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## Wright-Dunbar Lounge Builds Community Around Cigars

A long-vacant building on West Third Street turned into a lounge built around conversation, membership, and a neighborhood some call home.

By **RoShawn Winburn**, Dayton Weekly News

Jeff Jackson and Dallas Webster were neighbors long before they were business partners. They led their neighborhood association together, one as president and the other as vice president. Somewhere along the way, they started sharing cigars.

In fall 2024, they opened Wright Dunbar Cigar Shoppe & Lounge at 1153 W. Third St., a two-story lounge and retail shop in the historic Wright-Dun-

bar business district. They wanted a place where people would stay awhile. So far, Dayton has taken them up on it.

For Jackson, it started nearly 10 years ago on trips to Miami to see his older brother, who introduced him to cigar lounges. He liked them. Eventually his wife did too. Back home, winter was the problem. There weren't many comfortable places in Ohio to enjoy a cigar indoors.

The idea came together at Nicky Blaine's, a lounge

in Indianapolis with velvet couches, mahogany walls and classic music. People weren't just buying cigars there. They were settling in for the night.

"I leaned over to whisper to my wife, I want one of these so bad," Jackson said.

Webster found cigars another way. During the COVID-19 pandemic, neighbors started meeting outdoors in a local park, and cigars became part of

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## Before YouTube, William Pace Built His Own Show



For 38 years, the Dayton broadcaster has produced *The William Pace Show* on his own terms. Now he's working to save more than 3,000 episodes recorded on aging tape.

By **RoShawn Winburn**, Dayton Weekly News

In the late 1980s, William Pace kept walking into Dayton television stations with the same pitch. He kept getting the same answer, "bring us an advertiser and we'll give you a show."

Pace compares it to The Wizard of Oz, where Dorothy is told to fetch the witch's broomstick before the wizard will help her. In other words, go do the impossible.

He went and did it. He signed advertisers who

believed in him, including the Mad Hatter costume shop, which he recalls committing about \$4,000 right away. The stations still stalled. So, Pace changed the deal.

"I'll tell you what I'll do, fellas," he remembers saying. "I'll just start my own production company, William Pace Productions, and we'll produce the show and we'll just give you a check for it."

Pace set up an advertising agency to handle

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## Former Daybreak Youth to Share Stories of Resilience and Hope at 2026 Champions for Youth Celebration

Three young people who once faced homelessness as teenagers will share their stories of courage, resilience and hope at Daybreak's 2026 Champions for Youth Celebration on November 10 at Top of the Market in downtown Dayton.

For Lauren, homelessness began when she was just 18 years old.

"I was just a kid, only 18 years old, when I was told I had to leave my home," said Lauren. "I tried to stay hidden inside my friend's bedroom as long as I could. When her mom found out, she said I couldn't stay. I lived on the streets of Dayton until I finally found Daybreak."

Joshua's experience began when his parents discovered he is gay. "I came home from school, and all my belongings were at the end of the driveway. My parents found out I'm gay and kicked me out," said Joshua. "I lived out of my car, eating what I could find, and showering at school. No one



knew I was homeless my senior year of high school."

For Stacy, an argument with her father changed the course of her life. She was told to leave her home, taking away her dream of attending college and leaving her without a place to live.

Their stories represent just a few of the young people who have found safety, support and a path forward through Daybreak.

"Champions for Youth is our chance to bring the community together to hear these impactful stories," said Courtney Patel, CEO of Daybreak. "The youth featured at this event represent just three of the thousands of lives changed because of the

services and support found at Daybreak."

Patel said providing shelter is only the beginning.

"It's not enough to simply put a roof over a young person's head," she said. "Most of our youth have experienced trauma. They need mental health support, workforce development skills, and people to help them put a plan together that leads them to self-sufficiency and a fulfilling life."

The Champions for Youth luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. on November 10, 2026, at Top of the Market in downtown Dayton.

Tickets are free, but registration is required. To register, visit [daybreak-dayton.org](http://daybreak-dayton.org).

## Belmont High School Students Displays Artwork at Local McDonald's Restaurants

Winning Student Receives \$1,000 Award



**Junior Avila unveiled his \$1,000 Award artwork at a local McDonald's**

In support of Hispanic Heritage Month, McDonald's celebrated artwork created by Belmont High School students. The selected artwork by Junior Avila was unveiled and displayed at a local McDonald's restaurant on Tuesday, October 20. The event marks the culmination of the "Golden Arches Mural Program," a McDonald's-supported initiative honoring student creativity and community pride.

In recognition of their artistic achievement, Avila received a \$1,000 award from McDonald's. Additionally, the art department at Belmont High School received a \$500 grant to support future creative endeavors.

This semester, high school art students from Belmont High School were invited to participate in the program in partnership with local McDonald's Owner/Operator Eric Godlove. Students were challenged to create artwork that blends the nostalgia of McDonald's with their unique interpretation of Dayton, showcasing their personal connection to the city.

The winning artwork was transformed into a 5-foot by 5-foot mural and displayed at the McDonald's location nearest the school, highlighting McDonald's commitment to celebrating culture and creativity in every community. The winning piece will be on display at the McDonald's at 1032 S Smithville Rd in Dayton. Pieces created by other students participating in the program will also be displayed.

"These students poured their hearts into their work, and it shows," said Godlove. "At McDonald's, we're proud to support local schools and celebrate the culture and creativity that make Dayton such a special place."



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VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

to Review Transportation Projects being considered for Funding for MVRPC’s Sub-allocated Federal Funds.

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC), in its capacity as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), will hold a virtual Public Participation Meeting to present a DRAFT list of transportation projects being considered for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA): Surface Transportation Program (STP), the Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, and the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program. The MPO area includes Greene, Miami, Montgomery, and northern Warren counties.

The meeting will take place via Zoom, a video conferencing platform, and will be held as follows:  
**Thursday, November 5, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Access the meetings via computer, tablet or mobile device using this link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86034394914>

**Or call in to join the meeting by phone:**  
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**Enter Meeting ID:** 860 3439 4914 #

After a brief presentation featuring a summary of the DRAFT list of transportation project applications and how to comment on the projects, MVRPC staff will accept comments and answer questions.

If you are unable to attend, the information will also be available for public review on the MVRPC website at [mvrpc.org/transportation-financing](https://mvrpc.org/transportation-financing) and at MVRPC’s office. Written comments will be accepted until November 13, 2026.



For additional information, contact Paul Arnold, Manager, Short Range Programs at 937.223.6323 / TTY/TDD 1.800.750.0750 or [parnold@mvrpc.org](mailto:parnold@mvrpc.org).



SCAN ME

Warm Hearts, Warm Hands

Mrs. Ernestine's Pound Cakes Collecting New Adult and Children's Winter Hats and Gloves for Giveaway to Our Community's Most Vulnerable



Beginning this Sunday, October 25 through Sunday, November 22, 2026, Mrs. Ernestine's Pound Cakes is partnering with a local non-profit to give back to those who need it most in our community:

- We’re collecting NEW adult and children’s winter hats & gloves to be included in a community giveaway for our most vulnerable neighbors.
- Drop-off location: Mrs. Ernestine's Pound Cakes 600 E. Second Street (Downtown Dayton at Second Street Market) •Friday, Saturday & Sunday
- 12:00 noon – 2:00 PM

When you stop by for our moist, made-from-scratch pound cake and peach cobbler, consider bringing a NEW winter hat or pair of gloves - each one will help keep someone warm on cold, winter days. Let's show what we can do together when neighbors help neighbors!

