyone who wants to do something of value in life will fail. We usually hear about a person's successes, but there are other

experiences, not just one set-back, but several. The most useful way to approach these set-backs is most like Michael Jordan, who reports that he had missed more than nine thousand shots in his career and lost almost three hundred games. Twenty-six times, he had been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. He failed over and over again in his life, but this why he did eventually succeed.

5) Let it out into the light. A powerful way to handle the emotional fallout and the thoughts that come from a failure is to not keep it all balled up inside, but let it out by talking it over with someone who is close to you. Venting about it, while the other person listens, will give you an opportunity to sort things out for

yourself and allow you to accept what happened instead of pushing it away.

6) Find inspiration and support. A conversation with someone who is close to you is usually very helpful. Another thing you can do is to learn from those who have gone through where you want to go and discover how they handled set-backs and low points before or during their success.

7) Move forward and don't get stuck with the situation for a long period of time. It is easy to get stuck with the same thoughts going round and round for a week or longer. Take what you've learned from questions.

8) Take action from the plan after you've thought about it.

9) Improve your self-esteem. This is the last

thing that can help you handle those set-backs or anything that can come up unexpectedly. By doing so the failures don't become something that can so easily drag you down and it also makes it easier to see what happened and take responsibility.

William Ward, an English pioneer, Baptist missionary, author, printer and translator's quote on failure and defeat reads: "*Failure is not fatal. It should challenge us to new heights of accomplishments not pull us to new depths of despair. From honest failure can come valuable experience.*"

Commentary

Renaming the Edmund Pettus Bridge to the John R. Lewis Freedom Bridge

By Dr. James B. Ewers Jr.

It is time to make a change in America. For too long we have delayed or postponed necessary changes in our society.

U.S. Congressman John Lewis passed away on July 17th. His legacy and contributions will live on forever. He was called the "conscience" of Congress. Quite fitting for a man who lived his life serving others, with high ideals and steadfast integrity.

His life paralleled the Civil Rights Movement. He was one of the speakers who addressed the crowd at the March on Washington on August 28, 1963.

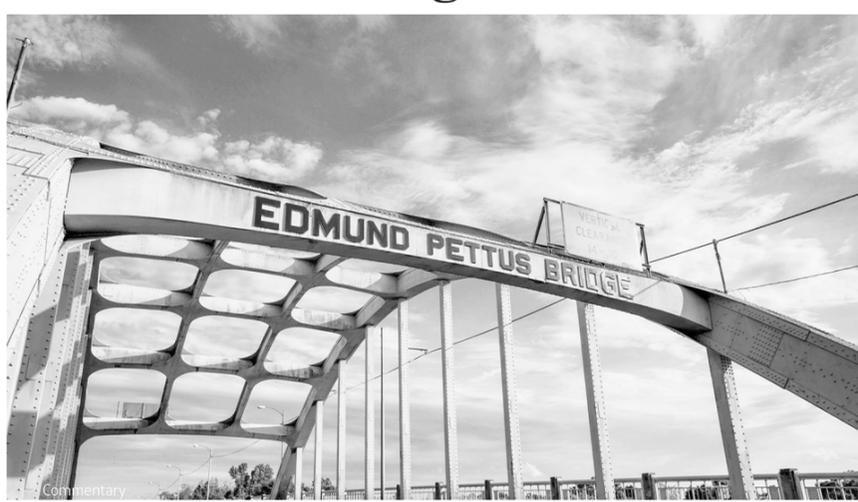
Lewis said, "Where is the political party that will make it unnecessary to march on Washington?"

My wife and I had the privilege of meeting Congressman Lewis some years ago. To paraphrase Rudyard Kipling, "He walked with kings and queens but never lost the common touch."

John Robert Lewis served the people of Georgia for 17 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. While he had a state constituency, he also had a national following. He was an advocate for the have nots and for the least of these.

All of us remember Bloody Sunday. That was a defining moment in our nation's history. Lewis led peaceful protestors over the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.

