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OHIO ISSUE 3 VOTER PHOTO ID AMENDMENT



By RoShawn Winburn,
Dayton Weekly News

I've heard the same question many times this month, "Is Issue 3 the new voter ID law?"

No. Ohio already has that law. Since 2023, you've needed a photo ID to vote in person here. Issue 3 asks whether that rule should be written into the Ohio Constitution.

While lawmakers can change a law, changing the constitution takes a vote of the people. If Issue 3 passes, the ID rule stays as written unless Ohio voters agree to change it. If it fails, the current law stays on the

books, and the legislature can still revise it.

It is the only statewide question on your ballot, and it needs a simple majority to pass.

What counts as ID right now

To be valid, your ID has to be current and show your name and photo:

Ohio driver's license or state ID card

U.S. passport or passport card

U.S. military, Ohio National Guard or VA ID card

Student IDs and out-of-state licenses don't count. If you vote by mail, Issue 3 doesn't add a photo requirement. It leaves those

rules to the legislature.

The Ohio Republican Party is leading the yes campaign, and President Trump and Democratic governor nominee Amy Acton both support it. Their argument is simple: most Ohioans already back voter ID, so put it where a future legislature can't undo it.

The Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation and Ohio Citizen Action oppose it. They say strict ID rules land hardest on Black voters, seniors and students, the people least likely to carry a current license. They also point out that voter fraud in Ohio is

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Dayton NAACP Marks 111 Years of Advocacy as Hall of Freedom Awards Approach



Derrick Foward

By Dayton Weekly News Staff

DAYTON, Ohio — More than a century after its founding, the Dayton Unit of the NAACP continues to confront familiar challenges while responding to new concerns about discrimination, civil rights and civic participation.

The organization, established in 1915, will celebrate its 111-year history

during the 75th Hall of Freedom Awards on Friday, October 23, at the Dayton Convention Center. This year's theme, "Standing Strong Together!", reflects the organization's emphasis on collective action and community responsibility.

Dr. Derrick L. Foward, president of the Dayton NAACP, will

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Beyond the Summit: Turning Affordable Housing Conversations Into Action in Dayton



Affordable housing is more than a conversation about buildings, property values, or development projects. It is about families having a safe place to call home, neighborhoods growing stronger, and communities creating opportunities that can benefit generations.

Across Dayton and the Miami Valley, affordable housing remains an important issue affecting individuals, working families, seniors, and aspiring homeowners.

The recent 5th Annual Affordable Housing Summit, presented by the Greater Dayton Realist Association, provided an opportunity to bring attention to housing development, financing, and the partnerships needed to expand housing opportunities throughout the region. The summit's theme, "If You Build It, They Will Come!", emphasized the importance of strengthening com-

munities through housing development and collaboration.

However, an equally important question remains:

How can Dayton turn meaningful conversations into real solutions that make housing more accessible, affordable, and sustainable for its residents?

The answer begins with continued collaboration, community engagement, and a commitment to action beyond the summit.

Why Affordable Housing Matters in Dayton

Dayton has a rich history, established neighborhoods, and opportunities for continued growth. However, access to affordable, quality housing remains a challenge for many families.

For some residents, the challenge is finding rental housing that fits within their monthly budget. For others, it involves securing financing, saving for a

down payment, maintaining an aging property, or understanding the home-buying process.

According to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency's Fiscal Year 2026 Housing Needs Assessment, Ohio faces a shortage of more than 202,000 affordable and available rental homes for households earning no more than 50% of the area median income. Although this figure represents a statewide challenge, it highlights the importance of addressing housing affordability in communities such as Dayton.

Affordable housing is also connected to broader community development.

When residents have access to stable housing, they are better positioned to participate in the local economy, establish roots in their neighborhoods, and plan for their families' futures.

Homeownership can create additional oppor-

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Olympic Champion Dr. Edwin C. Moses to View Installation of the Medal of Honor Memorial

Olympic Champion Dr. Edwin C. Moses will come to Dayton for the installation of the Medal of Honor Memorial in the Honor Park located on a street named for him, Edwin C. Moses Blvd.

The installation will occur on Monday, October 19 at 10 a.m. at the site adjacent to the Third Street Bridge and diagonally across from the Wright Flyer III statue.