- Share this and help spread the word. Thank you!

Learn to Think Positive with DML Program

Dayton Metro Library welcomes Doug Walker to present Positive Thoughts Positive Results Monday, October 26, 5:30-6:30 pm, in the Main Library’s Conference Room 3A.

Whether attendees are looking to start a new business or launch a new career, Walker will guide them through steps to developing a positive mindset. Hear real-life scenarios, ask questions, and leave with actionable strategies.

Walker has previously created a Positive Thoughts workshop for Career and Job Services at Kentucky’s Kenton County Library, helping job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small business owners build a positive mindset for their job search or business venture.

For more information and to register, visit [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](https://DaytonMetroLibrary.org) or call the Library’s Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665

SCORE Workshop at DML

Dayton Metro Library has partnered with SCORE of Greater Cincinnati and Dayton to host a series of nonprofit workshops through November.

The fourth workshop will be held Friday, October 30, 10 am-12 pm, in The Center for Community Impact & Innovation at the Main Library and will focus on fundraising.

Presenter Vel Hux, founder of Vel Hux Solutions, LLC, will discuss:

- Strengthening donor relationships.
- Activating board participation.
- Improving donor retention.
- Planning a realistic fundraising calendar.
- Moving beyond grants.

Participants will learn fundraising strategies in an interactive, hands-on workshop designed to help nonprofit leaders build stronger, more sustainable systems. Hux has more than 30 years of leadership experience in nonprofit development, corporate settings, and education. Registration required.

The Center at DML is sponsored by Wright-Patt Credit Union. For more information about this workshop and to register, visit [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](https://DaytonMetroLibrary.org) or call the Library’s Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

Red Cross Blood Donors Needed



American Red Cross

Many people are filling their calendar with seasonal activities, and the American Red Cross urges people to carve out just an hour of time over the next few weeks to give blood or platelets before the holiday rush ramps up.

In thanks, all who come to give Oct. 19-Nov. 22, 2026, will get up to \$20 in Gift Cards - that's a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by email and

500 bonus points, which can be redeemed for a \$10 e-gift card through Blood Donor Rewards!

Additionally, successful November donations will get free A1C testing, commonly used to

screen for prediabetes and diabetes (one result per calendar year; do not fast before you donate). Visit [RedCrossBlood.org/Maze](https://RedCrossBlood.org/Maze) for details on all offers.

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A lie has been spoken, a tale of deceit,  
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So guard your heart and watch what you say.

Honor the elders, for the wisdom they hold,  
Their stories are priceless, their lessons are gold.  
Don't believe everything you hear,  
For lies can be disguised as sincere.

When fear surrounds you and troubles draw near,  
Stay close to God, for His love conquers fear.  
Many have fallen, and many have tried,  
To turn away from God and leave Him aside.

Your friends aren't always the friends that they seem,  
Some lead you away from your purpose and dream.  
Choose those who guide you toward truth and the light,  
They'll stand by your side and help you do right.

Money itself is not the root of all evil,  
But foolish men use it to deceive people.  
They hide behind wealth, letting greed be their guide,  
While truth and compassion are cast to the side.

So seek God's wisdom, let truth make you strong,  
Discern what is right and reject what is wrong.  
For riches will fade, and deception will fall,  
But God's truth stands forever, the greatest of all.

Written by Martel Kelly

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# Culture

## Ladies and Gentlemen

By: Carol Prewitt, President  
Prewitt Consulting LLC, Civility an Etiquette Training



### The Neuroscience of Etiquette: How Brain Science Shapes Polite Behavior

Etiquette is more than social rules. It is a brain-based skill involving empathy, self-regulation, and cultural learning, supported by neural systems in the prefrontal cortex, mirror neurons, and social brain networks.

**How the Brain Supports Etiquette**

Neuroscience shows that respect and polite behavior are tied to empathy and self-control.

- Empathy circuits (including the mirror neuron system) allow you to feel and understand others’ perspectives, a core basis of respectful interaction.
- Prefrontal cortex (PFC) governs impulse control, decision-making, and social reasoning--key for choosing courteous responses over reactive ones.
- Cultural learning shapes etiquette through neural plasticity; repeated social experiences strengthen brain networks that encode “proper” behavior.
- Basal ganglia store habitual social routines, making polite behaviors automatic when practiced.

**Practical Neuroscience-Based Tips**

- Activate Empathy Before Acting. When meeting someone, consciously engage your mirror neuron system by imagining their feelings. This primes your PFC to respond thoughtfully rather than reflexively.

- Use “Name It to Tame It” for Impulse Control. If you feel irritation or want to interrupt, pause and label the emotion (“I feel frustrated”). This engages the PFC, reducing the “lizard brain” fight/flight response and allows a graceful reply.
- Build Etiquette as a Habit. Etiquette skills are reinforced through repetition. Like other habits they are stored in the basal ganglia, but you can rewrite them by:
  - Identifying cues (e.g., entering a meeting that triggers polite behavior).
  - Designing a competing response (e.g., deep breathing before speaking).
  - Adding friction to rude habits (e.g., removing

phones from reach).

- Practice Radical Self-Awareness. Awareness of your presence, attention, and cultural assumptions transforms etiquette from “following rules” to “creating connection”. This meta-cognitive awareness engages the PFC and strengthens social brain networks.
- Leverage Cultural and Social Learning. Exposure to diverse social contexts strengthens neural pathways for respectful norms. Cross-cultural studies show that respect is both a universal value and culturally shaped, influencing brain activity patterns.

Etiquette is neurologically grounded. It blends

empathy, self-regulation, and learned social norms. By engaging in the brain’s empathy and control systems, and by turning polite behaviors into habits, you can make etiquette natural, adaptable, and authentic.

### DML Hosts Rosella C. Rowe

Dayton Metro Library will host Rosella C. Rowe for a Past Lives Discussion on Thursday, October 29, 6:30-7:30 pm, at the Southeast Branch.

Rowe, an author and psychic medium, will

share memories of past lives and research from readings with clients who have struggled with trauma connected to previous lives.

A Q&A and book signing of *The Haunting at*

2095 will follow the program.

For more information, visit [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](http://DaytonMetroLibrary.org) or call the Library’s Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

# Faith

## From Cancer Survivor to Community Celebration: Robin Jvet Mobley Presents Soulful Gospel Sundays in Dayton

*Red-carpet opening event brings Gospel music, clean comedy, karaoke, live entertainment, and fellowship to Flavor House Restaurant & Lounge on November 1.*

Radio and television personality, author, and community advocate Robin Jvet Mobley is turning gratitude into action with the launch of Soulful Gospel Sundays, a new entertainment experience designed to bring people together through faith, laughter, music, creativity, and fellowship.

