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Sinclair Community College & BETA Technologies to Showcase Electric Aircraft in Ohio

DAYTON, OH --- Sinclair Community College and BETA Technologies (NYSE: BETA), an aerospace and defense company, will host a flight demonstration of the BETA ALIA conventional takeoff and landing (CTOL) electric aircraft on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the National Advanced Air Mobility Center of Excellence at Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport. Kyle Clark, President & CEO at BETA, is scheduled to pilot a flight with Sinclair President & CEO Dr. Steven Johnson.

The event will celebrate Sinclair and BETA's educational partnership, which includes Sinclair's purchase of a BETA ALIA CTOL to be delivered to Sinclair in 2027. Sinclair is the first academic institution to purchase a BETA aircraft and flight simulator. Sinclair and BETA announced their partnership in Spring 2025, which has enabled the college to offer unparalleled academic and workforce education.

BETA will fly its ALIA CTOL aircraft to Springfield for the event. Attendees will see the aircraft and BETA's charge infrastructure up close and can try Sinclair's BETA flight simulator.

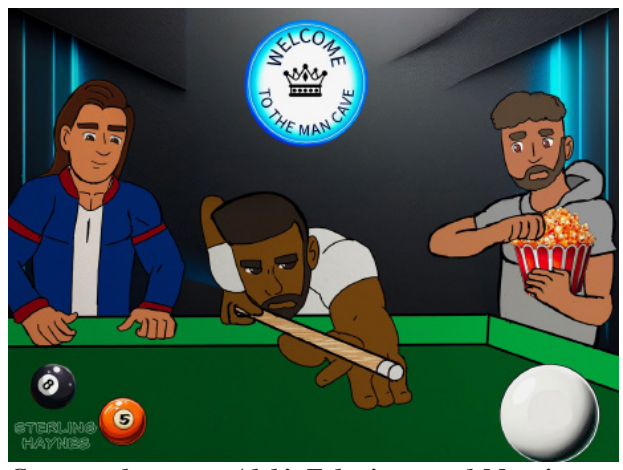
Who: Sinclair Community College & BETA Technologies

BETA ALIA CTOL Electric Aircraft

- 9:00–9:30am: Kyle Clark and Dr. Steven Johnson scheduled to fly in aircraft
- 9:30–10:00am: Media availability with BETA and Sinclair / welcome early guests
- 10:00–10:15am: Welcome remarks from Dr. Steven Johnson, Kyle Clark, and Robert Tanner, Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Director with ODOT

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Pool Champion Cisero Murphy



Cartoon characters Aleki, Tyberious, and Maurice are created by Sterling Haynes. Sterlinghaynes.com

By Professor Sterling Haynes

A black man found his angle and racked up victory at the pool table.

Cisero Murphy was a professional pool player. He made history by winning world and national championships.

Murphy grew up in Brooklyn, New York in 1935. He dropped out of high school and worked as an auto mechanic. Joined a gym ran by the police athletic league to pursue a boxing career.

One night after practicing on the speed bag he checked out the gym's pool hall. A few players lured Murphy to play. After humiliating defeats over time. He ditched the boxing gloves and focused on mastering the game of pool.

Murphy formed a deal with a pool parlor owner. In exchange for free use of a table, he would sweep up after closing. The owner agreed with the condition, that the overhead lamp wouldn't be lit. Murphy learned to shoot pool in the shadows of the night.

The challenging conditions boosted Murphy's pool skills. Using his famous "hesitation shot",

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Dayton Mother Turns Stage 4 Lymphoma Fight Into Debut Book, 'But God'

Sheeree Pate survived chemotherapy, an ICU stay and a recurrence. Now she's sharing her story to encourage others facing hard diagnoses.



Sheeree Pate

DAYTON, Ohio — Sheeree Pate's son Titus was 2 months old when her biopsy results came back.

In February 2024, the Dayton-area mother of two was diagnosed with stage 4 T-cell lymphoma, an advanced cancer that affects the immune system.

"When I first heard the diagnosis, I was in complete denial," Pate said. "I never expected my biopsy results to come back

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Solve the Puzzle, Help Save a Life, Give Blood or Platelets with Red Cross

Type O blood donors especially needed now
Receive an exclusive Red Cross x Wheel of Fortune mug for coming to give Nov. 23-Dec. 6



The American Red Cross asks donors to go for a spin and help save lives by giving blood or platelets in November. The last two months of the year can be a challenge for many donors trying to juggle regular donation appointments with packed schedules full of seasonal activities and holiday planning. Donors of all blood types ☐ especially those with type O blood ☐ are urged to make an appointment to donate now.

The Red Cross and Wheel of Fortune are teaming up to give back to donors this Thanksgiving. Those who come to give blood or platelets between Nov. 23 and Dec. 6, 2026, will receive an exclusive Red Cross x Wheel of Fortune oversized mug, while supplies last. Additionally, all who come to give Nov. 23-Dec. 6 will automatically be entered for a chance to win a three-night trip for two to Los Angeles with entry to a Wheel of Fortune taping. Full details can be found at RedCrossBlood.org/WheelofFortune.

Every spin counts. Ev-

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Local McDonald's Restaurants Donate Over $50,000 to Ronald McDonald House



(Left to right): Kyle Kinney, Beth Groff, Jennier Loeb, Eric Godlove

DAYTON, OHIO – McDonald's Owner/Operators in Cincinnati and Dayton raised funds for the Ronald McDonald House of Southwest Ohio on September 10. During the Ronald McDonald House Digital Day, local chapters earned 10 percent of all sales purchased through the McDonald's app.

Digital Day efforts raised a total of $50,046.98 for the Ronald McDonald House of Southwest Ohio. Each restaurant in the region donated a minimum of $250 to the local chapter. A check presentation was held on November 4. McDonald's Owner/Operators Kyle Kinney and Eric Godlove presented the check to Jennifer Loeb, Chief Executive Officer of Ronald McDonald House of Southwest Ohio, and Director of Philanthropy Beth Groff.

"As local McDonald's owner-operators, we believe strongly in giving back to the communities

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Local

Miami Valley Weather 5 day Forecast

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
High 46	High 48	High 52	High 55	High 61
Low 39	Low 34	Low 29	Low 30	Low 36

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Local McDonald's Restaurants Donate Over $50,000 to Ronald McDonald House...

we serve, especially when it means helping families during some of their most challenging moments," said McDonald's Owner/Operator Kyle Kinney. "Ronald McDonald House provides an incredible service by keeping families close to their children while they receive medical care. We are proud to support that mission and grateful to our customers who helped make this donation possible."

The mission of the Ronald McDonald House is to provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare. Each Ronald McDonald House Chapter strives to keep families together and near the care their children need, recognizing the emotional and financial strain that serious illness can place on families.

"We are grateful for our McDonald's Owner/Operator partners who continued their generosity by holding a day to share a portion of their sales to support families needing support while their children are receiving care at our area hospitals," said Loeb.

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• 10:15–11:30am: BETA ALIA CTOL demonstration flight / aircraft viewing / Sinclair simulator demonstrations

Together, Sinclair and BETA will empower current and future aerospace professionals with the knowledge, skills, and certifications needed to lead a rapidly evolving aviation landscape, reinforcing Sinclair's position as an international leader in aerospace training.

Thanksgiving Then and Now

Thanksgiving, a time of love and affection,
Where family gathers without exception.
Back in my hometown, memories remain,
Though times have changed, love stays the same.
There's the church where I was baptized,
Where mom prayed beneath the starry skies.
The quiet bells still softly chime,
To mark the steady march of time.
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Their voices live through movies we see,
Bringing back memories so dear to me.
The tears may fall, the years may fly,
But love grows stronger as time goes by.

Thanksgiving then and now,
Should I return, and if so, how?
Will I find joy, or will I cry?
Will I see loved ones in my mind's eye?

Grandma and Grandpa, Mom and Dad,
I cherish the precious times we had.
Will you come visit me in dreams,
And bring back love and memories?

Like autumn leaves that dance and fall,
God's love remains the greatest gift of all.
Let laughter and love surround us somehow,
For that's what Thanksgiving means then and now.

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positive for cancer. I was shocked and honestly thought there must have been a glitch in the system."

At first, she put off chemotherapy. Her health got worse until she was admitted to intensive care, where she stayed for nearly two weeks. That hospitalization became a turning point.