"It is important that we recognize our veterans and I want to be there to see this monument put into place," said Dr. Moses, a native Daytonian. His father, the late Irving Sylvester Moses, was a Tuskegee Airman who will be recognized on signage at the park. While they both were accomplished, Dr. Moses said he and his father both faced racism. His father never received the recognition that he deserved before he died at the Dayton Veterans Administration in 1983 following a career as a local educator. Dr. Moses is a physicist, sports administrator, financial consultant and lecturer who lives in Atlanta.

At the Honor Park, a crane will lift into place the 12 ft. tall granite obelisk that lists the names of 41 Medal of Honor recipients from Montgomery and surrounding counties. It will be topped with a 7,000-pound etched granite globe. The city-owned park has



Dr. Edwin C. Moses

been renamed Honor Park in recognition of all veterans of the region, including 110,000 who live here now.

Since Ohio has the sixth largest concentration of veterans in the country, and the Dayton region has the second highest concentration of veterans in the state, the park's location is a fitting site for the memorial.

Honor Park will recognize Medal of Honor recipients and veterans from Montgomery, Greene, Clark, Butler, Warren, Miami, Darke, and Preble counties. Their biographies will be accessible through QR codes at the park and online.

This volunteer effort, initiated by Wright Dunbar, Inc. (WDI), has raised more than \$1.5 million of its nearly \$1.8 million goal and is fundraising to

close the gap. The project has received funds from Dayton and Montgomery County commissioners, the Ohio Capital Fund, veteran organizations, foundations, businesses and individuals.

The project is a component fund of The Dayton Foundation that will invest \$300,000 of funds raised for long-term maintenance of the park that will be managed by WDI. An additional \$300,000 is needed to bring the project to completion. That will include the refurbishment of four WWI memorials and two Gold Star Mothers memorials that presently exist in the park.

Parking will be available southeast of the park in the former Zion Church lot. For additional information, call 937-402-0529 or search <https://bit.ly/medal-of-honor-memorial> for ways to donate in any amount.

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Virtual Public Participation Meeting to Review the Proposed Amendment to the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) maintains the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (AWQMP) which guides planning across five counties (Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble) for the protection of water resources including management of non-point source pollution and wastewater treatment. The proposed amendment to the AWQMP includes policy updates and a change to the Facility Planning Area (FPA) boundaries at a location in the Greenville area.

The virtual meeting will take place via Zoom, a video conferencing platform, and will be held as follows:

Tuesday, October, 27, 2026, from 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/85604462713>

Or call in to join the meeting by phone:
(646) 558 8656 - (New York)
(312) 626-6799 - (Chicago)
Enter Meeting ID: 856 0446 2713 #

Information will also be available on MVRPC’s website at mvrpc.org/areawide-water-quality-plan and at MVRPC’s office, 6 North Main Street, Suite 400, Dayton, OH, 45402, during regular business hours, Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written comments will be accepted until November 4, 2026.



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SCAN ME

St. Vincent De Paul Dayton and New Life Furniture Bank Partner to Furnish Homes for Neighbors in Need

Expanded partnership connects community furniture donations with households rebuilding after experiencing homelessness and other crises

DAYTON, Ohio - St. Vincent de Paul Dayton and New Life Furniture Bank are expanding their partnership to help more Greater Dayton neighbors furnish their homes. Through the partnership, furniture donated at St. Vincent de Paul’s City-Thrift store will be distributed by New Life Furniture Bank to qualifying individuals and families, bringing together the organizations’ strengths to support neighbors working toward stability.

Community members can continue dropping off gently used furniture at CityThrift’s donation drive-through or contact New Life Furniture Bank to schedule a pickup. New Life Furniture Bank will have dedicated warehouse space within the City-Thrift building to collect and store donated furniture and coordinate in-home delivery for families served through participating referral partners.

This collaboration marks Phase 1 of New Life Furniture Bank’s intentional expansion into the Dayton area, establishing a local hub to help meet the significant need for essential furniture.

“For a neighbor rebuilding after a crisis, moving into housing is an important step, but an empty apartment can still leave a family without a place to sit, eat together or rest,” said Angie Grilliot, executive director of St. Vincent de Paul Dayton. “This partnership brings together our relationships throughout the community and New Life’s expertise in furnishing homes, allowing each organization to focus on what it does best. Together, we can strengthen support for neighbors across the Dayton region and help more families turn an empty house or apartment into a home.”

