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Many People. Many Voices. One City. HRC Director, Erica Fields Speaks on the Organization's Mission

The Dayton Weekly News (DWN) sat down with Erica Fields, Executive Director of the Dayton HRC to talk about the HRC and its work to foster togetherness within the community. Its mission: Many People, Many Voices, One City, speaks directly about the work the HRC does to bridge the gaps across all landscapes in the Miami Valley.

DWN: Tell us more about the HRC

Erica Fields (EF): This year has been an exciting year of growth and development for the HRC, as the staff has worked diligently to fulfill its critical mission of influencing and ensuring a culture of



Erica Fields, Executive Director of the Dayton HRC

fair treatment, inclusion, and equal access to opportunities for all who live, work, play, and gath-

er in the City. In 2020, the Council celebrated 58 years in the journey toward fairness and equity.

We take pride in leading the charge to enforce anti-discrimination ordinances; provide business and technical assistance to build the capacity of minority, women, and small disadvantaged businesses; and to administer community relations initiatives that educate residents on their civil and human rights and promote positive inter-group relationships.

National events have not only highlighted the importance of our work, but the significant challenges we must overcome as a community to ensure fairness and equity for all. We live in a time of great opportunities and challenges and both require action that respects the civil and

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Sunday Early Voting was a Full Day Experience



By: Benette DeCoux,
Staff Writer &
Photographer

The polls opened at the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 1:00 PM. There were cars and people lined up to enter the building parking garage as soon as the gates opened.

The line formed and snaked around the garage forming three loops.

It was a friendly crowd, talking and moving as people moved from the garage into the skywalk. Then they were escorted to the escalator and assigned a counter to receive the correct ballot for the municipality where you live.

There were monitors to make sure the voters were safe from moving vehicles. The time spent for this writer from start to finish

in line was approximately one hour 20 minutes.

There were several churches who arrived as planned. Others in groups of two or three chatted and were friendly.

Candidates Desiree Tims and her teammates and Le-Ronda Jackson arrived and watched from close by. They were recognized by the crowd for photo opportunities.

The Board of Elections employees were efficient in assisting with questions to keep the process smooth. The elections will last until the closing hour on November 3.

Be sure to take your identification with you to your assigned polling location. There is a strong possibility that the election results will not be known immediately.

The Boys & Girls Club of Dayton (BGCD) Has Named Tara Marlow as Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Tara Marlow joins as the newest addition to the BGCD's 60-year history, and aims to strengthen its legacy as an anchor and oasis in West Dayton, focused on inspiring, developing, and helping young people to reach their full potential as caring, productive, and responsible citizens.

"We conducted a very thorough search, and our Board was not only impressed with Tara's education and expertise, but also her passion for the mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton," stated Club Board Chair Shanda McKinney. "Under her leadership and with our incredible team of youth development professionals, we are excited about the immense



Tara Marlow

positive impact the Club will bring to the kids and the entire West Dayton community."

Ms. Marlow comes to the BGCD with more than 20 years of senior administration experience and an extensive background working with youth-serving organizations. This tenure includes a decade in finance and non-profit management.

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Dayton Chapter National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) Presents International Executive Coach Tonya Echols

By: Carol Prewitt
Staff Writer

Fred Rogers once said, "Anything that is human is mentionable and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable. When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting and less scary." Experiencing adverse effects during these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic and other demands of life can have a major impact on our mental health and wellness.

Are you sometimes so stressed, you feel as if you are going insane? According to the latest report from the American Psychological Association as many as four in ten adults in each region of the



Tonya Echols

United States report that their stress levels have increased in the past year. More than 70 percent regularly experience physical and psychological symptoms caused by stress. The Dayton Chapter NBMBA will offer an opportunity for you to gain practical knowledge on how to safeguard your mental wellness during these stressful times.



Know The Past, Shape The Future

Black History And The Columbus Myth: Exposing The Truth



By Legrand H. Clegg II

African Olmec

Nationwide -- Christopher Columbus did not discover America! After years of celebrating Columbus Day each October and teaching our children that this land was discovered by the European explorer, this year protesters across the country have pulled down his statues and denounced his image. At long last, they are debunking the Columbus myth.

Lost in all of this activity is the fact that Black people from Africa actually reached America thousands of years before 1492; and it is long past time for this to be acknowledged and celebrated in the Black community, and to be included in the American school curriculum.