The inaugural red-carpet opening event will take place Sunday, November 1, 2026, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Flavor House Restaurant & Lounge, located at 130 W. 2nd Street in downtown Dayton, Ohio. The event is presented by 27 CROWN DiRaVet Evangelical Lounge.

For Mobley, this event represents more than entertainment. It is an opportunity to celebrate life, give thanks for healing, and create a welcoming space where people of all ages can enjoy positive, uplifting entertainment.

After facing lung cancer and navigating the challenges of recovery, Mobley says her faith in God has remained central to her journey.

“I feel truly blessed that God healed me and brought me through my battle with lung cancer. Life is a gift, and I want to use the time and opportunities God has given me to do something positive for my community. I wanted to create an atmosphere where people can come together, laugh, enjoy



Robin Jvet Mobley

good music, express their gifts, and fellowship in a clean and uplifting environment.”

As a media personality, author, and longtime community advocate, Mobley has dedicated herself to connecting people, sharing stories, and encouraging others. With Soulful Gospel Sundays, she is bringing that same spirit into a live community experience.

The afternoon will feature Gospel music, a live band, clean comedy, Gospel karaoke, Gospel Music Bingo with prizes, and Praise & Paint. The event will also welcome opportunities for local singers, musicians, and other inspirational performers to share their talents, including impromptu performances that allow emerging local talent to participate.

The goal is to offer more than a traditional music event. Mobley hopes to build a recurring gathering where churches, families, artists, entrepreneurs, and community members can connect in an atmosphere centered on faith, joy, and fellowship.

“Church is over... now it’s time to fellowship!” is the message behind the event, encouraging guests to come comfortably dressed, enjoy the entertainment, and connect with others.

The public is invited to attend the red-carpet opening celebration. Media representatives, community reporters, radio hosts, television personalities, and podcast producers are also invited to cover the event, attend the red-carpet experience, and speak with Mobley about her personal journey, com-

munity involvement, and vision for future Gospel Sundays.

Mobley is available for interviews on community affairs programs, radio shows, television programs, podcasts, and other media platforms to discuss the event and the importance of creating positive spaces for community connection.

**EVENT DETAILS**

Event: Soulful Gospel Sundays — Red-Carpet Opening Event

Presented by: 27 CROWN DiRaVet Evangelical Lounge

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2026

Time: 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Location: Flavor House Restaurant & Lounge

Address: 130 W. 2nd Street, Dayton, OH 45402

Admission and reservations:

General Admission: \$20

Individual Reserved Seating: \$30

VIP Table for Two: \$50

VIP Section for Five: \$150, including five complimentary mocktails and one appetizer from the designated menu

Meals and additional food purchases are separate. Seating is limited, and advance reservations are encouraged.

RSVP and event information: 937-496-5534

### Jesus Walks

It don’t make no difference if whitey’s on the moon,  
my people can’t afford pampers.  
Don’t y’all know that whitey be lying on the news??  
It’s lead, heavy metals, & microplastics in  
that food, the food- that’s not even food.  
But they sho do make it look good on cartoons..

Whitey was in underground caves connected to synagogues in New York, what made that  
hideout so cool?  
Y’all really believe them God’s chosen people? We  
the ones in them ghettos! Look up the  
definition, we from the land of the Jews!

Check the fibers on your clothes, make sure the lining,  
or shit everything- is authentically sewn.  
This is psychological warfare.  
They willing to sacrifice some of their own to get to  
the ones with coarse hair.

They so damn greedy, taxin like in the days of Christ.  
We get hung on trees, like Christ was hung on that  
cross.  
Another innocent black man they claimed, did false.  
Sold out by his own people, that sound like where I’m  
from!

Now a days we’ll rather kill each other, this ah horror  
film- don’t you hear that piano, that snare  
& drum?!

The frequency is off here.  
Some people ain’t wanna listen to me, Picasso the  
way they took off the ears.  
They was corny, I remember the first time my ahma  
had me shuck off ears.

My soul, is like bbq.  
Brother ima target too.  
You not alone, my organs they wanna harvest too.  
Them demons be vampires, tell Ryan Coogler ima  
artist too.

I seen real demons rip & tear thru someone soul with  
the sharpest tool.  
But he still came out on top cause we serve a mighty  
God, they still tried to mark my tomb.  
But the demons, they saw he don’t live there no more,  
he returned on top of the battle, they saw  
the holes, my wounds.

When are we gonna understand that we bear the same  
spirit that raised Christ? The word is our  
story, our kingship & glory.  
Found out the truth of who we are, now folklores are  
no longer for me.

Love yo neighbor as yourself.. it’s ah reason He com-  
manded it.  
Kill the flesh, walk with yo faith branded.  
That damage.. is ah testament to yo fight.  
We were created to forever do right.  
Let that old you die, get that leaven out of sight.

By: Sha Judah  
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November 2, 2026 – Executive Committee Meeting  
November 23, 2026 – General Membership Meeting

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# Education

## Sinclair College Awarded \$10 Million in Talent Search Funding to Expand College Access



Sinclair College was awarded \$10 million in Talent Search grant funding, a significant development in the school’s efforts to expand college access and career readiness services designed to strengthen the region’s workforce. “Sinclair remains committed to helping more students pursue post-secondary educa-

tion, earn valuable credentials, and prepare for in-demand, good-paying careers,” said Dr. Steven Johnson, President & CEO at Sinclair. Sinclair has secured \$10 million in five-year Talent Search funding through two distinct grant efforts that expand and sustain college-access services for students facing barriers to postsecondary education.

Statewide Talent Search Initiative (\$6.25 Million) - Sinclair has been selected as the lead institution for the Central West Ohio region of a statewide Talent Search initiative administered through the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE). Sinclair’s five-year \$6.25 million subaward will support services for 3,500 students, working with



ODHE, Bottom Line, and regional K–12 districts. Federal TRIO Talent Search Renewals (\$3.75 Million) - Sinclair has also received renewed funding for all three of its existing U.S. Department of Education TRIO Talent Search grants. The five-year awards will allow Sinclair to continue serving 1,500 students annually at Dayton Public Schools and Northridge Local

Schools. Across these grant efforts, Talent Search provides academic tutoring and advising, college and career planning, financial aid assistance, campus visits, and connections to dual enrollment, workforce credentials, and apprenticeship opportunities. "This \$10 million investment expands opportunities for thousands of students across our re-

gion," said Chris Welch, Director of Student Enrichment Programs at Sinclair College. “Sinclair’s efforts through Talent Search will continue to help more students overcome barriers to education and connect with opportunities that improve their future.” For more information about Sinclair Community College, visit [sinclair.edu](http://sinclair.edu).