On March 7, 1965, he and the other 600 marchers faced near death because of the brutal beatings at the hands of law



enforcement officers. At the time of the Selma march, Lewis was the Chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

What happened in Selma was the tipping point for Congress to pass the Voting Rights Act. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed it into law on August 6, 1965.

Lewis will forever be remembered for his lasting imprint on the history of this country. As he would call it, he was always getting into "good trouble". The march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge was one example of it.

Turning the pages of Alabama history also brings attention to who Edmund Pettus was. He was a Confederate general who later became the head of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan. His career was built on injustice and racism.

So, each time we walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, these feelings

of injustice and inequality come up. Our memories go back to Bloody Sunday.

Will that be our only memory of the bridge?

I believe the answer is no. The Edmund Pettus Bridge should be renamed the John R. Lewis Freedom Bridge.

Congressman Lewis spent his life at the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement. He never wavered in his quest for equal rights and equal opportunity. We, as both Black and White people, stand on the shoulders of men like John Lewis.

Naming it the John R. Lewis Freedom Bridge

is the moral and right thing to do. It will bring appropriate honor to this man and his mission.

The John R. Lewis Freedom Bridge bill should be introduced at all levels of local, state and federal government. Lawmakers on both sides have the chance to champion this bill.

With the renaming, Alabama can remove some of the stain of its role in segregation and humiliation. Do not let past wrongs continue to be barriers. Right and light will always overcome wrong and darkness.

The state must unhardened some of its hearts. Handcuffs worn by some of its citizens have long since been removed. However, the emotional and psychological pain is still present for many of their descendants.

Alabama, as a state and as a part of the United States, can lead the efforts to rename this bridge, the John R. Lewis Freedom Bridge.

You can, you must, and I believe you will.

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5,000 loans per day, utilizing end-to-end online technology to accept, underwrite and transmit the applications to the SBA. MBE Capital has already processed over \$300,000,000 in PPP loans — including the EquiTrust partnership funding \$100,000,000.

The NNPA is the nation's largest trade association of African American-owned newspapers and media businesses that reach 22.4 million readers per week across the nation.

MBECP has also partnered with The Enterprise Center (TEC), a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), providing them with technology and resources to help them process over \$100,000,000 in PPP loans. This will allow TEC's CDFI to process more SBA loans in two weeks than they have in the last 10 years.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson's EquiTrust, MBECP's pipeline is over \$500,000,000. MBE Capital is committed to providing vital funding for small businesses in underserved communities. With almost \$100 billion left in the second round of PPP funding, it is imperative that vulnerable small businesses are able to secure resources needed to sustain themselves.

According to Rafael Martinez, CEO of MBE Capital: "I contacted EquiTrust, to be an additional strategic partner because I know that EquiTrust believes in changing outcomes for underserved communities the way I do. The team at EquiTrust and my direct contact Kenyatta Matheny were incredible, and we put this deal together from first call to contracts in a week." He added: "After receiving hundreds of emails and calls from applicants asking if they can receive their PPP loans as

soon as possible because this was a last hope to stay open — and in some cases to keep food on the tables of their employees — I was moved to expand this and look to fund over 20,000 PPP loans for minority companies."

"This is a unique SBA-backed opportunity to use the vast resources of EquiTrust's to prudently provide real and much needed cash to deserving minority and women-owned businesses that find it difficult to secure such funding through traditional means," said Eric Holoman, President and Chief Executive Officer of EquiTrust. "The jobs saved will make a significant difference to their families and communities. EquiTrust is excited to partner with Rafael Martinez and MBECP to do this and more as we try to level the playing field for businesses that are the backbone of America."



Education

Grant Helps Bridge Digital Divide For Students

Effort to increase access to remote learning opportunities for high-poverty students

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 - Thousands of Greater Dayton students lack the devices or Internet connectivity to engage productively in remote learning experiences, according to Learn to Earn Dayton. To reduce the digital inequity that has been intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic, The Dayton Foundation recently awarded a \$70,000 discretionary grant aimed at assisting Learn to Earn Dayton in buying Chromebooks for schools in Dayton and Montgomery County's high-poverty school districts.