The months that followed brought chemotherapy, more hospital stays and a recurrence of the cancer. Pate said the treatment wasn't the hardest part. The hardest part was time away from her husband, Jeremiah, and their two children.

"Being sick and isolated in a hospital room was difficult, but what hurt me the most was realizing that cancer wasn't just affecting my life. It was affecting my entire family."

Carried by prayer

Pate credits her faith in Jesus Christ, her family and the prayers of her church community with getting her through the worst of it.

"When I didn't have the words to pray, they stood in the gap and prayed for me," she said. "When I didn't have the strength to lift my own hands, they lifted theirs on my behalf."

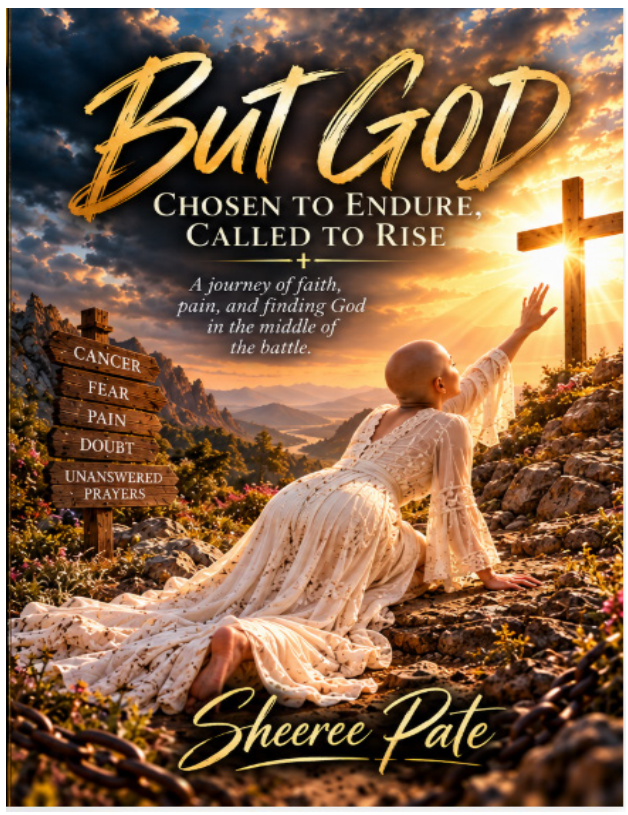
She said earlier hardships had already tested that faith, including a divorce while she was living overseas, far from family. She believes those years prepared her for the fight ahead.

Pate said she was told she had a 30% chance of beating the cancer with chemotherapy. When she went into remission, she knew she wanted to write about it.

"I knew I had to tell my story for His glory."

From survival to storytelling

On Oct. 17, Pate launched her first book, "But God: Chosen to Endure, Called to Rise." It follows her through cancer, fear, depression and uncertainty, and toward



hope.

The title reflects what she believes was God's hand throughout her illness.

"Despite the diagnosis, the statistics, and everything I went through, I believe God had the final say," she said.

The subtitle came to her when the cancer returned. Instead of seeing her illness only as suffering, she began to see a chance to encourage other people going through their own hard seasons.

"I was chosen to endure, but I am called to rise for His glory."

Pate said she sold 51 copies by the end of October, less than two weeks after the launch.

Building a community

Pate also founded Chosen to Rise, a faith-inspired brand that sells inspirational merchandise. Her long-term goal is to build a support community for people dealing with cancer, other illnesses and other difficult seasons.

"I want people to feel supported, encouraged, and reminded that they are not alone," she said.

She works as a regional recruiter for Wise Medical Staffing & Home Care while raising her family and growing the ministry. She has sold the book at holiday bazaars around Dayton and hopes to add book signings, speaking engagements and podcast interviews.

A word for patients and caregivers

The book is rooted in Pate's Christian faith, but she hopes it reaches anyone facing something that feels overwhelming. To people who have just been diagnosed with cancer, she says:

"It's okay to be scared. It's okay to cry. It's okay to be tired," she said. "But always remember that cancer does not define who you are or your worth. You are more than a diagnosis, and you are not just another statistic."

She also urges caregivers to make time for their own rest and well-being, because serious illness takes a toll on the whole family, not just the patient.

"No matter what battle you are facing, don't give up," Pate said. "Your story is not over."

"But God: Chosen to Endure, Called to Rise" is available on Amazon. Readers can follow Pate on Facebook under Sheeree Pate.

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Editorial & Comments

Letter to the Editor

What's Next After The Midterm Election For Ohio Black Voters?

By W. Carlton Weddington
Co-chair, NAACP Columbus Branch Political Action Committee

The campaign is over. The relationship should not be.

Black voters helped shape the 2026 results, including first-time voters, people who had felt disconnected or disenfranchised, voters who wondered whether their ballot mattered, and Black men who gave Trump and Republicans a chance. Those voters deserve to be heard, not scolded, stereotyped or treated as a dependable voting bloc that needs no follow-up.

The National NAACP's message is right: "Turnout is power, but power has to be organized between elections." I would argue that if candidates can find our doors, churches and community events before Election Day, they can find us afterward. A handshake is not a jobs plan; a campaign ad is not a housing policy; and "thank you, Black women" is not a substitute for hiring, investment or results.

We need to ask hard questions and demand honest answers

Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell's loss in the Ohio auditor's race deserves a serious, transparent review. Preliminary results put Republican Frank LaRose narrowly ahead, with Blackwell receiving about 49% of the vote; the final canvass will establish the official result. Ohio Democrats won several other statewide contests, making the auditor's race a notable exception.

That makes the questions fair. We should ask: Who advised the campaign? What were its strengths and setbacks? When did it reach Black voters, with what message and with what resources? Did the party build a genuine path to victory, or mainly expect Black voters to help other candidates win? Those are questions for the campaign and party leadership to answer with evidence, not speculation. We should not assume the intent was to lose; we should insist on seeing the strategy, investment and post-election analysis.

And the scrutiny cannot stop at the candidate. If campaigns raise money from Black communities and rely on Black voters and volunteers, Black professionals must also be present in the rooms where strategy, communications, budgets and hiring decisions are made. That means paid management and consulting roles, not only last-minute field shifts. It means spending in the neighborhoods campaigns ask to turn out, and transparent reporting on where campaign resources went. **Don't just bring us the clipboard; bring us into the planning meeting.**

Representation on the ballot matters. Representation in the office, the budget and the contract pipeline matters too.

The same standard applies after Election Day. All elected officials should be accountable for whether their staffs reflect the communities they represent, especially Black officials. And when administrations make cabinet, director and management appointments, or award contracts, Black communities should expect fair access, qualified candidates and transparent processes. Representation on the ballot matters. **Representation in the office, the budget and the contract pipeline matters too.** Expect that of both parties.

Ohio's next test is 2028, and the groundwork starts now

Ohio Democrats have the governor's office after Amy Acton's victory, while Republicans retain control of both legislative chambers. Democrats also broke the Republican supermajority in the Ohio House, limiting the GOP's ability to override a gubernatorial veto without Democratic votes. That is meaningful leverage, but it is not unified control of state government.

In 2028, all 99 Ohio House seats and 16 of the 33 Ohio Senate seats are scheduled to be on the ballot. That is the chance to change the balance in the legislature, but it will take more than a strong presidential-year turnout. District maps and election rules shape the playing field; organizing, candidates, funding and year-round voter contact shape whether we can compete on it.

We need to start now: recruit credible candidates early, including Black candidates with the support and resources to run competitive races; build district-level teams; ask voters what they want before platforms are written; and publish clear commitments on wages, housing, health care, schools, public safety and voting access. Then track votes, budgets, appointments and contracts. Don't wait for campaign season to discover the district.

At the national level, a Democratic president in 2028 could change the direction of federal policy, but a president alone cannot deliver every promise. Congress, the courts, state legislatures, governors and local officials all matter. Democrats and Republicans should be expected to act on the promises they made, explain setbacks plainly and keep negotiating when the House and Senate disagree. Ohioans should not be told to wait for Washington while state leaders neglect what they can do at home.