## Road Scholar Launches TWO New Civil Rights Programs



Cartoon Characters Mayor Maxwell, Babette, and Maurice are created by Sterling Haynes. [sterlinghaynes.com](http://sterlinghaynes.com)

**By Professor Sterling Haynes**  
Road Scholar is the not-for-profit world leader in educational travel for senior adults. Founded as Elderhostel in 1975, Road Scholar has served more than 6.5 million lifelong learners over the past 50 years. With educational adventures hosted by expert faculty in nearly 100 countries and throughout the United States, Road Scholar truly is a university of the world. Headquartered in Boston Massachusetts. Two new civil rights programs are being

launched in New Orleans, Mississippi and Tennessee. Rhythm of the Resistance: Civil Rights & Jazz in New Orleans. The Civil Rights Movement in Jackson, Memphis & Nashville. These adventures offer small, personal experiences with groups of 13 to 24 participants. Including lodging, meals, and expert led field trips. Road Scholar's inaugural Civil Rights Movement program in Alabama and Georgia has consistently been one of their most popular and impactful programs since its re-

lease in 2017. Nearly 550 travelers attended the program last year. "I cannot overstate the richness of this experience," said 2024 participant Analee from South Deerfield, Mass. "The people we met, the experts who taught us, the museums and sites we visited they all were life-changing. History became real, and I am dedicated to learning more and living my life anew with the lessons learned." "This program was created to connect people with the living history of the Civil Rights Movement across Jackson,

Memphis, and Nashville places where ordinary individuals made extraordinary choices that helped shape our nation," said Bobbie Duncan from the Center for Educational Adventure, which partners with Road Scholar to organize and operate the program. "By exploring these communities and hearing the stories rooted there, we hope participants leave with a deeper appreciation of the movement's complexity, the courage it required, and a renewed sense of how its lessons about justice, dignity, and collective action still matter today." The nonprofit organi-

zation hopes these new programs in New Orleans, Jackson, Memphis, and Nashville will help broaden their educational programming on the civil rights history in the U.S., leaving as much of a meaningful mark on participants as the program in Georgia and Alabama. "A civil rights and jazz program in New Orleans offers a powerful new way to experience the city by connecting two of its most influential legacies," said Lindsey Temple, Program Operations Director at Road Scholar. "From the fight for equality to the birth of America's most iconic musical tradi-

tion, these stories bring New Orleans to life in a meaningful and immersive way. This focused program allows travelers to engage with the people, places, and history that shaped the city's cultural identity, offering an experience that is both educational and unforgettable." Road Scholar's first departures are scheduled in May 2027. Both programs are currently open for enrollment, as well as future dates of the original program in Alabama and Georgia. Learn more at [www.roadscholar.org](http://www.roadscholar.org)

## DML Welcomes Author of Dayton Bike Tour Book

Dayton Metro Library will host three sessions of Bicycling Through Dayton: Twenty-One Historical Tours Author Visit. Kathleen Smythe, author of the book of the same name, will share her vision for the book, highlight stories featured in it, and offer tips for finding adventures, whether on

foot, by bike, or by car. Book sales and signings will follow each session. Schedule: Saturday, October 31, 10-11 am, Wilmington-Stroop Branch Thursday, November 5, 6-7 pm, New Lebanon Branch Saturday, November 7, 10:30-11:30 am, Vandalia

Branch This program is for adults and is part of DML's America 250 programming. Registration is not required. For more information, visit [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](http://DaytonMetroLibrary.org) or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

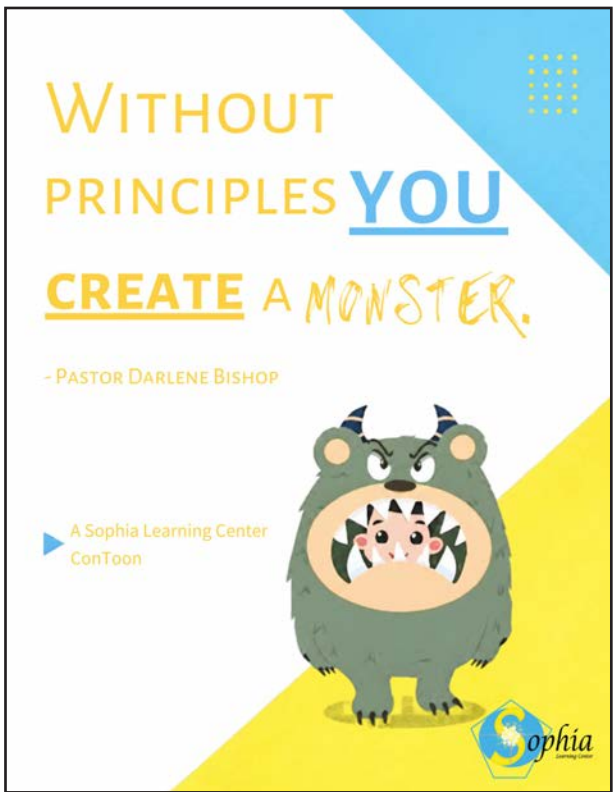
## Without Principles You Create a Little Monster

By: Words of Wisdom from Sophia Learning Center  
It's that time of year where children get to dress up as their favorite TV or movie characters, unicorns and even little monsters. Most people look at kids dressed up as little monsters and think, "Oh, how cute!" Which, we would be the first ones to agree. However, for the purposes of this article, we can't help but think that there is a deeper lesson that we can glean from this timely activity. Pastor Darlene Bishop once said in a sermon that, "Without principles, you create a monster." Let's let this thought sink in for a moment. When children act like "little monsters"—throwing tantrums, talking back, or refusing to listen—it can be tempting to think it's cute or excuse the behavior be-

cause they're little or because "they are just kids." However, if left uncorrected, these habits can follow children into adulthood, shaping how they interact in the workplace and community. Behavioral development begins at birth. Research from the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University shows that early experiences shape brain architecture, laying the foundation for all future learning, including behavior. Furthermore, the CDC notes that children begin learning self-control by age three, with the majority of behavioral growth solidified by age eight. If we do not address negative behaviors early and instill strong, Godly principles—such as integrity, honesty, peace, patience, respect, gentleness, and self-control—we risk allowing those habits to persist into adulthood. Proverbs 22:6 says -

Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is older he will not depart. This is the scripture Sophia Learning Center is founded upon and one our founder/mother, Constance Brown, believed so firmly in. That word train means to teach, instruct, educate and in some translations, it means to guide; instilling, and modeling those Godly principles and correcting others. Noticing behaviors in your little one—or even in yourself—that you would like to correct? If you are looking for guidance on instilling strong principles within your family, the Book of Proverbs in the Word of God is a wonderful place to start. Throughout Proverbs, parents, mentors, and leaders are encouraged to pass wisdom down to the next generation. This book of the Bible provides one of the clearest examples in

Scripture on how to live intentionally and share foundational values with our children. One simple practice to help you get started is reading one chapter of Proverbs each day, then sharing that principle and takeaway with your little one or family. You could have write learnings that you want to remember on post it notes, and place them in visible places around your home. It may seem like nothing is happening at first, but as you continue to read, teach, model that behavior in front of your little one, you'll one day see those teachings being lived out in them. Instilling Godly principles can help you redirect your little ones from becoming little monsters to becoming the men and women God created them to be. Sophia Learning Center is a Christ-centered preschool and private kinder-



garten located in Kettering. The school's mission is to train up children through biblical wisdom principles, traditional values and engaging learning styles to

become fluent readers, who are ready to learn, achieve lifelong goals and ultimately become world changers.