"In order for students to be successful in today's connected environment, they need the devices to do their schoolwork remotely," said Barbra Stonerock, vice president of Community Engagement for The Dayton Foundation. "We see this award as an investment in the future of our community's students and leveling the opportunities for low-income families."

The Foundation's grant joins with grants from Mathile Family Foundation, The Frank M. Tait Foundation, The Charles D. Berry Foundation, The Berry Family Foundation, Louise Kramer Foundation and the COVID-19 Response Fund for Greater Dayton established by The Dayton Foundation

and United Way of the Greater Dayton Area. Total commitments exceed \$300,000.

Together, these regional philanthropic partners will help address the first of a three-phase connectivity plan. In the first phase, Learn to Earn Dayton will provide and distribute approximately 900 devices to targeted schools in Dayton, Jefferson, Northridge and Trotwood Madison school districts. Phases two and three of the plan focus on the mid- and long-term larger strategy around access to connectivity, quality remote learning experiences, maintenance of devices and more.

According to Thomas Lasley, PhD, chief executive officer of Learn to Earn Dayton, one out of four students in high-poverty households access remote learning as little as once a week or less. By contrast, 83 percent of students in families with incomes of \$100,000 or more are engaged in remote experiences every day.

"Remote learning is the new normal in education, and the divide in schools between who has access and who doesn't is getting worse," Lasley said. "If we're going to be able to solve the challenges of remote learning associated with COVID-19, then access to connectivity, quality remote educational opportunities and devices must be addressed."

Thanks to this grant from The Dayton Foundation, support from other philanthropic institutions and resources aligned with regional and statewide organizations, we can do just that."

While Learn to Earn Dayton and the Montgomery County Educational Service Center (MCESC) will purchase and distribute the Chromebooks, the Montgomery County Regional Planning Commission, the City of Dayton, Montgomery County and other stakeholders will be investigating the best options for connectivity and developing a plan for increasing hot spots and/or Internet connections. MCESC also is a key strategic partner in both facilitating student connectivity and addressing the instructional needs of teachers.

About The Dayton Foundation

The Dayton Foundation is the regional community foundation for Greater Dayton. Since its establishment in 1921, the Foundation has helped people to help others, managing more than 3,900 charitable funds that have provided more than \$970 million in grants to nonprofits locally and nationwide. More information about The Dayton Foundation is available at www.daytonfoundation.org or follow the Foundation on Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn.

DPS Students Will Now Begin School Year Online

PreK-12th grade students will learn virtually from a live teacher for the first 9 weeks.

All students in the Dayton Public Schools will now learn virtually for at least the first nine weeks of the 2020-2021 school year.

Additionally, the 2020-2021 school start date has changed to Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The school year will conclude on Friday, May 28, 2021.

Superintendent Elizabeth Lolli announced the district's initial plan of allowing families to choose between returning to in-person classes or opting for remote learning in June. However, COVID-19 conditions in Montgomery County have since worsened, prompting the district to reevaluate the initial plans out of concern for the safety and health of all staff and students.

Parents should be prepared for virtual learning to potentially extend beyond the first 9 weeks of school, depending on the COVID-19 situation at that time.

Daily Instruction Format (at least the first 9 weeks):

Students of all grade levels (PreK-12) will learn virtually Monday through Friday each week. Students will be expected to watch a



pre-recorded lesson from a DPS teacher each morning. After this lesson, DPS teachers will meet virtually with small groups of their students to provide additional instruction, answer questions and assist with work.

Students of all grade levels will be issued a "ready pack" containing a Chromebook, a dry erase board and marker, a notebook, a pack of pencils, crayons or colored pencils and paper math manipulatives, if grade appropriate. One WiFi hotspot per family will be distributed for those that need access to the internet.

Meals:

Breakfast and lunch will be available to DPS students at designated spots daily, Monday through Friday. Those locations and pickup times will be announced closer to the start of school.