The evidence of an ancient and medieval Black presence in the New World is vast and increasing every year. So why is the public unaware of such revolutionary information? In his recent book *Disloyal - A Memoir: The True Story of the Former Personal Attorney to President Donald J. Trump*, President Trump's former attorney Michael Cohen reveals that the President is a staunch racist who disrespects Black people and speaks of African nations as "Shithole countries." This view is widely held by White America largely because the fields of science, education, entertainment, politics, and the media have consistently degraded and stereotyped Black people and suppressed, distorted, and ignored African history and culture. This must stop now!

The idea that Black people sailed to the Americas in ancient and medieval times is not new.

After colossal Negroid stone heads were first excavated in the 1860s in Mexico, several Latin American scholars began to speculate that Africans sailed to the New World thousands of years ago.

During the 1920s, historian Leo Weiner wrote a three-volume work, *Africa and the Discovery of America on the presence of Africans in the New World before Columbus*. By the early 1970s, archaeologist Alexander von Wuthenau wrote two

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The Dayton Chapter NBMBA will present Ms. Tonya Echols, PCC, CPA as their guest speaker for their Tuesday, November 17, 2020 webinar. Her topic is "Staying Sane in a Crazy World?". The webinar is 6:00PM EST. Ms. Echols will help you recognize and manage stress triggers, discuss tools and techniques for recovery and most importantly, help you recharge and gain control over your mental wellness. You must register in advance at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/80204000000?pwd=MTZkd0p0Y0oqLWp0a4RlJ7plRQr>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing in-

formation about joining the meeting. The public is invited to attend this important webinar. Feel free to invite your family, friends, and colleagues. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Valerie Jones at 937-

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Around DAYTON

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Dayton Unit NAACP to Host Historic Televised 69th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

The Dayton Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is hosting a historic televised Freedom Fund Banquet event on WHIO-TV Channel 7 on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. This year's theme is entitled, "Living for Justice, Peace and Love!" We are privileged to have the Honorable Roslyn M. Brock, Chairman Emeritus of the NAACP National Board of Directors, as the Keynote Speaker. Segments of this program will be aired from the Montgomery County Old Court House, the Dayton Art Institute and the CMG Innovation Center. Each year we are thrilled to have more than 1,200 Americans from various diverse backgrounds attend our banquet and are humbled the Citizens throughout the Dayton Region have chosen to make our event the largest sit-down dinner in Montgomery County, Ohio. Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic, we are unable to fellowship with you in-person this year, however we still need your continued financial support. We hope that

you consider supporting at the same sponsorship level as you have done so faithfully in the past. Our Freedom Fund Banquet is the primary source of raising funds for our Unit, which allows us to provide Civil and Human Rights Services to Citizens in need. May the Lord richly bless you in advance! We look forward to your generous support as sponsors will be recognized during the program. Please visit the Dayton Unit NAACP Website (naacpdayton.org) for additional information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at (937) 222-2172. Our volunteer staff continues to offer free Civil and Human Rights services to Citizens throughout the Dayton Region. But more importantly, you have an opportunity to share your Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA's) with the largest and oldest Civil and Human Rights Organization in the Dayton Region. For more information on the Dayton Unit NAACP, call (937) 222-2172 or visit www.naacpdayton.org.

What's The

WORD

On The Street

What Would You Do... If You Were Elected President?