Make the relationship real

Young voters, churches, civic groups, neighborhood organizers and community leaders should help set the agenda, not simply supply volunteers, voters or a photo backdrop. We need to hold regular public meetings with elected officials. Ask for written progress reports. Keep the door open to voters who feel ignored, including those who supported Republicans, without treating them as lost causes or treating Black voters as a monolith.

We cannot expect every problem to be solved overnight. But we can expect visible effort, honest communication, fair access to opportunity and measurable progress. A year from now, voters should be able to point to what improved in their neighborhood, who made it happen and what is still stalled.

The message to every political party is simple: We are not just a turnout operation, and we are not anyone's political property. We are voters, organizers, workers, professionals, business owners and leaders. Build a relationship with us, not just a transaction. Everyone is on notice.

W. Carlton Weddington is CEO of WCW Strategic Management LLC and co-chair of the NAACP Columbus Branch Political Action Committee.

Something to Consider:

Are You Living Foolishly or Wisely?

By: Brenda Cochran
Contributing Writer


Brenda Cochran

According to Suze Orman, an American author, television personality, motivational speaker, businesswoman, and investor. Shares this: "The less you have to think about how to spend every dollar, the more likely you are to spend wisely."

In this day and age, we should be very careful about how we live- not as unwise, but as wise. Making the most of every opportunity is a start. In other words, we should not be foolish, but understand what your Lord's will is for your life.

Foolishness and wisdom are moral issues. One characteristic of a person who is wise is that they make the most of their time according to the will set by their God. The foolish person wastes positive opportunities.

History has many great examples of wise, godly people who used their time to the maximum. One example is Jonathan Edwards who was a philosopher and theologian who became God's instrument in the 'Great Awakening' in America in 1734. He also wrote during the seventieths of his Resolutions. The major one was: "Never lose one moment of time, but improve it in a profitable way."

Judas was the most tragic example of wasted opportunity. He spent three years in the presence of the Son of God, but betrayed His Lord and forfeited his soul for thirty pieces of silver.

The question is when we learn these examples, how can we make the most of the opportunities to serve our God. The first point is 1) We must recognize how short our time is. If we don't realize how short our time is, we will not make the most of it. It is short also because certain opportunities that we have, will not always be there. Examples of such opportunities is being able to develop relationships such as serving in ministry and seeking more education.

Some in the foolishness of youth, live like they will be young forever. In other words, "Let's eat, drink, and have as much fun as possible," but they don't realize that today could be their last.

Time is also a tool. It can be manipulated, shared, divided, and saved. There are great ways to make the most of our time, if we learn how to control and use it wisely, our output will be maximized spiritually and financially. Here are ten tips on how to use your time:

• Make time to plan – take thirty minutes a day to plan how you are going to use your time.

• Remember there are always one thousand minutes in each day. Understanding this will help you map out a plan.

• Include "Energy Management" with your Time Management. Even if you have your minutes planned, if you don't have the energy to complete them, then it's all for nothing. You should prioritize – what comes first, etc.

• Stay focused – Don't get distracted by everything around you. remind yourself about the task you are working on.

• Work on one thing only once. Negotiate the task you are working on and complete it before you move on.

• Learn to say "NO". Every time you say 'yes' to a request, you are really saying "no" to something else.

• Slow down and think – Take a few minutes to clear your mind, note the situation and weigh your options which will save time.

• Visualize your outcomes. Before you make a decision, start with the ending in mind.

• Delegate and outsource. Don't be afraid to let others do some things for you.

• Our time seems to be limited, so we should make the best use of it.

Here is a good quote to remember when trying to live wisely:

Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it-you can never get it back.

Classified

Support Black Owned Businesses Advertise in the Dayton Weekly News

IFB GD 26-56R Power Washing

PURPOSE

The Greater Dayton RTA is seeking quotes for power washing services for five (5) hubs that include platforms, sidewalks, and bus lanes.

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES

Procurement Representative: Angelique Carey
RTA Project Manager: Daron Brown & Lee Stevens

SCHEDULE

Release Date	11/13/2026
Advertising Date (Transit Talent)	11/13/2026
Advertising Date (Dayton Weekly)	11/13/2026 & 11/20/2026
Pre-Bid/Proposal Conference	**12/02/2026 @ 10:30 AM**
Questions, Clarifications, and RFAE Due	12/09/2026 @ 5:00 PM
Proposals Due	12/16/2026 @ 10:00 AM
Evaluations Due (If applicable)	N/A
Draft Board Package	12/23/2026
Leadership Team, F/P Meeting	01/06/2027 & 01/19/2027
Award Date	02/02/2027

METHOD OF PROCUREMENT

This procurement is an IFB. Determination of the company awarded the contract based on price is acceptable.

CONTRACT TYPE

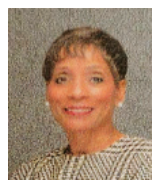
Contract Duration & Basis of Pricing: Pricing will be firm-fixed for sixty (60) months.
Delivery & Quantity: Quantity and delivery undeterminable.

FUNDING & DBE REQUIREMENT

This will be funded with federal funds. There is no DBE goal for this project.

Culture

Ladies and Gentlemen



By: Carol Prewitt, President
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Etiquette and Medical Benefits of Rest and Relaxation

Rest and relaxation are not luxuries but essential practices which involves honoring your needs, respecting others' spaces, and creating mindful pauses in your daily life.

Why Rest and Relaxation Matter

Rest is vital for physical recovery, mental clarity, emotional balance, and energy renewal. Cultural traditions and modern science both affirm that pausing is not laziness but a necessary part of thriving. Without it, focus, patience, and resilience decline.

Rest and Relaxation Etiquette Principles

1. Honor Your Own Needs

Recognize when you need to rest—physically, mentally, emotionally, or sensorily and give yourself permission to pause. Sometimes the most productive thing you can do is relax.

2. Respect Others' Rest

In shared spaces (workplaces, homes, public areas), avoid disrupting others' quiet or downtime.

3. Create Mindful Pauses

Rest is not going to come if you don't make time for it or if you don't make it a priority. You must intentionally incorporate rest into your day by creating short breaks, quiet moments or establishing dedicated "rest days".

4. Follow Cultural and Social Norms

Many traditions set aside time to rest, such as Sabbath in Judaism, the siesta in Spain, or the Dutch practice of niksen (doing nothing with purpose). Observing these customs can model healthy rest for others.

5. Communicate Boundaries

If you need uninterrupted time, let others know in advance. This prevents misunderstandings and fosters trust.

Practical Rest and Relaxation Etiquette in Daily Life

- **At work:** Take scheduled brakes without checking emails; avoid "productivity" during rest periods.
- **At home:** Offer quiet time to household members. Don't expect constant availability.
- **In public:** Use rest spaces such as libraries and parks without loud disruptive behavior.
- **In relationships:** Respect each other's need for alone time or downtime.

Medical Benefits of Rest and Relaxation

1. Stress Reduction and Hormonal Balance

Relaxation activates the parasympathetic nervous system, which slows heart rate, lowers blood pressure, and reduces stress hormones like cortisol. Chronic high cortisol is linked to weight gain, immune suppression, disrupted sleep, and mood disorders. Techniques such as slow, deep breathing can halve cortisol responses to stress.

2. Immune System Support

Quality rest and sleep strengthen immune defenses, helping the body fight infections and recover from illness. Rest also reduces inflammation, lowering the risk of chronic disease.

3. Physical Repair and Cardiovascular Health

During rest, especially deep sleep, growth hormone surges to repair tissue, regenerate cells, and recover muscles. Relaxation also improves blood flow and reduces cardiovascular strain, lowering stroke risk.

4. Brain Clearance and Memory Consolidation

The glymphatic system, most active during rest and sleep, clears metabolic waste from the brain, including proteins linked to Alzheimer's disease.