Attendance and Grad-

ing:

Attendance will be taken daily in virtual classes and all truancy practices will be followed. Grades will be based on the district's standard grading policies.

As details are finalized, additional information will be shared. After the initial nine weeks, the situation will be reevaluated. School may continue in the virtual format or may switch to the initial plan of in-person classes or the option for totally remote learning, depending on the COVID-19 situation at the time.

Please visit DPSrestart.com for all up-to-date information from the district.

Entertainment

Bessie Smith - (1894 - 1937)...

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Saunders, Bessie Smith ended the relationship, although neither of them sought a divorce.

Smith eventually found a common-law husband in an old friend, Richard Morgan, who was Lionel Hampton's uncle and the antithesis of her husband. She stayed with him until her death.

All contemporary accounts indicate that while Rainey did not teach Smith to sing, she probably helped her develop a stage presence. Smith began forming her own act around 1913, at Atlanta's "81" Theater. By 1920, Smith had established a reputation in the South and along the Eastern Seaboard.

In 1920, sales figures of over 100,000 copies for "Crazy Blues," an Okeh Records recording by singer Mamie Smith (no relation) pointed to a new market. The recording industry had not directed its product to blacks, but the success of the record led to a search for female blues singers. Bessie Smith was signed by Columbia Records in 1923 and her first session for Columbia was February 15, 1923. For most of 1923, her records were issued on Columbia's regular A-series; when the label decided to establish a "race records" series, Smith's "Cemetery Blues" (September 26, 1923) was the first issued.

She scored a big hit with her first release, a coupling of "Gulf Coast Blues" and "Downhearted Blues", which its composer Alberta Hunter had already turned into a hit on the Paramount label. Smith became a headliner on the black T.O.B.A. circuit and rose to become its

top attraction in the 1920s. Working a heavy theater schedule during the winter months and doing tent tours the rest of the year (eventually traveling in her own railroad car), Smith became the highest-paid black entertainer of her day. Columbia nicknamed her "Queen of the Blues," but a PR-minded press soon upgraded her title to "Empress".

Smith had a powerfully strong voice that recorded very well from her first record, made during the time when recordings were made acoustically. With the coming of electrical recording (her first electrical recording was "Cake Walking Babies (From Home)" recorded Tuesday, May 5, 1925), the sheer power of her voice was even more evident. She was also able to benefit from the new technology of radio broadcasting, even on stations that were in the segregated south. For example, after giving a concert for a white-only audience at a local theater in Memphis, Tennessee, in October 1923, she then performed a late night concert on station WMC, where her songs were very well received by the radio audience.

In 1929, Smith made her only film appearance, starring in a two-reeler titled St. Louis Blues, based on W. C. Handy's song of the same name. In the film, directed by Dudley Murphy and shot in Astoria, she sings the title song accompanied by members of Fletcher Henderson's orchestra, the Hall Johnson Choir, pianist James P. Johnson and a string section—a musical environment radically different from any found on her

recordings.

On September 26, 1937, Smith was critically injured in a car accident while traveling along U.S. Route 61 between Memphis, Tennessee, and Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Smith's funeral was held in Philadelphia a little over a week later on October 4, 1937. Her body was originally laid out at Upshur's funeral home. As word of her death spread through Philadelphia's black community, the body had to be moved to the O.V. Catto Elks Lodge to accommodate the estimated 10,000 mourners who filed past her coffin on Sunday, October 3. Contemporary newspapers reported that her funeral was attended by about seven thousand people. Far fewer mourners attended the burial at Mount Lawn Cemetery, in nearby Sharon Hill. Gee thwarted all efforts to purchase a stone for his estranged wife, once or twice pocketing money raised for that purpose.

The grave remained unmarked until August 7, 1970, when a tombstone—paid for by singer Janis Joplin and Juanita Green, who as a child had done housework for Smith—was erected.