William Miller

Tasha Roundtree

Deirreon J. Durant

By LaTonya Victoria

Staff Writer

All politicians come before us with a list of grand ideas for a better tomorrow and campaign promises in order to get our vote. According to spokesman.com, in 1916 President Woodrow Wilson promised that he would keep us out of war during his re-election campaign. Thirty-one days after being sworn into office, the United States of America declared war on Germany. In 1928 Herbert Hoover promised "Prosperity for Everyone" during his presidential campaign. Eight months later the bottom fell out of the stock market and the United States went into what is known as the "Great Depression". During President Franklin D. Roosevelt's third term in 1940 he promised, "Your boys will not fight in any foreign wars". But, in 1941 after the attack on Pearl Harbor the United States declared war on Japan and joined the Second World War. I spoke with several people in the Miami Valley and asked them what the one thing is they would do if they were elected President. I received a variety of responses. Surprisingly to me, this was not a question that anyone hesitated on. As soon as I asked the question everyone had a quick and specific response. They are as follows:
1) William Miller who is owner of the Grind House Coffee and Tea Company and lives in Dayton said, "I would ratify the 13th Amendment. Take a deeper look into it and close the loopholes. Something I think our country needs right now."
2) Tasha Roundtree who lives in Dayton and is an Entrepreneur and Community Outreach Specialist responded, "The one thing I would do is reassure America that I would not cancel their Affordable Health Care Act. I would ensure that each child and each senior citizen would never have to worry about getting their medication or if they can go to the doctor. I would make sure that even the most disadvantaged people would still be able to see their doctors."
3) Deirreon J. Durant who is the owner of D² Contracting Solutions and lives in Dayton replied, "One thing that I would do is put programs in place that will help citizens across the country become stable. Then make sure that those programs are doing what they say they are going to do. And prison reform. It seems like the last few administrations have been taking prison reform very seriously. So, I will keep that ball rolling. I would make sure that the citizens who paid their debt to society are able to be compensated and become self-sufficient at life."

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significant volumes, Unexpected Faces in Ancient America and The Art of Terracotta Pottery in Pre-Columbian Central and South America. These books reveal his collection of thousands of Negroid figurines unearthed from ancient sites in Mexico, Panama, Columbia, Ecuador, and Peru, which comprise his vast collection in the Diego Rivera Museum of Mexico City.

Other scholars who have conducted extensive research on this subject include Ivan Van Sertima, author of They Came Before Columbus; Clyde Winters, Runoko Rashidi, Paul A. Barton, David H. Childress and Anu M'Bantu. David Imhotep, author of The First Americans Were Africans (Expanded and Revised), has made a unique contribution to this field.

Unlike his predecessors, Dr. Imhotep does not claim that Africans simply sailed to the Americas before Columbus and influenced the Native Americans who resided in the New World. He states, instead, that the Native Americans themselves were Black Africans, who first reached the New World at least 56,000 years ago. Thousands of years later these people were invaded by Mongolians from Asia who conquered, intermingled with and exterminated many of the indigenous Blacks. The mixture of these two groups resulted in the red Indians that we are all familiar with today.

Black people laid the foundation of civilization in the Americas. Among the earliest and most pervasive evidence of their presence are the strange structures called "Native American Mounds." Built by Black Africans, these structures still survive in 41 states in America. One such mound, the Cahokia of Illinois, is almost as large as the great pyramids of Egypt.

During the second millennium B.C. other Africans reached the New World and settled

in Mexico. They introduced Old World civilization to the inhabitants of the land. In the holy city of La Venta, four colossal stone heads with Negroid features have been discovered on a ceremonial platform featuring a miniature step pyramid and a conical pyramid - - the earliest of such monuments to appear in the Americas. The structures were undoubtedly built by the Olmecs, a name given to the Mother Culture of what is called Mesoamerica.

According to Dr. Imhotep, the African Olmecs introduced a calendar, writing, pyramid and tomb construction, mummification, as well as certain political systems and religious traditions to the New World. As historian J. A. Villacorta has written: "Any way you view it, Mexican civilization had its origin in Africa."

During this year of racial reckoning, largely triggered by the courageous leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement, this nation must confront the fact that Black History also matters. America must understand that the original people on this planet were Black Africans who laid the foundation of civilization in both the Old and New Worlds. As for the New World, Columbus himself and nearly a dozen other European explorers reported that Black people preceded them to the Western Hemisphere.

In spite of all of the evidence available to them, White scholars are no more likely to be truthful about Black history than Donald Trump is about politics. The White academic establishment is as determined to suppress Black greatness as the Republican party is to suppress Black votes. Therefore, we must ignore their falsifications of the Black past and proceed to reveal the truth: The African nations that sponsored the ancient mariners who settled America were not "shithole countries." They were powerful Black empires whose explorers circumnavigated the globe long before Trump's ancestors emerged from the caves of Europe!

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Editorial & Comments

The Ticking Time Bomb?