5. Mental and Emotional Well-being

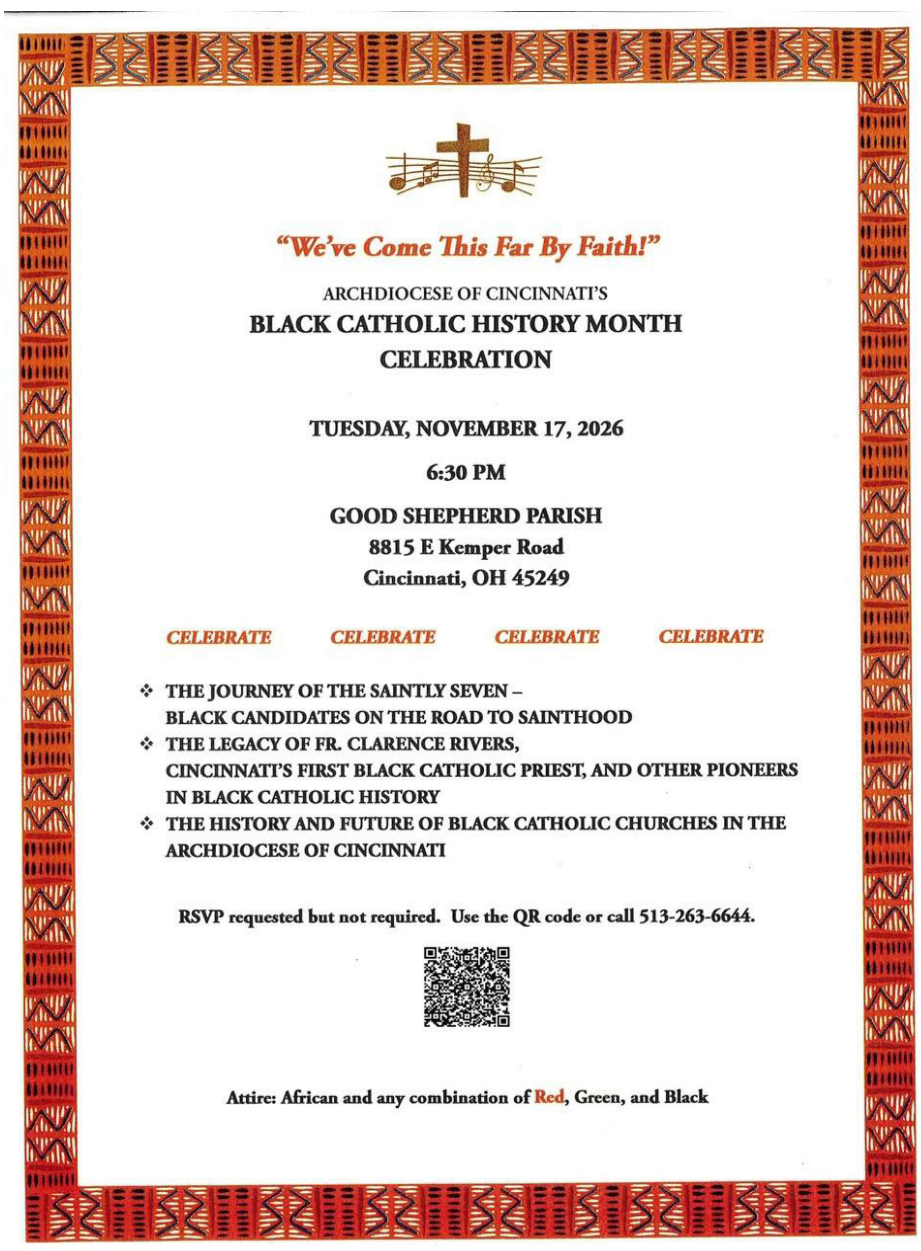
Rest and relaxation improve your mood, reduces anxiety and depression risk, and enhance focus. Rest and relaxation also relieve muscle tension, reduce fatigue, and improve emotional regulation.

6. Metabolic and Organ Function

Adequate rest supports metabolism, digestive health, and organ recovery. Chronic lack of rest can impair concentration, motivation, and physical performance.

Etiquette of rest and relaxation means being intentional, respectful, and mindful of honoring your own need to pause while considering the comfort and space of those around you. This balance turns rest into a shared social good, not just a personal choice.

Regular rest — whether through sleep, quiet wakefulness, or mindful relaxation — is a non-negotiable part of maintaining good health. Even brief moments of calm can trigger measurable physiological benefits. Prioritizing rest is as much a medical necessity as it is a lifestyle choice.



Black Author Challenges the Erasure of Black Military History and Brings its Stories Into Classrooms



"The Hidden Warriors of America," by military veteran and author C. B. Deane, pairs overlooked Black military history with a new, complementary educator curriculum covering all 19 chapters.

Nationwide -- For generations, Black Americans have fought in America's wars, defended its freedoms, and helped shape its military institutions, often while being denied the very rights they were called upon to protect. Yet many of their names, sacrifices, and accomplishments remain unfamiliar to the American public. Military veteran and author C. B. Deane confronts that historical omission in her new nonfiction book, The Hidden Warriors of America.

Spanning the American Revolution through the Vietnam War, the book chronicles the contributions of Black soldiers, sailors, pilots, nurses, spies, and military support personnel whose service helped build and defend the United States. From Crispus Attucks and the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment to the Buffalo Soldiers, the Harlem Hellfighters, the Tuskegee Airmen, and the women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, Deane brings together stories of courage, sacrifice, leadership, and perseverance across generations of American military history.

The book also examines individuals whose contributions received far less recognition, including women who served in military nursing, intelligence, and support roles during periods when racial discrimination limited their opportunities. At its heart, The Hidden Warriors of America raises a question that reaches beyond military history: How can a nation fully understand its past when the contributions of so many who helped shape it remain overlooked?

Deane's work arrives as families, educators, and cultural institutions continue examining how Black history is preserved, taught, and passed from one generation to the next. The book offers an opportunity for Black households to preserve stories of service and sacrifice, for educators to introduce students to historical figures frequently missing from traditional classroom discussions, and for veterans to explore a more inclusive account of the military legacy they share.

Expanding the Book into the Classroom

Building on the book's educational mission, Deane has developed a companion curriculum designed for high school educators, particularly grades 10–12. Organized into eight instructional units, the resources address all 19 chapters through 38 lesson outlines, a student workbook, historical investigation activities, writing assignments, assessments, and grading rubrics. A shorter eight-lesson supplemental guide offers teachers flexible options for African American Studies, U.S. History, Black History Month, and other classroom programs.

Deane plans to provide these resources to educators at no cost. Teachers, school librarians, and curriculum coordinators will be able to request electronic copies through a dedicated educator section of cbdeane.com once the materials complete their final academic and source review. No book purchase will be required to request the curriculum. "The goal is not only to tell these stories, but to give educators a practical way to bring them into classroom conversations," she says. "Black military history belongs within the larger story of America."

The publication has already achieved several important distribution milestones. The Hidden Warriors of America has an established WorldCat bibliographic record and is distributed through Ingram's global book distribution network. Retail listings have appeared through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, Walmart, and other bookselling platforms. Its WorldCat presence provides a bibliographic reference for libraries evaluating the title for their collections, while its distribution through Ingram allows bookstores, libraries, and educational institutions to identify the book through established ordering channels.

For Deane, a military veteran herself, the project represents more than documenting overlooked accomplishments. It is an effort to preserve historical memory and encourage future generations to recognize that Black military service has never existed outside the larger American story. The book is dedicated to her uncle, Leon Oscar Deane, who served among the Montford Point Marines, the first Black men to enter the United States Marine Corps following the service's decision to begin accepting Black recruits in 1942. His service provides a personal connection to the generations of men and women whose experiences inspired the book.

The Hidden Warriors of America is intended for readers of American history, Black history, military history, and historical nonfiction, as well as families seeking to preserve their heritage and educators seeking additional historical perspectives. Its central message is unmistakable: Black military history is not separate from American history. It has always been part of its foundation, and it deserves to be remembered that way.

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Educator Resources: Eight-unit companion curriculum and eight-lesson supplemental guide; complimentary electronic copies will be available by request through cbdeane.com following final editorial review.

About the Author

C. B. Deane is a military veteran, retired insurance professional, and author whose literary work explores history, identity, family, and the experiences that shape American life. Through The Hidden Warriors of America, she seeks to preserve overlooked military contributions and encourage a fuller understanding of the nation's shared history. She is also the founder of The Hidden Warriors Foundation, a Texas-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing everyday individuals whose acts of courage, compassion, service, and sacrifice often go unnoticed.

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US Existing Home Sales Slump to More Than 16-Year Low in October

WASHINGTON - US existing home sales fell to the lowest level in more than 16 years in October as rising mortgage rates and still-elevated house prices pushed potential buyers to the sidelines.