Dory Previn wrote a song of Janis Joplin and the tombstone called "Stone for Bessie Smith" on her album Mythical Kings and Iguanas.

The Afro-American Hospital, now the Riverside Hotel in Clarksdale, was the site of the dedication of the fourth historic marker on the Mississippi Blues Trail.

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Religion

Confederate Dunces: Alabama Lawmaker Who Honored KKK Grand Wizard Instead of John Lewis Resigns—as Pastor

It takes a staunch commitment to racist foolishness to celebrate the life of a Confederate general and Klan figurehead in 2020. To do so on the very same weekend, in the very same city that civil rights icon John Lewis was being honored? How much harder can you stand Jim Crow?

But that is exactly what Alabama state Rep. Will Dismukes did—attending a ceremony honoring Nathan Bedford Forrest, the KKK's first grand wizard, in Selma, Ala., on the weekend a carriage carrying Lewis' body came into town, reports The Washington Post. The procession honoring the longtime Georgia congressman traced the path Lewis walked in 1965, when he led protesters on a march across Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge.

But why honor one of America's actual founding fathers when you



can (checks notes) honor a racist, slave-owning terrorist? Like the Confederate flag-humping clown he is, the 30-year-old Dismukes wasn't content attending and speaking at Forrest's annual birthday celebra-

tion, which would surely have been enough joy for any run-of-the-mill Dixieland enthusiast. Dismukes had to brag about it on Facebook. "Had a great time at Fort Dixie speaking and giving the invocation for

Nathan Bedford Forrest annual birthday celebration," Dismukes shared in a now-deleted post

from July 25, alongside a photo of himself standing behind a festoon of Confederate flags. "Always a great time and some sure enough good eating!!"

The incident drew bipartisan calls for Dismuke's resignation, as well as a rebuke from the chair of the Alabama state GOP.

Because this is 2020, Rep. Dismukes did end up resigning on Wednesday night, but (because this is 2020) not from his position as a state representative. The final turn of this Southern tale is that Dismukes is also the pastor of a rural Southern Baptist church. Or at least, he was. After the controversy, Dismukes met with other local Southern Baptist leaders and decided to step down from the pulpit at Pleasant Hill Baptist. Dismukes has insisted

his actions were in no way disrespectful to Congressman Lewis, whose memorial service was held in Atlanta on Thursday afternoon. In fact, he was surprised by the criticism.

"I guess, with the anti-Southern sentiment and all, and the things that we have going on in the world today, there's a lot of people that are seeming to be more and more offended," he told WFSA TV. "We live in a time where we literally are going through cancel culture from all different areas and people are even more sensitive on different issues and different subjects. This was just one of those times that it didn't quite go the way I expected."

Man, if Jesus wasn't weeping before, he sure has to be now.

Letter To Faith-Based Community

Governor DeWine today announced that he will send a letter to Ohio's faith-based community to share important health information with Ohio churches, synagogues, and mosques and to share ways to better protect their worshippers.

One case study shows that a man with COVID-19 attended a church service in Ohio, and following that service, 91 additional people from five counties developed symptoms. "I know that our faith-based leaders want nothing more than to protect their worshippers, but we

also know that the virus can easily spread in places where people gather," said Governor DeWine. "It is vital that, any time people gather together, everyone wear masks, practice social distancing, wash hands, and while indoors, making sure there is good ventilation and airflow."

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Sports

DPS, Trotwood Shut Sports Down; GWOC, MVL Keep Fall Sports Active

By: Deon Cash
Staff Writer

In a wild week in which the COVID-19 virus forced OHSAA to make a tough decision, Dayton Public Schools, Trotwood, and Middletown Schools have all decided to postpone their fall sports, per reports this weekend.

The Health Department had given each district a Rules and Regulations Packet on what would and would not be allowed for the upcoming 2020-21 high school sports season.

While it was recommended that schools need to cancel or postpone their seasons if they can't adhere to the requirements, it was and has not been mandated that they cannot play this

season. If the rules can be followed, then each district can have their season, as long as the COVID-19 outbreak is controlled by officials and the district.