By: Jermaine McGhee

As I write this article, there are only seven days left until America chooses its next “Commander In Chief of the Army and Navy of The United States, and of The Militia of the several States, when called into the actual service of the United States.” These words are quoted directly from The United States Constitution, with italics added for emphasis. Quite frankly, this election is, to me, the quintessential election of American History. Being an incredibly young country, only having celebrated its bicentennial in 1976, America has a long way to go regarding social equality. Therefore, African Americans must think for themselves which choices to make when stepping up to the polls to cast their ballots. We must not be swayed by shiny trinkets waved in the faces of ignorant masses every time these important decisions are made. This is an age-old tactic that seems to almost never fail, yet, if it does, there are other tactics in the arsenal of corrupt leaders intended to activate the emotional center in an already fearful and mistrusting population. At least, fear is expected as the result of various crisis measures imposed upon beguiled citizens of the American Empire. Black people love a good Empire, don’t we?

This Sinister Empire, however, was built upon the backs of African chattel slavery and the barbaric destruction of the indigenous population already occupying this bountiful land. In the creation of this great nation, let us not forget that two continents were summarily and utterly destroyed, all with the blessings of higher powers-that-be. Let us not forget, also, that there are always bigger fish in the sea. Despite all of the social conflict reflected on the media, it is my hope to inspire in the Dayton area to continue to be all-inclusive, most of all, in our dealings with the beautiful melting pot of people that make up the demographics of our Gem City. Dayton, Ohio was once referred to as a sanctuary city, whatever that means.

Racial tensions and social equality are extremely high on my list of hot button topics. I try my best to always be as objective as possible in my research, due to finding many dark caverns in the annals of American historical writings. Yes, this is the first place a racial epithet was hurled at me and my

brothers while walking home from Putt-Putt Golf and Games in the early 80s, however, since then it has been a mix-up. For instance, I was physically assaulted at the age of 19 by several white police officers due to exercising my rights to leave the premises of a high school basketball game being held at the University of Dayton Arena. My fears of further harassment by Dayton police officers led me to choose accepting a terrible plea bargain for disorderly conduct. During this assault, a large chunk of my dreadlocked hair was pulled out and thrown to the floor. I can remember yelling to an African American officer to at least pick up my hair as he turned, embarrassed, and left the back room where my young black male body was being abused by men hired to serve and protect. Yet, many years later, as I walked down my father’s street wearing an army fatigue coat, one Dayton Officer threw up the Wu Tang Salute and said, “Wu Tang Forever, my friend.” I was taken aback. Have Dayton police officers really changed that much?

There have been other moments where I felt more an object than a person in isolated places across the Miami Valley, however, since my return

Commentary

New Poll Shows Black Women Are Fired Up for Change and Ready to Cast Their Vote

By Glynda C. Carr

With November 3rd less than a month away, Black women voters hold a huge stake in this year’s election. With the first Black woman vying for the vice-presidency, a recent poll of 506 likely 2020 Black women voters conducted from September 30 – October 4, 2020 by Higher Heights and Change Research, showed that 75 percent of Black women are now more motivated than ever to vote. But the remaining 25 percent of Black women polled are feeling hopeless that their ballot won’t bring the change they want to see.

In the poll, the top priorities and anxieties about the upcoming election for Black women included: the desire for a stronger response to the coronavirus and the need for racial justice. In addition, the Black women polled noted that when it came to the demographic who could bring about the change the United States needed with voter turnout, an overwhelming 64 percent, of course, chose Black women.

Over the last two presidential elections, Black women have continued to show up and show out. Whether it was voting for Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton, Black women have been at the forefront of trying to protect the

in 2018, the Gem City has been quite inviting. For instance, when the Ku Klux Klan rally was planned, I did not know how to feel at first, only opting to keep my spiritual energy from the melee that would surely occur downtown. I decided, instead, to go for a walk, catch an RTA bus, and have a cup of coffee or a meal. What I found outside of my temporary home, within an abandoned storefront, was tear jerking as I saw countless signs of neighborly love spread all around. The most memorable was one that read “No h8N in Dayton,” that was posted outside of Ghost Light Coffee located on Dayton’s East Side where I have had several conversations about coffee with welcoming staff.

Writing this article leads me, thoughtfully, to ask, “Am I, and, perhaps, other black Americans caught in some emotional Twilight Zone, holding ourselves in a dejected space due to trauma and fear?” Regardless of racial tensions existing in the Day of our great Negro writer, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, he achieved a level of greatness and fame I hope to excel someday, if not at least see it close as I return on my arc down to earth with the rest of the so called ordinary dreamers. The tenacity of the women and young

Something to Consider:

Make Your Setback a Set-Up For Future Success

By: Brenda Cochran

Contributing Writer

Most would agree that things don’t always go the way we want. You may decide to start a new project and at first things are going very well, but something happens that causes your great plan not to work as you had hoped.