# Arts & Entertainment



## American Cruise Lines Vacation - Part One



By: Wanda Haynes, CS

I recently took a cruise with American Cruise Lines and it was pure paradise! The American Legend cruise ship was built in 2024 and is stunningly beautiful. The Fall Foliage Cruise touring the Hudson River, Catskills, West Point, New York City, the Rip Van Winkle Bridge, and much more.

American Cruise Lines has a rich history with the country's waterways. Proudly American-made intimate ships offer a unique blend of luxury and heritage. Inviting passengers to experience the charm of exquisite service and explore hidden gems in the USA. As we celebrate our 250-year anniversary as Americans.

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Founder Charles A. Robertson (1947-2020), a shipbuilder, who started American Cruise Lines with his wife Carol. American Cruise Lines has new routes and introduced new ship technology to the cruise industry. All 25+ ships are built in the USA, American crew members, and customer service is also in the USA. The company's headquarters is

located in Guilford, CT

My trip was easy to navigate, and I received regular emails about what to expect on route. We stayed at The Renaissance Hotel in Albany, NY the night before loading onto the ship. A fantastic stay with modern rooms with a wonderful restaurant "Wellington's" that served breakfast, lunch, and dinner at a fair price.

I had a chance to meet some of the passengers while waiting on the coach to transport us. Everyone was filled with excitement and getting to know each other.

The luxurious coach bears the American Cruise Line's name, manufactured by Mercedes Benz and very specific and comfortable for seating with strategically placed handrails to prevent falls. When I saw the American Legend in the port, tucked among the fall trees, I began cheering like a schoolgirl over the majestic way the ship held its place, and awaited her passengers.

How was the ship inside Wanda?

The isles on the ship are wide and I never felt crowded, the advantage of an intimate vessel in more ways than one.

My cabin 204 was on deck two and absolutely gorgeous. Thick high-quality bed linens, a large balcony with chairs and a table. Big closets with shelves, wooden hangers, comfortable desk

with chairs, extra-large television with plenty of entertainment options. Chairs with arms is a big deal for people with age, and mobility issues. There aren't interior cabins which is a luxury and adds value for all passengers.

The bathroom shower was my favorite part of the cabin, due to the non-slip texture even when wet. Two shower heads, one removable and one stationary. Terrific lighting for putting on makeup. Full sized bars of soap, makeup remover, body lotion, and body wash. My cabin was cleaned daily by friendly staff, including a turndown service, and the entire ship is simply spotless.

The entire ship is welcoming for wheelchairs and those with mobility issues. I only use the elevator at this stage of life. The natural light made its way through windows and doors. Ceiling lights and well-placed lamps offered great visual and photo opportunities.

Wide doorways were able to accommodate wheelchairs, and the decks were perfect for overseeing the sights, making new friends, and flourishing in the glow of the Hudson River. The ship was quiet even during sleep, I couldn't tell when we were moving most of the time. Beautiful flooring, flowers, and artwork on the entire ship.

Pearl Seas is their sister company which sails into Canada, and the USA. <https://www.americancruiselines.com> <https://www.pearlseascruises.com>

Come back for Pt 2 of American Cruise Lines voyage on the American Legend.

## DML's Seasonal Programs

Dayton Metro Library will celebrate the autumn season with themed programs for all ages.

**Craft Night – Autumn Cross Stitch**, Monday, October 26, 5-6:30 pm, Brookville Branch: Stitch an autumn design on canvas. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Adults

**Clay Creations**, Tuesday, October 27, 4-5 pm, Wilmington-Stroop Branch: Create fall-themed projects using air-dry clay. Project ideas will be available. Registration required. Grades 1-4

**Halloween Hullabaloo**, Wednesday, October 28, 9:30-10:15 am and 11-11:45 am, Wilmington-Stroop Branch: Trick-or-treat around the Library after storytime. Costumes are optional. Birth to 3

**Book Boogie: Halloween Edition**, Wednesday, October 28, 10-10:30 am, Huber Heights Branch: After a story, stay for a spooky Halloween dance party. Costumes are optional. Families

**Pumpkin Painting**, Wednesday, October 28, 3-5 pm, Main Library, The Center for Community Impact & Innovation: Decorate foam pumpkins for Halloween. All ages

**Teen Interactive Movie: Hocus Pocus**, Wednesday, October 28, 3-5 pm, Brookville Branch: Watch this pop-

ular movie and interact with the action on screen by following provided prompts. Teens

**Trick or Treat Storytime**, Wednesday, October 28, 4-5 pm, Kettering-Moraine Branch: Trick-or-treat around the Library after storytime. Costumes are optional. For ages 3-8; families with children of all ages are welcome.

**STEAM for Teens – Meet the Animals**, Thursday, October 29, 4-5 pm, Main Library, Conference Room 1B: Have a wild Halloween with animal ambassadors from Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. Registration required. Teens

**Tween Craft: Halloween Ornaments**, Thursday, October 29, 4:15-5:15 pm, Kettering-Moraine Branch: Hang out with others and make a variety of Halloween ornaments and garlands. Registration required. Tweens

**Westside Hallowefest & Día de los Muertos**, Thursday, October 29, 5-6 pm, West Branch: Celebrate with crafts, activities, and more. A special ofrenda will be on display. Trunk-or-treating will take place in the Library parking lot following the program. Families Choices CCS/Ohiorise Trunk or Treat, Thursday, October 29, 6-7 pm, West Branch: Meet in the

Branch parking lot for a fun trunk-or-treat event. Registration required. Families

**Family Storytime – Halloween**, Saturday, October 31, 10:30-11 am, Huber Heights Branch: Enjoy Halloween songs, stories, and activities for children of all ages. Costumes are optional. Families

**Trick or Treat Through the (Booo) ks!**, Saturday, October 31, 11 am-1 pm, Northmont Branch: Wear Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat through the Library with various community organizations. Families

**Halloween Horror Trivia**, Saturday, October 31, 1:30-3 pm, Kettering-Moraine Branch: Test your knowledge of Halloween and horror movie trivia. Play solo or team up with a friend. Prizes will be awarded. Registration required. Adults

**Adult Craft Night – Upcycled Crafts**, Monday, November 2, 5:15-6:30 pm, Huber Heights Branch: Give new meaning to old materials by making a haunted cardboard gingerbread house. Adults

For more information and to register if required, visit [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](http://DaytonMetroLibrary.org) or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

## Before YouTube, William Pace Built and Owned His Own TV Show... Continued from Page 1

finds himself explaining.

"Most people think the stations owned it," Pace said. "They never did squat. They didn't do nothing but collect a check."

"I made my name by the sweat of my brow, the seat of my britches, and my bootstraps."

Pace grew up on Marion Street on Dayton's West Side. He was one of seven children in a three-bedroom house that also held his parents and his grandmother. His parents came to Dayton in the 1950s and met downtown, back when the city had a row of movie theaters.

With 10 people under one roof, the front stoop was the only place to think. He'd sit out there and picture himself in a big house someday. He lives in a four-story home now, near Salem Avenue and Fountain Boulevard, three or four miles from where he started.