With that being said, the GWOC and Miami Valley Conference have decided to continue on with all of their fall sports for the 2020-21 season.

While this is a tense time in U.S. history, it has been shown that if you have the resources, the organization, the time to prepare and partner up with the right businesses you can possibly do a sports season under the COVID-19 effect.

We have seen both sides of how quickly the COVID-19 pendulum can swing.

Baseball, who does not work in a bubble type for-

mat, have over 25 cases within two organizations after the first week. They have had to hold 25+ games, and now have two franchises who are sitting out this week the Miami Marlins and the St Louis Cardinals, who now have multiple players and staff members with it as well.

The Marlins basically went out one night and now it has spread throughout the entire organization.

While the MLB has 30 teams, they are already on the brink of shutting the season down unless they can get control, despite what commissioner Paul Manfred has said.

On the flip side, organizations such as the NBA, MLS, and WNBA have all decided to go to a "Bubble Style" of preparation. For the most part, have had

good success with keeping the numbers low.

Major League Soccer had a couple of cases, which took out 2 teams early, but has had no problems in the last two weeks. The WNBA has had very few cases as well.

As far as the NBA, they have had cases, with big name players as well.

While there were singular cases, they have been able to manage all the cases, and now have 0 positive tests in over 340 players after 2 solid weeks in "The Bubble."

What makes "The Bubble" so great? And why is it working to a degree?

The NBA has done a few things that other sports could take ideas from. The NBA watched the TBT, the one million dollar winner take all open tournament held in Columbus, Ohio just a couple weeks ago.

What have the NBA and other sports done to keep COVID-19 numbers down?

- They monitor players on and off court with a pager style buzzer that lets executives and officials know if players are too close to other people.
- Testing on a daily basis.
- Not letting people in or out of bubble. Once your out, you're out and have to quarantine for 10 days to get back in.

While there are other

protocols, these are some the keys to being able to run a successful League in such a anxious time.

And while testing daily and weekly could be a problem financially for high school districts, it's irrelevant when it comes to pro sports. So how could a high school district be responsible and have a sports season?

There are a couple ways that High School sports could have a season, albeit will be with cautious optimism.

- (1) Create a "Bubble Style" Atmosphere
While creating the Bubble Style Atmosphere that the pros have is not likely or a exact science, you can create a similar atmosphere within your own organizations.
Keep student athletes separated from other people, but within the confines of the team restrictions. So, in essence, stay away from general public, even friends and family as well.
- (2) Test Weekly
- (3) Partner with local COVID-19 Testing agencies who can help with testing.
- (4) Find a Campus or a Location that could hold

the amount of kids for the League you are running. Bring in the people who could keep kids fed, and make sure that the social distancing and testing measures are available as well.

(5) Give Each Athlete a Waiver form

While this is not the most popular choice, it might be the best choice for this year.

At the end of the day, the kids and parents are responsible for their own future. And sports has provided opportunities unlike anything else has. With Spring sports being cancelled last season and Fall Sports on its heels, there's not many options left on the table.

Did DPS, Trotwood, and Middletown react too soon or did they do what was ethically right and be the trendsetters? Only time will tell.

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Word On The Street
Will There be a 2020 Football Season?...
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work on the next invention. This (current climate) shows how important that really is."

Travis Trice who lives in Huber Heights and is a 16-year State Farm agent, 20-year basketball coach, father of 5, and has been married to Julie for 29 years. Travis said, "I think it's going to be very tough. Right now, the High School Association is having to deal with things on a week

to week and sometimes day to day basis. I think trying to keep kids safe is going to be very difficult. It's going to be hard to have a consistent season.

What happens if someone on your team or in your organization is classified with being positive for the COVID-19. Are you shutting your team down and having to quarantine? If students are not able to express themselves in a positive way, some will

find other ways to occupy their time. I'm hoping and praying that there's a way to make a season happen in the fall. I'd say right now we're probably 50/50 for whether that will happen. As a man of faith, I don't want my children to live in fear. I would definitely be open to my kids participating as long as I know that there are some things in place to allow them to be safe and play their sport."