It may not necessarily be a project, but perhaps you just made a decision to do something positive for others or yourself? You proceed and go along feeling positive about what you are accomplishing and then WAM! You get blindsided with something that you did not see coming. It could be many things such as a bad medical diagnosis, a job loss, or a financial struggle. The motivation that you once had either slowed or had just stopped completely.

Life is like this. Sometimes we experience set-

people of America has lit a burning fire within my soul to make this place better than I personally found it. I have realized no matter what official is elected, be it the local judge or the so-called Leader of the Free World, I am simply committed to a path of Community Service for the good of my beautiful city. I guess you could say I am like that guy on My Name is Earl. I am just trying to cross some more names off my list.



Brenda Cochran

backs. We take one step forward, and then three steps back. It sometimes may seem that getting ahead is not possible, but you really can be able to hang on. Eventually, your forward steps will be greater than your backward steps. You may experience times that you are tempted to quit, but forget about it, try not to do that. You can decide to put your plan on hold for a minute or two but, try not to give up.

Make this your first step. Try to evaluate and refocus your plan or your dream, then you can take time to think about what happened before the setback. Next you need to identify those things that were not working. You will then be able to gain a new perspective.

The next step is to just move forward and decide to begin again. Take one step at a time and use what you have learned during your struggle. You will notice that your setback has changed to a brand-new set-up.

Often times our greatest lessons come from failure. A lot of times when you are facing a challenge, the advice that you hear often from others is “Pick yourself up!” This may not be enough. You may need to start taking measurements throughout your process because, before you can begin to learn from your setbacks, you will discover that the measurements will help. By adding this procedure, you may be able to understand why and how the setback happened. You will also learn not by instinct, but by going over your data.

Remember that life is a series of experiences; each one that makes us grow, even though sometimes it is difficult to realize this. Our world was made to develop character, we must learn that the setbacks and/or the disappointments that we endure will help us to keep marching forward.

Here are two quotes that may help: *“You build on failures. You use it as a stepping stone. Close the door on the past. You don’t try to forget the mistakes, but you don’t dwell on it. Don’t let it have any of your energy, or any of your time, or any of your space.”* Johnny Cash.

“Failures are finger posts to the road to achievement.” C.S. Lewis.



United States from eating itself alive. But over the last 4 years, the Black community has dealt with everything from the coronavirus to the state sanctioned killings of Black people at the hands of law enforcement, as well as voter disenfranchisement.

For example, in Harris County, Texas, home to 2.4 million voters, Gov. Greg Abbott allowed the closing of ballot drop off sites, which has now resulted in several lawsuits. This is one of several examples of how voter suppression is in full force this election. But these tactics, along with long lines, changes to voting and the present pandemic won’t keep Black women from the polls. When asked in the survey, ‘what is one word or phrase that best describes your motivation for voting this

year?’ participants responded with the need for change and racial justice.

As COVID continues to disproportionately affect Black communities, this election’s turnout is tantamount in putting someone in office who is capable of instituting laws that will protect the Black community’s health, as well as providing assistance to those who have been displaced from their homes or have faced unemployment. Forty-eight percent of the respondents stated that the coronavirus was a top issue for them personally. But when it comes to what keeps them up at night, weeks before the election, racism was the most common response.

After a summer of protests and Black deaths at the hands of law enforcement, the poll results show that Black women voters

are concerned about being safe in their Black skin, and if they would end up like Breonna Taylor. Others were also concerned about their Black children being safe once they leave their homes on a daily basis. Only 34 percent of respondents said they felt more hopeful of the progress that has been made in light of the recent protests, whereas 38 percent said they didn’t feel any different from before the protests, and 28 percent stated they felt less hopefully. Across the country, we saw millions of people hitting the streets in protest and allies standing in solidarity to the systemic racism that has engulfed this country for centuries. Black women know that the only way to rid the country of its vile history is by voting, and not only on a national level,

but also on local levels. Black women know that we possess a political power like no other, and the poll results are reflective on that, particularly when 50 percent of the women polled said they felt motivated by the upcoming election.

Across the country, many people have already voted using mail-in ballots. But on November 3rd, others will head to their local polling location and cast their vote. Although the weight of the world seems as though it’s on the shoulders of Black women, this election is literally a vote or die situation. Once again, Black women will rise to the occasion to save their country.