Home sales dropped 5.5% last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.75 million units, the National Association of Realtors said on Thursday. That was the lowest level since August 2010, when sales were declining following the end of a homebuyers tax credit. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast home resales falling to a 3.85 million unit rate. Sales plunged 8.8% on a year-over-year basis in October.

Home sales are counted at the closing of a contract. Last month's sales likely reflected contracts signed in August and □September. The 30-year fixed mortgage rate jumped above 7% in late August, rising to 7.40% by mid-September, for a total 142 basis points since the US □and Israel attacked Iran at the end of February, data from mortgage finance agency Freddie Mac showed.

It averaged 7.18% last week, down from 7.24% in the prior week.

"Home buying is difficult when mortgage rates have climbed to their highest levels since 2000, aside from a single month in 2023," said Lawrence Yun, the NAR's chief economist.

Sales dropped in the South, Midwest and West regions. They were unchanged in the Northeast.

Existing housing inventory increased 1.3% to 1.590 million units. Supply rose 4.6% from a year ago. At October's sales pace, it would take 5.1 months to exhaust the current inventory of existing homes, the most since November 2015. That was up from 4.7 months in September and 4.4 months a year ago.

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Arts & Entertainment





By: Wanda Haynes, Certified Sommelier

It's that time of year to express gratitude for continual blessings, and to stuff our face with the legendary fried turkey. It might be more work to deep fry a whole turkey instead of roasting it in a conventional oven. However, the sacrifice is worth it for the moist succulent meat and that irresistible crisp crackling skin.

Wines That Pair well with fried turkey

- Beaujolais-light very dry red wine from France
- Carricante–spicy dry white wine from Italy
- Champagne-versatile sparkling wine from France
- Chardonnay-unoaked version
- Cinsault-light dry red wine from France
- Gewurztraminer-dry spicy white wine from Germany
- Grenache Blanc–dry white wine from Spain
- Gruner Veltliner–savory dry white wine from Austria
- Lambrusco-sweet bubbling red wine from Italy
- Pinot noir-light elegant dry red wine
- Rosé Prosecco-versatile-sparkling rosé easy drinking Italian wine
- Late Harvest Riesling sweet white wine from-Washington State

When a Fried Turkey isn't on the menu

A classic turkey dinner with all the trimmings is a Thanksgiving Day feast.

Adventurous types serving turducken this holiday might consider an earthy Oregon pinot noir. This meat trifecta deserves the soft tannins that will bring out the richness of the duck. Ham can be both salty and sweet. A dry rosé will pair with savory ham, and a zinfandel offers the fruit forwardness needed with a honey baked ham.

Seafood dishes prepared with light sauces taste incredible with sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand. Prime rib is an elegant showstopper; an aged cabernet sauvignon is a great choice when serving rich red meat. Look at the meal as a complete composition and try not to pair each dish with a separate wine. Experiment with wines you've never tried and choose quality products.

Budget Friendly Options

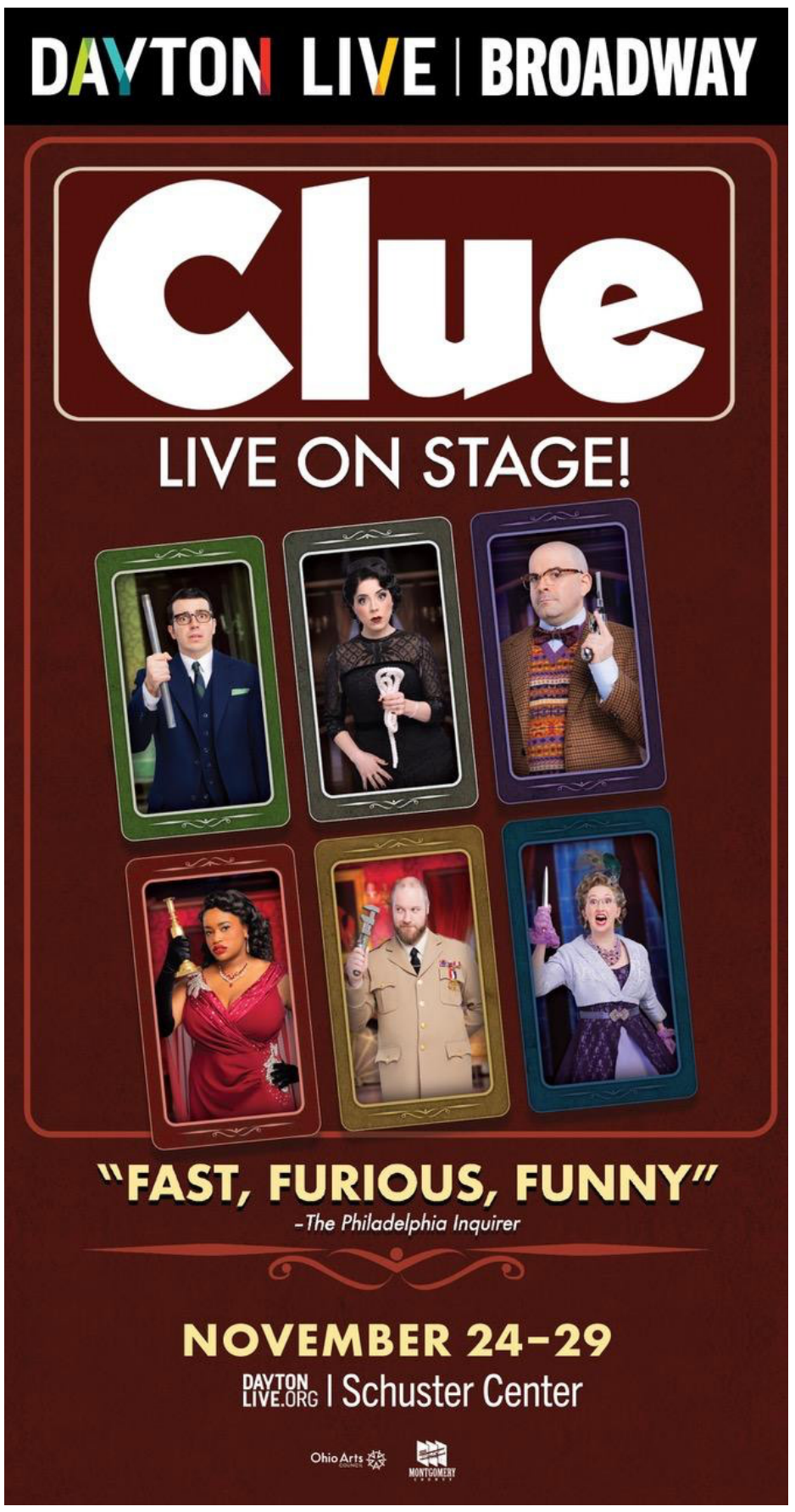
Let's keep it real family, the price of groceries is through the roof for all of us.

A couple pounds of ground turkey, egg yolks, breadcrumbs, and poultry seasonings make excellent meat balls. A whole chicken is much less than a whole turkey and looks amazing on a platter. Simple inexpensive desserts can be gelatine with fresh fruit, sugar cookies and a mug of hot chocolate.

Are you invited to a neighbor's home for Thanksgiving Day dinner? Take them up on it and bring a great bottle of wine or ask the hostess what she needs to complete the meal.

Enjoy the holidays and be happy with what you have, stay focused on good food, delicious wine, and those people you value most.





RollHouse Dayton's First Holiday Pop-Up Bar Opens November 16



RollHouse Dayton is introducing its first Holiday Pop-Up Bar for the 2026 season. Opening Monday, November 16, the seasonal space brings together holiday cocktails, Christmas décor and photo opportunities at 6170 Brandt Pike in Huber Heights.

A separate holiday celebration is planned for Friday, December 4. The bar opens November 16; December 4 is a later celebration, not an opening event.

Visit the RollHouse Dayton Holiday Pop-Up Bar page for updates on special hours and events.

About RollHouse Entertainment

RollHouse Entertainment operates bowling and entertainment centers in Ohio, with food, drinks, leagues and group events. Learn more at therollhouse.com.

DML Honors Native American Heritage and Culture

Dayton Metro Library will hold a variety of programs for all ages to celebrate Native American Heritage Month in November.