One Year Anniversary of the Mass Shooting that Killed 9 People in the Oregon District... Continued from Page 1



“showcase how the Dayton community continues to remember those who were lost, and how we have come together and continue to work to make Dayton shine in their honor,” the city said.

What we know about the shooting

Police have said that Betts arrived at the Oregon District that night with his sister and a companion, but split off and went to another bar by himself before re-

trieving his gun from the vehicle. Betts fired 41 shots in about 30 seconds with a .223-caliber high-capacity rifle, killing his sister and eight others, according to authorities. He was killed by responding officers 32 seconds after his first shot.

Dayton police said Betts had an obsession with violence and mass shootings and had expressed a desire to commit a mass shooting, but have not determined exactly what led Betts to choose that loca-

tion at that time. The FBI has been investigating the motive, and in February said that the probe was nearing an end, CNN affiliate WLWT reported.

In a statement Monday, the Cincinnati Division of the FBI said the investigation is ongoing and the FBI will continue to work with the Dayton Police Department until “all evidence and information connected to this case is thoroughly examined.”

PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST

MVRPC Encourages the Public to Review and Comment on the REVISED FINAL DRAFT of the Greater Region Transportation Coordination Plan.

In lieu of an in-person public meeting, all documents are available for public review and comments on mvrpc.org/grmi. Comments on the plan will be accepted through September 2, 2020.



GREATER REGION MOBILITY INITIATIVE

The Greater Region Transportation Coordination Plan addresses the challenges of coordinating and strengthening transportation services for seniors, individuals with disabilities and other non-drivers. The plan is a component of the Greater Region Mobility Initiative (GRMI) and serves the eight-county area of Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby counties.



For additional information, contact Elizabeth Baxter, Transportation Coordination Planner, at 937.223.6323 or ebaxter@mvrpc.org



Black businesses in Dayton for the Culture What's the Biz with "TJ" Cartwright... Continued from Page 1

way of going in-depth with Black stories in the Dayton community. “I wanted a space to highlight the customers too,” she said. “They’re so supportive and they matter! Creating a space for them to learn things about Black-owned business owners was important to me.”

How Black motherhood powers “What’s the Biz with TJ”:

Te’Jal (TJ) Cartwright is no stranger to obstacles while creating a space for Black entrepreneurs to thrive.

“The biggest one is believing in myself. ‘What’s the Biz with TJ’ is growing and I’m like a superhero first discovering my powers”, she said while laughing. “Sometimes things get out of control and a moment of doubt comes in, but then I get a handle on everything. I’m also learning the power of collaboration and working with people that are genuine and kind of have the same agenda as me.”

Motherhood is also a superpower. Cartwright balances with grace, ease, and a gentle, calm spirit. It is a major factor in how she runs her YouTube and social media-based show “What’s the Biz with TJ”.

“Without motherhood, there would be no ‘What’s the Biz’”, she said. “My son, Luke, inspired me to turn my dreams into reality and really do whatever it takes to be a part of building my community.” Cartwright added that she wants her son to know his people, be proud of his culture and aspire to be a leader.

The future of her You-



Te’Jal Cartwright (right) and her son Luke (left)

Tube show is busy and bright. A production team and sponsorship packages are being developed to elevate its quality and content.

“I would love for it to be something that all Black communities adapt”, Cartwright divulged. “I would love to see this model in more areas if it already isn’t. Let’s be intentional about sharing the stories of Black business owners so we can build our community and strengthen these relationships.”

She envisions “What’s

the Biz with TJ” evolving to have prominence outside of Dayton. “I’m also trying to grow the platform, take ‘What’s the Biz’ to a national space and maybe global! Imagine if I could connect the global economy,” Cartwright mused. One woman, one dream, and the goal to uplift others. She has created a digital space for the Black community and by the Black community that reaches far and wide to celebrate Black culture.

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