Glynda C. Carr is the President and CEO of Higher Heights for America the only national organization providing Black women with a political home exclusively dedicated to harnessing their power to expand Black women’s elected representation and voting participation, and advance progressive policies.

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Bob Matthews Candidate for Montgomery County Commission

FINANCE Building Strong Families, Strong Businesses and Companies for Montgomery County!

By: William Pace,
Free Lance Writer

There are families in Montgomery County who are not making enough money to meet their basic needs. They are deeply worried about their car breaking down due to needed repairs they can't even afford. Fearful that they might not be able to get to work and how that might affect their livelihoods. This basic problem can be a ripple effect, causing even more problems to follow: loss of work, eviction, utility shut off and the list of problems for these families, "Families on the Edge" in Montgomery County, just goes on and on ... and on.

Recently I spoke with Bob Matthews, candidate for Montgomery County Commissioner. Matthews stated, "There are two aspects of finance that relate to the Montgomery County Commission and the citizens of Montgomery county."

Bob Matthews stated,



Bob Matthews

"First, there is the personal finance situation. Many of our economically challenged citizens are not aware of some simple things they could do to improve their situation. Schools are no longer teaching basic money management. I have helped inner-city families learn how to minimize expenses associated with routine payments such as utilities and taxes. I have also help them review insurance policies and claims from collection agencies. I also taught them how to apply for auto loans when their old car had broken down. These actions have saved them quite a bit in unnecessary fees and travel times

to pay bills. At one point I put together a multi-hour seminar on personal finance and taught it to the members of my church." As County Commissioner Bob Matthews plans to set up educational seminars that would be free to attend for County residents. This would allow them to stretch their incomes to meet living expenses.

Each year Bob Matthews help families to grow their first backyard garden. This not only provided fresh food in a food desert area, but also gives them food at very little cost. Bob Matthews believes by involving the youngsters in this project, it helps them to have a sense of accomplishment and pride in the work they have done. This also create a "can-do" attitude in them for hope for their future.

Bob Matthews said, "There is the financial situation of Montgomery county. By reducing expenses at the county government level, we can put a lid on the taxes that are hurting everyone. If we can succeed in lowering the



taxes for individuals and companies in Montgomery county, we can attract new businesses with good paying jobs for our residents.

There are many ways to cut costs. Simply eliminating some of our out-

standing debt will free up millions of dollars of debt service each year which can then be used to benefit our citizens. The only reason we have debt is because our current commissioners spend everything

words, not wasting time or money. Effectiveness, on the other hand, is doing the right things. Our current County commissioners feel that once they have started a program that they have done their job. They never stop to check if there are any true benefits to these programs. It is my belief that some of the programs they create actually harm the community, instead of helping it.

In short, the current commissioners are only 'managers' making sure that their programs are running, but they are not 'leaders'. Leaders have the vision and long-term strategy for what our county can be. Our current 'managers' simply applied Band-Aids to the existing problems but do not try to prevent these problems from occurring in the first place.

Dayton Chapter National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) Presents International Executive Coach Tonya Echols...
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Ms. Echols is an international executive coach, leadership consultant, facilitator, speaker, and writer. She has 25 years of experience in corporate leadership, business management, digital/traditional media, technology, finance, coaching and leadership development. She has worked with several organizations, including Cox Enterprises, The Federal Reserve, Hyundai, Warner Brothers, Facebook, and Dell. Ms. Echols is a leadership coach for the Technology, Entertainment, Design (TED) Fellows program. Her writings have been featured in several publications, including Forbes and HuffPost.

A Certified Public Account, she is also a dual concentration master's candidate in Organizational Leadership at Gonzaga University and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a degree in Business Administration. Based out of Atlanta, Georgia, Ms. Echols is an avid traveler who has experienced many different people and cultures all over the world and strongly believes that everyone possess the capacity to design their world as they choose and become successful leaders in all aspects of their lives.



they take in and then borrow some more. No household can succeed financially with this approach, and the same holds true for County government.

There are also many inefficiencies around how things are run at the county right now. There is not space in this story to give you all of the examples. But I assure you there is much that can be done in this area.