The Legend of the Three Sisters and Native American Traditions, Saturday, November 21, 3-4:30 pm, Wilmington-Stroop Branch: The Three Sisters Intertribal Organization will present the Legend of the Three Sisters and share Native American traditions and customs. Attendees will also make a beaded, tricolored corn craft. Families

New Lebanon Branch Book Club, Tuesday, November 24, 10:30-11:30 am, New Lebanon Branch: Read Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer, then meet to discuss. Adults

BINGO: Celebrate Native American Heritage Month, Wednesday, November 25, 3:30-4:30 pm, Electra C. Doren Branch: Attendees can test their knowledge and learn about Ohio's Native American heritage. Teens

Movie Night: Brother Bear, Wednesday, November 25, 4-5:30 pm, Trotwood Branch: Enjoy a screening of Brother Bear and participate in arts and crafts. Families

Preschool Storytime, Friday, November 27, 10-10:30 am, Trotwood Branch: Stories, songs, and learning activities will explore Native American heritage and culture. Ages 3-5

History of Old Chillicothe with Great Council State Park, Saturday, November 28, 10-11 am, Southeast Branch: Discover key events, including the death of Cornstalk, the capture of Daniel Boone, and Clark's 1780 campaign, and learn how they influenced the Shawnee community and historical landscape. Registration required. Adults

Adult Graphic Novel Club @ Poppets Coffee & Tea, Saturday, November 28, 2-3 pm, 1006 E. Dorothy Lane, Kettering, 45419: Read Redbone by Christian Staebler, then meet at Poppets to discuss themes, artwork, characters, and more. Adults

For more information and to register if required, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

Business

EZQuest Premium Digital Life Accessories



By Professor Sterling Haynes

Established 1994 in Yorba Linda California. EZQuest began with a belief that great products don't start with engineering drawings. They start by listening to professionals, creators, businesses, educators, and everyday users to understand their challenges before creating solutions.

Founder Ebrahim Zmehrir, an electronics engineer with a lifelong passion for designing and building technology, established EZQuest. With a vision of making computer connectivity easier, more reliable, and more intuitive.

Today, EZQuest focuses on USB-C and Thunderbolt connectivity solutions, including hubs, docking stations, adapters, cables, and power solutions that simplify everyday technology. While their products have evolved, there philosophy has remained the same.

EZQuest UltraSlim 70W

One of EZQuests most popular products is the EZQuest UltraSlim 70W GaN II Dual USB-C PD Wall Charger. This charger can simultaneously quick charge two USB-C devices for fast, efficient charging at home, in the office, travel, or on the go up to 70 Watts. Available in white and black.

Unlike bulky charging bricks, this charger features a slim, low-profile design that slides easily into bags and tight spaces. Foldable plugs, compact form factor, no messy cables and optimized portability for traveling worldwide.

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The UltraSlim 70W uses the latest Gallium Nitride (GaN) technology chip. Gallium Nitride (GaN) is a wide-bandgap semiconductor material that enables smaller, faster, and more efficient power systems than conventional silicon technologies. Thanks to its high switching speed, high power density, and low energy losses, GaN is increasingly used in electric vehicle charging systems and renewable energy solutions.

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HBCU Grad and Black Nurse with 23 Years of Experience is Now Teaching Healthcare Professionals How to Open Their Own Practice



Nationwide -- Long before Dr. Nancy A. Hurlock, the founder and CEO of Nurses Mind Your Business, became a nurse practitioner, healthcare entrepreneur, author, and business leader in Statesboro, Georgia, the foundation for her journey was taking shape in the Caribbean. Born and raised in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, with family roots in St. Lucia, her upbringing helped cultivate a passion for caring for others, leadership, innovation, and entrepreneurship, values that would later influence her career in nursing and business ownership. She is an HBCU graduate of the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, where she earned a Bachelor's in Biology and a Master's in Physical Therapy.

As her nursing career evolved, she developed a particular passion for geriatric care and improving the quality of life for older adults. Her experience as a registered nurse in home healthcare and later as an adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner offered firsthand insight into the challenges faced by aging and homebound individuals, particularly those struggling to access traditional healthcare services. For many patients, reaching a medical office was more than an inconvenience. Mobility limitations, chronic illnesses, transportation difficulties, and complex care needs could make routine visits challenging or impossible. Dr. Hurlock saw an opportunity to bring primary care directly into patients' homes.

In June 2018, that vision became Beyond Health Group, a home-based primary care practice owned by a nurse practitioner established in Statesboro, GA. What began as a self-funded venture grew into a healthcare business serving Bulloch County and surrounding communities, combining clinical expertise with a commitment to more accessible, patient-centered care. Building the practice required her to expand beyond clinical care into financial management, operations, leadership, community relationships, and strategic planning. As the organization developed, she successfully scaled the business and transitioned it through a sale and merger with a larger home-based healthcare organization.

That transition did not end her commitment to caring for patients. She continues to provide home-based primary care while pursuing consulting, education, and authorship, helping other healthcare professionals explore the possibilities of practice ownership and entrepreneurship. Through her consulting and educational work, Hurlock helps clinicians better understand the business side of healthcare, from developing a concept to considering the practical requirements of establishing and sustaining a practice. Her perspective is shaped by the experience of turning an identified community need into an operating healthcare business.

Her journey also reflects a larger story unfolding in communities everywhere. Nurses are applying their knowledge in healthcare, education, wellness, consulting, and other ventures, creating services and responding to needs they encounter in their communities. Their roles extend beyond traditional clinical settings to include innovation, leadership, and business development. For Hurlock, nurse entrepreneurship is not simply about owning a business. It is an opportunity to expand access to care, support families, mentor professionals, and demonstrate what can happen when an idea is matched with preparation, perseverance, and action. Her experience has also informed her writing.

She is the author of two powerful and very resourceful publications, Nurses Mind Your Business: The Healthcare Entrepreneur's Playbook and Caring Without Losing Yourself: A Nurse Practitioner's Guide to Navigating Aging, Illness and Caregiving. Together, her work in healthcare and authorship reflect two connected commitments: helping people navigate the realities of care and encouraging professionals to recognize their potential to lead and innovate. From her upbringing in St. Croix to her work in Statesboro, her path illustrates how a lifelong commitment to caring can grow into leadership, entrepreneurship, and lasting community impact. Her message to aspiring nurse entrepreneurs is grounded in her own experience: recognize a need, develop a plan, and take the steps necessary to move an idea into action.

About

Dr. Nancy A. Hurlock, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, is an adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, healthcare entrepreneur, consultant, and author based in Statesboro, Georgia. Born and raised in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, with family roots in St. Lucia, she founded Beyond Health Group in 2018. She continues to work in home-based primary care and supports healthcare practice development and nurse entrepreneurship. Learn more about her company at NursesMindYourBusiness.com

DML Branch Celebrates 10 Years

Dayton Metro Library's Vandalia Branch will celebrate its tenth anniversary in its new location on Monday, November 16.

"Over the past ten years, our Branch has served as a fun and busy gathering place for our community," said Angela Jones, Vandalia Branch Manager. "Our beautiful building offers study and meeting spaces, children's programming and special events, teen activities, adult programs, and, of course, books and information that support community needs and interests."

By the end of this year, the Vandalia Branch will have hosted more than 375 programs. "We are proud that our Library is such a welcoming and active part of the community," Jones said. Branch staff members are also excited to offer these programs to celebrate the Branch's ten-year milestone:

Preschool Storytime, 11 am-12 pm: Enjoy stories, songs, and fun learning activities designed to build the language, literacy, and social skills children need to succeed. Ages 3-5

Celebrate!, 12-7 pm: Celebrate with family-friendly hands-on crafts, puppet shows, and other activities. All Ages

Discover the History of the Vandalia-Butler Community, 3-4 pm: Linda Karns and Tonya Hittner with The Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler will share the organization's mission, explore the history and early uses of the Library's grounds, and display artifacts that highlight the rich heritage of early Vandalia and Butler Township. Adults

Several DML locations have reached the tenth anniversary mark in their new or renovated facilities as part of DML's Libraries for a Smarter Future Initiative. In 2012, Montgomery County voters passed the bond issue that launched the initiative, which funded new construction and renovations throughout Dayton Metro Library, one of Ohio's oldest and largest library systems.

Other DML locations celebrating ten years in new or renovated facilities include Brookville, Kettering-Moraine, New Lebanon, and Northwest.