"I was born talking," he said. "I couldn't hush up." None of his siblings shared his drive to perform. His mother used to say he should have been an only child.

He sang in school programs throughout elementary school. At 13, he joined a professional Black summer stock theater company that began on West Third Street and later moved to a theater on East Fifth Street near the YMCA. The performers were paid, and Pace still has the newspaper clipping from that summer.

In high school, he acted with the Dayton Community Theater downtown.



His parents also enrolled him in the Living Arts Center, an after-school program for creative students, where visiting artists gave him master classes. By then he was singing in churches across the city, including paid soloist work at Westminster Presbyterian, First Baptist, Christ Episcopal and Christ United Methodist.

Television got its hooks in him early, too. As a boy, Pace watched Ruth Lyons' "50-50 Club," the Cincinnati midday show built on interviews, music and live commercials. He still models his own program on it.

At Wilberforce University, music was the obvious major. Broadcast journalism was not. He kept taking the courses anyway and graduated with a double major.

"God can have a plan for your life without you even knowing it," he said.

Scholarships filled his college summers. At 20, he studied and performed at the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria, and he says he was the youngest singer the program had accepted. The next sum-

mer took him to the Aspen Music Festival and School in Colorado. Teachers first trained him as a tenor, before he settled into his true voice, a lyric baritone with a tenor's range.

After college he sang with orchestras and concert bands in Ithaca and Syracuse, New York; Salinas, California; Miami; Detroit; Wisconsin and elsewhere. He negotiated the contracts himself and served as his own agent.

The early William Pace Show aired on WRGT Channel 45 and WDTN Channel 2, usually around 1 or 2 a.m. Pace followed WWF wrestling in a stretch of the schedule otherwise filled with infomercials. People stayed up to watch him anyway. For a time, he said, the show aired daily.

He found a second audience on public access. Those channels wouldn't run programs with paid ads, so Pace edited out the commercials and sent them the show. He estimates the program ran on both broadcast and public access for about 28 of

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Editorial & Comments

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Something to Consider:

Do You Have the Courage to Say NO?

By: Brenda Cochran  
Contributing Writer

An earlier commentary asked if courage is important. Depending on the circumstances, it seems that courage is usually important.

This commentary now asked the question if one needs the courage to say no? There are many opportunities to express courageous faith. One of the best ways to begin is learning to say no.



Brenda Cochran

***In the Book of ACTS 4: 18-20 – the following concerning saying no says: “At some point in our lives, we all face fearful situations, but if we yield to what we know is wrong, our lives will be filled with entanglements and trouble; therefore we must consider the source of our desires, learn to discern the difference between good and evil, and have the courage to say no, whenever something is contrary to God’s will and word.”***

When we lack the ability to say no means we are unable to be strong or courageous. When some people think that everything has to be yes this makes us avoid people and life, and eventually, our failure to say no may lead to resentment

and cynicism. One of the major reasons why many people cannot produce a courageous no is that they don’t have a strong sense of self.

Often this inability to say no comes from the instance when one is facing temptation, but before you yield to temptation, there is a question that should be asked. Examples of these questions included the following: Ask about the source? What is required? and Are there consequences?

Many people hesitate in saying no to temptation because 1) They fear rejection, 2) They have a fear of losing a relationship, 3) They fear losing finances, 4) They fear losing a perfect opportunity, and 5) They fear that they will lose their self-image.

Saying no is not easy,

it is hard. The problem is if we don’t, we may harm ourselves as well as others. In the 1980’s and early 1990’s, “Just say no” was an advertising campaign in the United States. It was saying no to drugs which was aimed toward young people, but it expanded to saying no to other issues such as violence and sex before marriage.

Here are examples of painful rationalizations that some have experienced:

- \* **“I knew it was illegal, but the other’s wanted to anyway.”**
- \* **“I didn’t agree with the crowd, but I didn’t want to stand out.”**
- \* **“I shouldn’t have given in, but everyone else was doing it.”**

Situations like these puts’ individuals in difficult positions, especially when they remember their values and/or standards. The fact is that there are friendly and reasonable ways of saying no.

Keep this quote in mind when in one of these difficult positions:

“Anybody that gets upset or expects you to say yes all of the time, clearly doesn’t have your best interest at heart.”

Stephanie Lahart – Author & Poet of MATURE AUDIENCE

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its 38 years. The extra exposure grew his following.

That’s why many Daytonians who caught him on Dayton Access Television assumed he was a public-access host. He wants the record straight.

"From day one, the show has always been a commercial show," Pace said.

Creators now call that cross-platform distribution. Pace was doing it by mailing tapes.

Booking big names without a network was its own grind. His show was a paid program, so he couldn't pitch himself as part of a station's news operation. He had his name and his persistence.

For B.B. King, that meant weeks of calls with the blues legend's road manager ahead of a concert at Memorial Hall. The answer didn't come until King arrived in town: five minutes, in the dressing room, at intermission.

Pace scrambled for camera operators and lights. When King walked off-stage and sat down, there was one take.

"I didn't even have time to be nervous," Pace said.

They talked about building self-esteem in young people. The interview is posted on the William Pace Show YouTube channel.

He landed Mr. T and comedian Jimmie Walker the same way. Mr. T, he recalled, talked about wanting to take care of his mother and make her proud.

"This is not the mecca to be doing what I have accomplished," Pace said.

Pace admits that in the early years he mostly wanted to be a celebrity.

That changed in a Trotwood grocery store in the late 1990s.

By then, the show aired at midnight on Channel 51 and had started including scripture and short inspirational segments. A woman recognized Pace in the store and chased him down an aisle. She told him that one night she had gone into her kitchen intending to end her life. Something told her to turn on the small television on the counter, and there he was. Something he said changed her mind.

He has never known what it was.

"I don't know what I said," he told DWN. He walked away believing the show's purpose was to lift people up, not to make him famous.

"In many ways, I look at it as a ministry," he said.

That belief shapes his work off camera. Last holiday season, Pace organized a food drive that he said collected more than 100 bags of groceries. This year's fundraiser is set for Dec. 19 at Submarine House, where he plans to raffle an acoustic guitar to buy groceries for Dayton-area families and tape a segment for the show.

Pace has also run for Dayton City Commission and Montgomery County Commission. He lost both races, but he said he picked up votes in every precinct in the county, which told him people knew his name.

He decided his calling wasn't in politics. He still worries about Dayton, though, and dates its slide to the years around the 2008 housing crash, when major employers left. The city needs leaders who will go out and recruit business, he said, and residents with

enough stake in their neighborhoods to keep them from slipping.

3,000 episodes on tape

Pace came up in the reel-to-reel era, and much of his catalog is on videotape. He is paying to convert it to digital files, a process he describes as expensive.

"The William Pace Show will go on for hundreds of years to come," he said.

YouTube has given the show a new life. His channel runs episodes around the clock, and he hears from viewers in Texas, North Carolina, upstate New York, Michigan, Wisconsin and California. Remote recording means a guest no longer needs a concert date in Dayton to sit down with him.