There is a difference between efficiency and effectiveness. Efficiency is doing things right, in other

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Sports

Sports Show To Host “The Harvest” On Sunday; Tickets Still Available

S.E.Live 365 & Dayton High School (HS) Sports will host its first ever Bowling Concert on November 1st as part of a event aimed at raising money for HS senior student athletes. The event is called “The Harvest” and will offer a concert, bowling, and football all in one.

The show, which airs on Fox Sports Dayton / IheartRadio (WONE980) on Sundays, will host a music showcase at JD Legends in which a variety of different artists will perform in front of top level music executives, IheartRadio representatives, and TV officials.

Some of the Artists Performing on Sunday:

Eman Jones - Signed Deal with Roc-Nation (bowed in HS)

Bohemian Funk – Elite New Rock Band nearing major deal

Flam Fleeva - Elite Hip Hop Artist

Vanity Lace - Artist to watch, acoustic flow, HS artist

Yung King - One of Ohio’s “Top 50” Hip Hop artists; Hip Hop artist to watch

Justina Clear – Soul, Pop artist

John Burg – Gospel, Soul artist

Darius Miller – Owner, Bonus Sports Media

HOSTED BY: Sol Tsonis, Char Williams, TJ Smooth, Deon Cash

With hosts such as Sol Tsonis (Iheartradio), Char Williams (102.9), and DJ Radio Star Host TJ Smooth, the event is looking to change the way people think of music in the Miami Valley. It also aims to mix how the new sports show will look to hit the road in 2020 and 2021. Add the fact that Sol Tsonis has hosted a “Bowl with Sol” show just recently, and now you have intriguing event with a lot to offer.

Combining music with sports is something Deon Cash and the S.E.Live team has worked on for years.

The Ohio High School (OHSAA) High School (HS) Football Playoffs: Week 3



Branden McDonald, C.J. Hicks roll to first TD in Trotwood Alter clash.



Trotwood QB Cooper Stewart airs it out in 1st quarter of Trotwood Alter game.

Brandon McDonald leads Knights over State Champion Trotwood; Alter Follows His Lead in Black Lives Matter (BLM) Movement

Branden McDonald, the senior star running back (RB) for Alter HS, has made a lot of headlines off the field earlier this season with his play, and his words, as the BLM movement made its way to Alter HS during this emotional and trying time this season.

McDonald and his Alter players had been permitted to take a knee in respect to the BLM that has taken the lives of so many African Americans, which came to a head in 2020.

The backlash from some of the Knights community and fans was harsh, especially to the coach and the coaching staff, who had approved for the kids to take a knee before the game.

While Alter is considered one of the “Catholic” schools that are elite and only do things a certain way, McDonald never thought twice of his stance. When twitter and social media went wild after the Knights took a knee, he did something very few have ever done.

He stood up for his coaches, (especially the head coach) who had received serious threats from the Alter community. He stood up for his team, and never flinched.

He would send a scathing tweet to anyone who threatened his coaches, his team, or anyone within his circle. He made a point to let everyone know that, in his own words, no nonsense will be taken.

In essence, Brandon McDonald would test every man or woman who was affiliated with Alter and make them decide. Will they support the organization, and support McDonald and the movement as well? Or will their minds stay stuck in the 30’s and 40’s where segregation and racism was a normal part of life?

Since that stance by McDonald, the Alter Knights have not lost a game. It has seemingly

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galvanized the players and staff, and the Knights used that energy to roll past the state champions, Trotwood 42-0.

In a game that was almost cancelled due to a severe rainstorm, the Alter Knights used a goal line stand to propel them to a huge first half, led by McDonald and the Rams had no answer as the ground game amassed over 400 yards of rushing and six touch downs (TDs), with McDonald doing most of the heavy lifting.

The first TD, which was scored as McDonald juiced his way to the sideline, stiff armed a couple more Rams defenders before jetting for 85-yards to start the scoring and, most importantly, set the tone.

The Rams would give the ball back and could not stop the powerfully built runner who has put the team on his back. McDonald would score all six TDs and get nearly 400 yards of rushing himself.

Alter will now face Bardin, one of the two teams they lost to in the early going.

OHSAA HS Football Playoffs: Week 3

Northmont has Covid-19 Case, Forfeits Game vs Springfield; Cats Win Away from State

Northmont has had one of their best seasons in team history but will be left to wonder as they had to forfeit their District Championship game vs Springfield due to Covid-19.