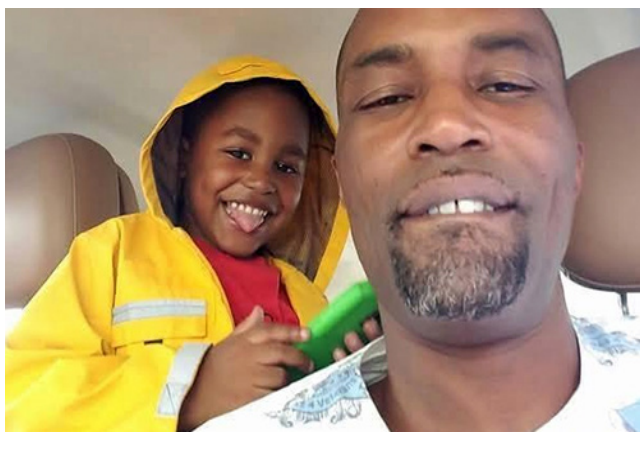
The Electra C. Doren and Miami Township Branches celebrated their tenth anniversaries in 2025, and the Main Library and the Miamisburg Branch will celebrate the same milestone in 2027.

For more information about Vandalia's anniversary programs and DML locations, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

Navy Veteran Turns Adversity into a Message of Hope and Inspiration

Jeff Powell, a disabled U.S. Navy veteran, author, and single father, is inspiring parents across America to strengthen their relationships with their children through creativity, shared hobbies, and meaningful experiences. After more than two decades of living with disabilities and the emotional effects of traumatic experiences connected to his military service, he has discovered that even simple activities can provide moments of peace and purpose. His message is especially meaningful for single parents, veterans, and families facing personal or financial challenges. "Sometimes the greatest gift we can give our children isn't something we purchase. It's something we create, experience, and share together," he says.

His journey has been shaped by military service, disability, and the responsibilities of raising his son as a single father. Living with physical and emotional challenges has sometimes made it difficult for him to concentrate on one activity for extended periods. Rather than allowing those limitations to prevent him from pursuing his interests, he has embraced a variety of creative outlets that he can enjoy at his own pace. "People sometimes wonder why I have so many different hobbies," she explains. "The answer is simple. Because of my disabilities and the experiences I've lived through, I can't always concentrate on the same thing for hours every day." He emphasizes that creativity is not about maintaining a demanding schedule or achieving commercial success, but about finding manageable moments of enjoyment and relief.



Over the years, Powell has explored writing, poetry, fragrance development, artistic designs, and projects honoring military veterans. His creative initiatives include the NEED® fragrance concept, Flag Poetry, and Books4Veterans. He is also a contributing author of The Soul of Success, Volume 2, featuring Jack Canfield, and is developing two books, Remarkable Measures of Hope: The Unfolding Journey and Silently Broken: Hidden In Plain Sight. Although some of his ideas have developed into recognizable creative projects and intellectual property, Powell says their personal significance matters far

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Sports

Central State University Football Eyes Historic Postseason Opportunity, Invites Marauder Family to Selection Sunday Watch Party

University community to gather Nov. 15 as Marauders look to continue their pursuit of a national championship.

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — Central State University is preparing for a potentially historic moment in Marauder football as the team awaits the announcement of the 2026 NCAA Division II Football Championship playoff field. The University will host a Selection Sunday Watch Party on Sunday, Nov. 15, bringing together students, faculty, staff, alumni and community supporters to celebrate the program's remarkable season and learn whether the Marauders will earn a spot in the national playoffs.

The NCAA Division II Football Championship Selection Show begins at 6 p.m., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. The event will feature a spirited atmosphere with the University's marching band, cheerleaders, football players, coaches and a DJ. Admission is free, and no tickets are required.

The possibility of competing for a national championship carries special significance for Central State, a university with a proud history of football excellence. The Marauders captured NAIA national championships in 1990, 1992 and 1995. Now, 31 years after their most recent national title, the program is looking toward another opportunity to compete on the national stage.

Central State University President Morakinyo A.O. Kuti, Ph.D., said the team's accomplishmentsrepresent more than success on the football field.

"Competing for a national championship represents far more than an athletic achievement for Central State University. It is a powerful reflection of our history, our resilience and the excellence that defines the Marauder spirit," Kuti said. "For our student-athletes, it is an opportunity to see their discipline, hard work and commitment rewarded on a national stage. For our University, it is an opportunity to honor a championship legacy while demonstrating the strength and promise of Central State today. This moment belongs to our entire Marauder family, our students, alumni, faculty, staff and supporters who have believed in this program.

Congratulations to Coach Carter and his staff, we are proud of what this team has accomplished and what lies ahead."

Under the leadership of head football coach T.C. "Tony" Carter, the Marauders have demonstrated determination and a renewed competitive spirit throughout the season, positioning themselves for postseason consideration.

"It would mean everything to the entire Marauder family," Carter said of the possibility of competing in the playoffs. "My goal upon arriving at Central State was to put a proud and respected product on and off the field."

The team's success has also been strengthened by the unwavering support of the Central State community, something Athletic Director Kevicia Brown says has been instrumental in the program's progress.

"This is just the beginning, and it has taken a tremendous amount of dedication and support to reach this point," Brown said. "From every home game to every road game and every spring game, our students, faculty, staff and alumni have continued to show up and stand behind this program. That support has lifted the morale of our student-athletes and helped build the momentum we are experiencing today. We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout this journey."

With the excitement surrounding the program, the University is encouraging the entire Marauder family to come together for Sunday's announcement. University leadership, students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and members of the surrounding community are invited to participate.

Selection Sunday Watch Party Details:

Date: Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026

Time: 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Location: Madison W. Beacom Gymnasium

Admission: Free and open to the public; no tickets required

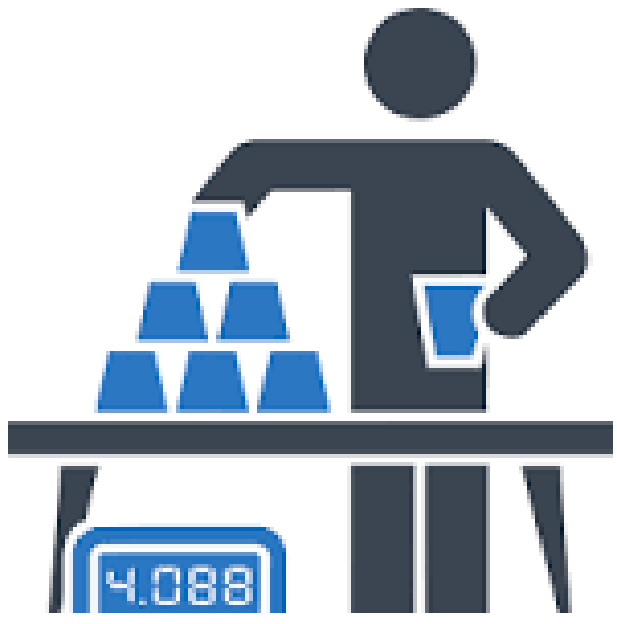
Featuring: DJ, marching band, cheerleaders, football players and coaches

Important: University bag policy will be enforced.

The NCAA Division II Football Championship selection announcement will determine the 32-team playoff field and first-round matchups. The national championship game is scheduled for Dec. 19 in McKinney, Texas.

For Central State University, Sunday's gathering is an opportunity to recognize the determination of its student-athletes, celebrate the program's progress and unite the Marauder family around a shared tradition of excellence.

Contribute to a World Record at DML



Dayton Metro Library's Miamisburg Branch will host 2026 Stack Up! on Monday, November 16, Tuesday, November 17, Thursday, November 19, and Friday, November 20, from 3-4 pm to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the World Sport Stacking Association.

During this family event, patrons will help set the record for the most people sport stacking at multiple locations. Those who complete a 30-minute session will earn a limited-edition commemorative pin, while supplies last.

Additionally, the Branch will host Speed Stacking with a Team USA Athlete on Thursday, November 19, 4-5 pm. Practice, learn new skills, and stack for 30 minutes to contribute to the world record. Pins will also be available while supplies last.

For more information, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

Pool Champion Cisero Murphy...
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he planned and executed every move, allowing him to run the table for up to two hundred shots.