He produces new episodes about nine months a year, and how many depends on sponsors and guests. He's hoping for regional and national sponsors and, eventually, syndication. If that happens, he wants to buy land outside the city and build his own studio.

**Who keeps the tapes?**

No one has independently reviewed what's on Pace's tapes. Nearly four decades of local television almost certainly holds conversations with entertainers who have since died, along with Dayton singers, businesses and community figures who rarely made the evening news.

A good deal of Black Dayton's history lives in places like that, in church files, family photo albums, back issues of neighborhood papers and boxes of tape in someone's closet. Videotape deteriorates, and the machines that play it are getting scarce. Converting a tape is also only the first

step. Someone still has to label it, date it and store it where people can find it.

Pace's own story shows how quickly the details slip away. At 13, he was paid to perform with a professional Black theater company in

Dayton. Few people in the city today could tell you its name or who founded it.

Libraries, universities, historical societies and families all have collections that could help fill in that record. Right now, Pace's

archive is being saved one tape at a time, and he is paying for it himself.

If you or someone you know is struggling, call or text 988 to reach the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, available 24 hours a day.



Invitation for Bid

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Due Date: 12/01/2026, 11:00 AM EST via OpenGov.

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If interested: <https://www.irderta.org/about/doing-business>.

Direct questions to [mcollier@greaterdaytonrta.org](mailto:mcollier@greaterdaytonrta.org).

Michelle Collier, Senior Purchasing Agent

Teen Expo at DML

Dayton Metro Library will host the Hustle & Heart Entrepreneur Expo Friday, November 6, 2:30-5:30 pm, at the Southeast Branch.

This nontraditional job fair is for teens exploring career paths outside the norm. The event will feature guest speakers, resource tables, vendors, and opportunities to network with creative entrepreneurs. The expo is presented by the Neighborhood Leadership Institute Alumni class of 2026.

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Next Step Career Workshops at DML

Dayton Metro Library will host a series of Next Step Career Workshops programs for both adults and teens at the Southeast Branch. The workshops are designed for jobseekers at every stage of their workforce journey to strengthen skills and prepare for the workforce.

For adults: Resume Workshop, Monday, November 2, 11 am-1 pm and 4:30-6:30 pm

Job Applications, Tuesday, November 3, 11 am-1 pm and 4:30-5:30 pm

Mock Interviews, Wednesday, November 4, 11 am-1 pm and 3-5 pm

For teens: Mock Interviews, Monday, November 2, 3-4:30 pm: Practice professionalism and interview skills.

Resume Building, Tuesday, November 3, 3-5 pm: Learn how to prepare a resume without prior experience and what information to put on it.

Job Applications, Wednesday, November 4, 3-5 pm: Receive help searching and applying for jobs and scholastic opportunities.

For all ages: Career Fair, Thursday, November 5, 3:30-6:30 pm: Connect with potential employers and access job readiness resources.

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# Business

Wright-Dunbar Lounge Builds Community Around Cigars...  
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those gatherings when most other ways of getting together had shut down. Already working side by side through the association, the two men began talking about what it would take to open a place of their own.

They found it in a building that last housed the Smoking Joe's Cafe and, by the founders' count, had sat empty for about 15 years. The space covered roughly 4,000 square feet. It had no usable subfloor, no heating or cooling, no electrical system and no plumbing.

They rebuilt it anyway. Webster said the project was financed with help from CityWide Development and the City of Dayton's West Dayton Development Fund. Construction took about 13 months. One of the biggest investments was a custom ventilation system that brings fresh air in near the floor and pulls smoke up and out through the ceiling. The plan put retail on the first floor and a more private members' lounge upstairs.

Before any of that, the partners spent about a year studying the business. They visited lounges in Indianapolis, Columbus and Toledo and looked at inventory, customer expectations and operating costs. Their research pointed to a revenue benchmark and told them that selling cigars alone wouldn't set them apart. The experience would have to.

Wright Dunbar Cigar held a soft opening Sept. 20, 2024, and a grand opening Nov. 1. Signs in the windows had told neighbors for close to a year that something was coming.

The founders say Dayton already had cigar smokers but few indoor places for them to gather. People came in to buy, and they also came to talk, watch games and attend events. Today the lounge has about 120

members, with room for more members and lockers. Membership drives the business, especially upstairs, where the owners keep the room private and relaxed.

The goal is regulars: people who come back for the company and the room as much as for what's in the humidor.

**Why Wright-Dunbar**  
The location was a deliberate choice. The district carries the names of Wilbur and Orville Wright and poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, and it has long been a center of Black business and culture in Dayton. Still, perceptions of West Dayton keep some people from shopping or going out there, and the founders say the location has kept some potential customers away.

They decided to stay and bring people in. As membership has become more diverse, customers are driving in from across the Dayton area. Many of them stop at nearby restaurants and shops while they're there, and the district's shared free parking makes that easy.

For two men who met through neighborhood work, the lounge is a way to keep doing that work.

**What Comes Next**  
The shop carries a variety of cigars, including Montecristo Blue and The Judge. As more customers buy boxes to take home, a walk-in humidor is on their wish list. A walk-in could roughly triple their inventory and increase the number of premium manufacturers they carry. For now, they work with wholesalers to carry brands that would otherwise require large up-front orders.

Growing retail sales and membership, while building out regular events, are all part of the plan. A good-looking lounge can bring people in once. The owners say steady service, good programming and careful planning are what will keep the doors open.

The lounge will mark its second anniversary with a weekend of events Oct. 30 through Nov. 1. Friday

opens with Cigars Under the Stars in the Cigarden, the lounge's outdoor space. The weekend also includes a new Halloween event Saturday and the lounge's annual "All You Can Smoke" event.

The lounge keeps a steady lineup. There's the twice-monthly Smoky Room Music Series, a monthly Ladies Night with DJ Soxx, 1st Friday's with DJ Kevin White, and quarterly Cigar Rolling Sip events where Chantelle Brown teaches cigar rolling. Member and brand ambassador Keith Byars helps organize Ohio State football watch parties.

Women are a regular part of the crowd and the calendar, which pushes back on the old idea that cigar lounges are only for men.

The partners have taken the culture outside their own walls too. In September, they organized the first Cigar and Funk Festival at the Rose Music Center with cigar vendors and other cigar related products. The format borrows from the Cigar Soul Festival in the Pacific Northwest, and the founders say Dayton hadn't seen anything like it. The festival was a success, and the primary sponsors have signed up for next year.

**When You Go**  
Wright Dunbar Cigar Shoppe & Lounge, 1153 W. Third St., Dayton. Open Tuesday through Thursday, 2 to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, noon to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.; closed Monday. Guests must be 21 or older. Call 937-640-3066 or email Info@WrightDunbarCigars.com. Online at wrightdunbarcigars.com or find Wright Dunbar Cigars on social media.

**Health Note**  
Cigars are tobacco products and are not a safe alternative to cigarettes. Cigar smoking exposes users to cancer-causing chemicals and increases the risk of several cancers, including cancers of the mouth, throat and lungs. Second-hand cigar smoke also carries health risks. Source: National Cancer Institute

## Video Home Security System



Cartoon Characters Luna, Henry Lee, Key-Low-Low, and Lenny are created by Sterling Haynes.