One of the players had

gotten the virus, and due to the OHSAA rules, you are not allowed to play for two weeks when someone in the organization contacts the virus. This is a devastating blow to Northmont, who, quite honestly, may have had its best team of all time.

With the acquisition of star quarter back (QB) Cade Rice, to go with the dynamic playmakers such as Markus Allen and others, the Bolts got off to a good start and kept it rolling, defeating Springfield and Wayne, and rolling to a GWOC Championship to go with its magical season.

After another comeback win against Marysville, the stage was set for the rematch between the two best teams in the area, Springfield and Northmont. But the word was that a player had tested positive and after verification, the game was cancelled on Friday.

The Northmont fan club and social media was on fire, as the news was released. With the forfeit, Springfield will get another chance to play for an OHSAA State Semifinal berth, at home nevertheless, as head coach Maurice Douglass felt pain for the Northmont team, but understands this is a golden opportunity for Springfield to reach the State Semifinals.

Springfield will play on Friday night at home (7PM).

PIQUA Rally Falls Short as they fall to Anderson

Piqua ran into a team

who had put the Indians in a spot they hadn’t been in all season. Behind in the second half. Despite the rally, the Indians fell short 28-22. The Indians had been able to get leads in most of their games this season but had to play from behind and the deficit was too much to handle. Anderson will take on LaSalle this weekend.

STEBBINS’ Season Ends After Road Loss to LaSalle

Cincinnati LaSalle, one of the premiere teams this season, was able to trounce Stebbins to move to the Regionals. LaSalle scored early and often and was able to stifle the running attack and slow down the Indians, who were making their best playoff run in decades. LaSalle will face Anderson in the upcoming game.

BELLBROOK Powers to Easy Win 44-14

Bellbrook, one of the top seeds in their division, was able to power to a big win over St. Mary’s after the weather postponed the game until Saturday. With the win they move to the next round heading to the Regionals after another great overall showing. The Eagles used a balance offensive attack and special teams as well to push to a big win.

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human rights of all our residents. We understand the significance of our role and will continue to call for investment in, and commitment to, action leading to reformed systems that affords rights to all people.

DWN: So, what is the One City campaign all about? What can we expect?

EF: The HRC is embarking on a project with residents throughout the community who believe in HRC’s vision statement: Many People, Many Voices, One City. Focusing on the critical role that the HRC plays in promoting and ensuring a culture of fair treatment and equal access to opportunities, the public awareness campaign seeks to not only reintroduce the vision, mission, and values of the HRC but also to underscore the importance of building community pride and a welcoming and inclusive city for the many different people and voices that call Dayton home.

The comprehensive social media campaign will include media print articles, recorded personal testimonials, and a community challenge to join the movement. The strength of our city lies in the diversity of its citizens. Many People, Many Voices, One City speaks to who we are as a people and the ways in which we can understand each other, despite our differences. It also



speaks to the vastness of the human condition and the many ways in which we might be a more just and compassionate world. Ten 1-2 minute vignettes featuring the testimonials of individuals (across

race, religion, age, gender, etc. and representing various sectors), who, through the help of or belief in, the HRC, will highlight how we are one step closer to helping the city meet its mission of creating a cul-

ture of fair treatment and equal access to opportunities. The testimonials will speak to their personal understanding of the vision statement, “Many People, Many Voices, One City” and why that vision makes

Dayton a great city.

DWN: Why is this campaign so important, especially now?

EF: The nation and the City of Dayton are experiencing an extreme emotional reaction be-

cause of two crises that have converged and have impacted us all, COVID-19 and the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis. These two momentous events highlight ever-growing inequities, but also present us with a unique opportunity to acknowledge and enact meaningful, action-oriented change on issues concerning equity, diversity, and inclusion. During this time of racial and social unrest and because of the impact of our vision statement, we wanted to capture this sentiment of inspiration and hope. It is in the spirit of diversity, inclusion, and equity that we launch our campaign to allow residents (across all races, ethnicities, ages, religions, and backgrounds) to speak their truth when they hear these words.

DWN: How can the community get involved?

EF: Following the roll out of the ten vignettes, the community will have an opportunity to share their own pictures, wearing the HRC “Many People, Many Voices, One City” T-shirt and caption about why this message is important. Pictures will be placed on a branded campaign template to be posted on social media throughout the duration of the campaign.

For more information or to get a One City Shirt, contact the HRC at 937-333-1400 or www.daytonhrc.gov.