In 1953 Murphy won the New York City championship at age sixteen. In his twenties, he won the Eastern States 14.1 Championship six straight times.

In 1964 Billiard Room Proprietors Association of America (BRPAA), held a world tournament. Murphy was not allowed to enter. The BRPAA claimed he did not qualify despite a lack of standardized entry requirements. The Brooklyn NAACP and the 125th Street Billiard Players Association held a protest on his behalf.

Under pressure, the BRPAA invited Murphy to compete in the 14.1 World Straight Pool Championship. The longest running and oldest billiards tournament in the world. Held from January 29th to March 6th, 1965. Located at the American Billiard Parlor in Burbank, California.

On March 6, 1965, Murphy won the championship on his first attempt. The BRPAA invited him to its New York tournament that same year.

Later in life, Murphy taught others how to play pool. He participated in city programs such as "Billiards in the streets" to teach pool to children and young adults. Visiting veteran's hospitals, senior citizen homes, and mental hospitals giving trick shot exhibitions.

Murphy was inducted into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame 1995. He passed away in 1996. His first-born son named Cisero K. Murphy wrote an auto biography called "First Born: Being The First Born of The Champ Wasn't Easy". The book describes the irrational relationship between him and his legendary father.

Resources

https://poolhistory.com, https://www.murphyenterprisesolutions.org, Wamu.org

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more than their financial potential. "I didn't begin exploring these hobbies because I wanted another job. I needed something positive to occupy my thoughts, something I could enjoy at my own pace, and something that reminded me that my circumstances didn't have to take away my imagination."

As a father, Powell believes the greatest value of his creative interests comes from the opportunity to share them with his son. He hopes his example will encourage his child to think independently, explore new interests, and remain optimistic when facing life's challenges. He also wants other parents to recognize that meaningful family experiences do not require expensive vacations, elaborate gifts, or extraordinary financial resources. Activities such as cooking, gardening, drawing, reading, writing, photography, and music can create lasting memories while helping children develop confidence and curiosity. "I want my son to understand that life may present challenges, but those challenges don't have to define everything he becomes," he says. "I want him to explore his interests, develop his own ideas, and discover what makes him happy."

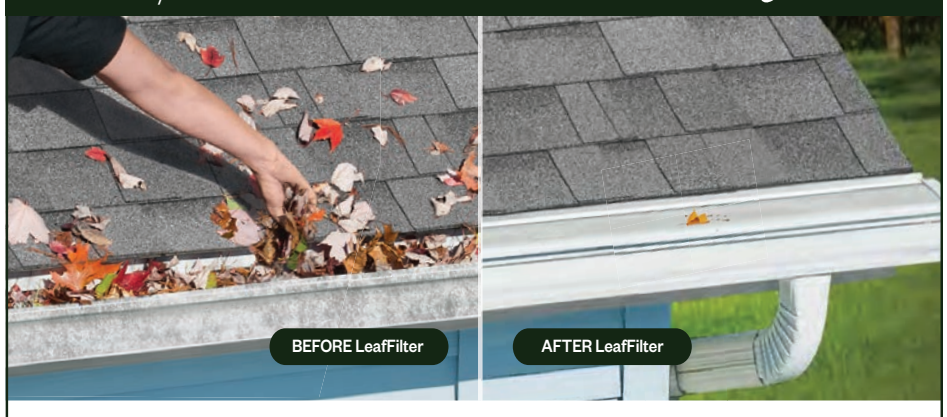
He is particularly passionate about encouraging single mothers, single fathers, grandparents, caregivers, and parents living with disabilities to recognize the positive influence they can have on their children. He acknowledges that health limitations, financial difficulties, and everyday responsibilities can make parenting especially challenging. However, he believes even a few minutes spent sharing an interest or encouraging a child's imagination can make a meaningful difference. While hobbies cannot erase trauma or replace professional medical care, Powell says creative expression, faith, and family connections have helped him find comfort during difficult times. His personal philosophy centers on what he calls his Three P's — Praying, Praising, and Pressing Forward — and his Three R's — Reading, Relaxing, and Rejoicing. "You don't have to be wealthy to share wisdom. You don't have to be famous to inspire your child. And you certainly don't have to be perfect to make a positive difference in someone's life."

Ultimately, Powell hopes his story will inspire families nationwide to focus less on material possessions and more on creating memories, encouraging imagination, and building stronger relationships. Despite the challenges he continues to face, he wants his son to remember a father who persevered, remained hopeful, and found ways to share his creativity and love. He encourages parents to introduce their children to constructive activities and remind them that their ideas and dreams matter, regardless of their circumstances. "Don't underestimate the power of something small. A shared hobby. A conversation. A story. A drawing. A few minutes spent creating something together," he says. "We may not be able to give our children everything this world has to offer. But we can give them our love, our encouragement, our experiences, and the freedom to dream beyond the circumstances we have faced."

About

Jeff Powell is a disabled U.S. Navy veteran, single father, author, and creative entrepreneur based in Asheville, North Carolina. His interests include writing, poetry, artistic concepts, fragrance development, and veteran-inspired initiatives such as Books-4Veterans, Flag Poetry, and NEED. Through his experiences with military service, disability, faith, and fatherhood, he seeks to inspire families to embrace creativity, overcome adversity, and support the next generation. Learn more about Jeff at his official website at JeffPowellMedia.com

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Health



DML's Health and Wellness Programs

Dayton Metro Library will host the following health and wellness partner programs in November:

Fall Wellness Walks, Saturday, November 14 and 28, 1:30-2:30 pm, Northmont Branch: Gather for a casual group walk in the park next to the Library. Registration required.

Premier Mobile Health Unit Visit, Monday, November 16, 1-3 pm, Miami Township Branch: Receive free diabetes education and health screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure, blood glucose, and A1C through fingerstick testing. No fasting required. Registration required.

Asthma Basics with Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County, Monday, November 16, 5:30-6:30 pm, Southeast Branch: Learn what asthma is, what happens during an attack, common treatments and triggers, how air quality affects it, and strategies for managing nutrition and physical activity. Registration required.

Mindful Monday: Gratitude Journals, Monday, November 16, 5:30-6:30 pm, West Carrollton Branch: November is a month of gratitude. Focus on the positive by starting a gratitude journal.

HIV Testing with Rapid Results, Tuesday, November 17, 11:30 am-3:30 pm, Main Library, Conference Room 3A: Receive rapid results from a finger-stick test provided by Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County and The Center for Community Impact & Innovation at DML.

Mini Resource Fair: Connect to Support & Stability, Tuesday, November 17, 12-2 pm, Main Library, The Atrium: Connect with organizations that assist with housing, employment, crisis recovery, mental health, legal aid, child care, and more.

Teens (Learn to) Chill Out!, Tuesday, November 17, 4-5 pm, Main Library, Conference Room 1B: Learn how to understand yourself, identify and handle stress and anxiety, manage time, practice self-care, and boost your self-esteem by exploring creative junk journal techniques. Teens

Take Charge of Diabetes for the Holidays, Wednesday, November 18, 12:30-2 pm, Miamisburg Branch: Learn practical tips for managing diabetes during the holiday season from an educator with The Ohio State University Extension Family and Consumer Sciences program. Registration required.

Queens Healing Circle Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County, Thursday, November 19, 4:30-6:30 pm, Northwest Branch: This is a safe space for Black women to heal, find community, and grow. Registration required.

Yoga for Health, Saturday, November 21, 11 am-12:15 pm, Kettering-Moraine Branch: Join instructor Cheryl Griffin of the Isha Foundation to learn a yoga posture that stretches and reactivates the spine. Registration required.

Hypertension Basics - Montgomery County Public Health, Monday, November 23, 5:30-6:30 pm, Main Library, Community Room, 2nd Floor: Learn what blood pressure is, what the numbers mean, how it affects the body, when to be concerned, and steps to take to control or prevent high blood pressure.

De-Stress Sesh: Journaling, Monday, November 30, 4-5 pm, Electra C. Doren Branch: Unwind in a quiet setting and create a wellness tool to take home. Teens

Yoga on the Go, Monday, November 30, 5:30-6:30 pm, Southeast Branch: This session with Day Yoga is for people who want to incorporate yoga into their daily lives but cannot attend a traditional class. Registration required.

For more information and to register if required, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

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How to donate blood

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