By Professor Sterling Haynes

Marie Van Brittan Brown was born 1922, in Jamaica Queens, New York. She was an African American woman who invented the video home security system, along with her husband, Albert Brown.

In the 1960s, Jamaica Queens, New York was known to have a high crime rate. Brown worked as a nurse and her husband was an electronics technician. Both worked sporadic hours leaving Brown coming home alone at night. She grew frustrated, watching the cities slow response to emergencies and crime in her neighborhood.

To take matters into her own hands, she teamed up with her husband to handle her own security. Their home security system was constructed with several components. A sliding camera, peepholes, two microphones, door control locks, and closed-circuit television (CCTV).

CCTV is a video surveillance technology where only authorized users can view the footage. With her system in place, Brown could use her bed-

room television to see who was knocking on the door without opening it. By incorporating two-way audio, visitors could identify themselves to her or state the purpose. Brown added an emergency button to alert authorities if she felt unsafe.

In 1969, Brown and her husband were awarded a patent for the invention of the home security system utilizing television surveillance. U.S. Patent number 3,482,037. She was unable to scale the home security system due to manufacturing costs.

Brown passed away at the age of 76 in 1999. Brown's contribution to home security led her invention to be cited in numerous subsequent patent applications. Laying the foundation for later security systems. Video doorbells, smart locks, and push button alarm triggers.

**Resources**  
Marie Van Brittan Brown and Home Security by Virginia Loh-Hagan <https://patents.google.com/patent/US3482037A/en>



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# Sports

## 5 Hottest Games in Southwest Ohio

By: Deon Cash  
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**Trotwood vs Walsh Jesuit (Cleveland)**

Two of the best teams in D-3 football go at it in the last regular season game. Both teams are ranked in the OHSAA Polls. Can the Rams knock off another elite opponent?

**Wayne vs Centerville**

Can Centerville stop Wayne and somehow slide into the OHSAA playoffs despite winning half of its games? Or will this be a playoff tune-up for the Wayne Train?

**Butler at Fairborn**

If Fairborn wins game, it will be their first di-

visional championship in decades. Butler has had a couple of setbacks lately, but still will make the playoffs after a really good season.

**Kenton Ridge vs London**

The Winner will win the Central Buckeye League outright. Kenton Ridge has had a nearly perfect dream season. Can London stop the incredible run and win the CBC on the Cougars home field? Both teams are undefeated in league play.

**Badin vs McNicholas**

Can McNicholas knock

off the former champs of the last couple of years? Or will Badin do it again?

**Chaminade-Julienne vs Alter**

The Eagles have won 2 straight and look to make it 3 vs the rivals. Alter is coming off a tough loss last week. Who wins this GCL clash

**Waynesville vs Valley View**

Can Waynesville knock off one of the top teams in the SWBL? Valley View is ranked along with Bellbrook in the State polls in the SWBL.

# Health



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## DML’s Health & Wellness Partner Programs

Dayton Metro Library will host the following health and wellness partner programs, intended for adult patrons unless otherwise noted:

**De-Stress Sesh: DIY Sleep Mask**, Monday, October 26, 4-5 pm, Electra C. Doren Branch: Unwind in a quiet setting and create a wellness tool to take home. Teens

**Yoga for You**, Monday, October 26, 5:30-6:30 pm, Northwest Branch: Jalisa Evans, a certified instructor with Yaya Yoga, will lead a session focused on gentle movement, mindful breathing, and accessibility for all experience levels. Registration required.

**Premier Mobile Health Unit Visit: Receive free diabetes education and health screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure, blood glucose, and A1C through fingerstick testing. No fasting required. Registration required.**

Tuesday, October 27, 1-3 pm, Northmont Branch

Tuesday, November 10, 2-4 pm, Burkhardt Branch  
**Elementary Generation RX Prescription Safety**, Tuesday, October 27, 5-6 pm, Electra C. Doren Branch: Elementary Generation RX is a prevention program created by the Ohio State College of Pharmacy that addresses drug overdose deaths in the community. Children

will learn about the potential dangers of misusing prescription medications through interactive games, role-playing, and creative activities. Grades 1-4

**Fall Wellness Walks**, Saturday, October 31 and November 14, 1:30-2:30 pm, Northmont Branch: Gather for a casual group walk in the park next to the Library. Registration required.

**Restorative Yoga**, Thursday, November 5, 6-7 pm, Main Library, Community Room A: Practice mostly floor-based poses appropriate for all skill levels. A limited number of mats will be available. Registration required.

**Guided Meditation & Journaling**, Monday, November 9, 5-6 pm, Huber Heights Branch: Explore guided meditation resources, journal while listening to music, and enjoy conversation. Registration required.

**Don’t Stress It!**, Tuesday, November 10, 4:30-5:30 pm, Vandalia Branch: Recognize stress, where it comes from, how it affects you, and ways to manage it. Then, make a fun, stress-relieving craft. Teens

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

## Premier Health Promotes Safe Medication Disposal to Help Prevent Misuse and Overdose

As National Prescription Drug Take Back Day approaches, Premier Health is encouraging community members to take a few minutes to review their medicine cabinets and safely dispose of expired, unused, or unwanted medications.

Unused prescription medications, particularly opioids, can pose serious risks when left in homes. According to the American Medical Association, more than 70% of people who use opioids for nonmedical reasons obtain them from family or friends, underscoring the importance of proper medication disposal. Premier Health has long supported efforts to reduce medication misuse by providing secure medication disposal receptacles at its hospitals throughout southwest Ohio.

“Many people don’t realize that the greatest risk can come from medications that are no longer needed but remain in the home,” said Anna Squibb, MD, program director of substance use and addiction services at Premier Health and program director of the Addiction Medicine Fellowship at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine. “Proper disposal of unused prescription medications, especially opioids,



helps prevent accidental ingestion, misuse, and diversion.”

Through a grant-funded initiative launched in 2018, Premier Health installed secure medication disposal receptacles that are available to the public year-round. The receptacles provide a convenient option for safely disposing of unused medications and are part of Premier Health’s ongoing commitment to addressing substance misuse and promoting community health.

Community members can dispose of prescription and over-the-counter medications at the following Premier Health locations:

- Atrium Medical Center – Front lobby beside the gift shop
- Miami Valley Hospital – Near the Apple Street elevators on the first floor
- Miami Valley Hospital North – Main lobby near the retail pharmacy
- Miami Valley Hospital South – Near the Patient Care Unit 1 entrance in the lobby of the Joint and

Spine Center

• Upper Valley Medical Center – At the foot of the main staircase in the hospital lobby

Accepted items include:

- Prescription medications
  - Over-the-counter medications
  - Vitamins
  - Pet medications
- Items not accepted include:
- Needles and syringes
  - Inhalers
  - Aerosol cans
  - Thermometers
  - Lotions and liquids

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Oct. 24 provides a safe, convenient way for people to dispose of medications and helps prevent misuse, accidental poisoning, and overdose. For those unable to participate in Take Back Day events, Premier Health’s medication disposal receptacles are available year-round.



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