The expanded partnership builds on a referral relationship established in 2019. Since then, New Life Furniture Bank has furnished nearly 900 homes through referrals from St. Vincent de Paul Dayton. The new hub represents the next step in that partnership and provides a foundation for New Life Furniture Bank’s continued growth in the Dayton area.

Each year, St. Vincent de Paul Dayton’s 28 primarily parish-based volunteer groups, known as Conferences, assist more than 56,000 neighbors throughout the Miami Valley. Their person-to-person support includes emergency financial assistance, food, clothing and connections to community resources. The furniture partnership builds on this work by helping neighbors



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access essential furnishings as they establish stable homes.

“I grew up in Dayton, so expanding New Life Furniture Bank’s services in my hometown means a great deal to me,” said Dana Saxton, president and CEO of New Life Furniture Bank. “We see how difficult it is for families to rebuild their lives when they have the keys to a home but no beds to sleep in or table to gather around. This partnership with St. Vincent de Paul gives us a local foundation to reach more families. I’m grateful for the opportunity to bring this work home.”

To donate furniture, visit CityThrift’s donation drive-through at 945 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Dayton, OH 45417. Donors who need a pickup can call New Life Furniture Bank at 513-313-0530 or visit its website for scheduling information and accepted items. Furniture should be clean, gently used and functional.

Individuals and families seeking furniture assistance should work with a participating St. Vincent de Paul conference or another approved social service referral partner. These partners determine eligibility and connect qualifying households with New Life Furniture Bank.

To learn more, visit <https://nlfurniture.org/upcoming-events/st-vincent-depaul-dayton-new-life-furniture-bank/>.

About St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dayton District Council

Founded in 1948, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dayton District Council is a Catholic nonprofit organization accompanying neighbors experiencing homelessness and poverty across the Miami Valley. Through the work of 28 parish-based neighborhood ministries, known as Conferences, thousands of neighbors receive personal, financial, and in-kind assistance each year. Conference presidents and a community board also oversee the Special Works of the Dayton District Council, which assist neighbors in need through emergency shelter operations, supportive housing ministries, supportive ser-

vices for veteran families, and the nonprofit CityThrift store .

For more information visit <https://stvincent-dayton.org/>.

About New Life Furniture Bank

New Life Furniture Bank is a faith-based nonprofit based in Blue Ash, Ohio, providing gently used furniture and household essentials to individuals and families overcoming homelessness, domestic violence, extreme poverty and other significant crises. Founded in 2006 as a ministry of Milford First United Methodist Church, the organization gained 501(c)(3) status in 2009. Today, it partners with more than 100 social service agencies to help families establish functional, furnished homes through in-home furniture delivery and set-up. New Life Furniture Bank serves communities across Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeast Indiana and is expanding its local presence in the Dayton area. Since its founding, the organization has furnished more than 17,500 homes and served more than 40,000 individuals.

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

The third workshop will be held Friday, October 23, 10 am-12 pm, in The Center for Community Impact & Innovation at the Main Library and will focus on nonprofit marketing.

Presenters Bruce Stapleton, president of Movement Group,

and Art Helmstetter, owner of B2BPlanner Ltd., will discuss:

- Understanding target audiences and their needs.
- Crafting effective messages that motivate action.
- Harnessing the power of AI.
- Using social media platforms.
- Assessing organizational strengths and weaknesses.

Participants will be introduced to a marketing system developed for smaller nonprofits with limited staff and resources. They will assess their current marketing efforts

to identify areas of focus to achieve greater success. Stapleton is the author of Nonprofit Marketing Excellence and an adjunct marketing professor. Helmstetter has trained and mentored nonprofit leaders and boards for 15 years and has led international sales and marketing organizations. 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 or call the Library’s Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.



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Culture

Ladies and Gentlemen

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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.

McDonald's and Disney Unleash a Villainous Twist on the Return of Boo Buckets

McDonald's is entering the villain era with the spine-tingling return of its beloved Boo Buckets, this year inspired by some of Disney’s most iconic villains.

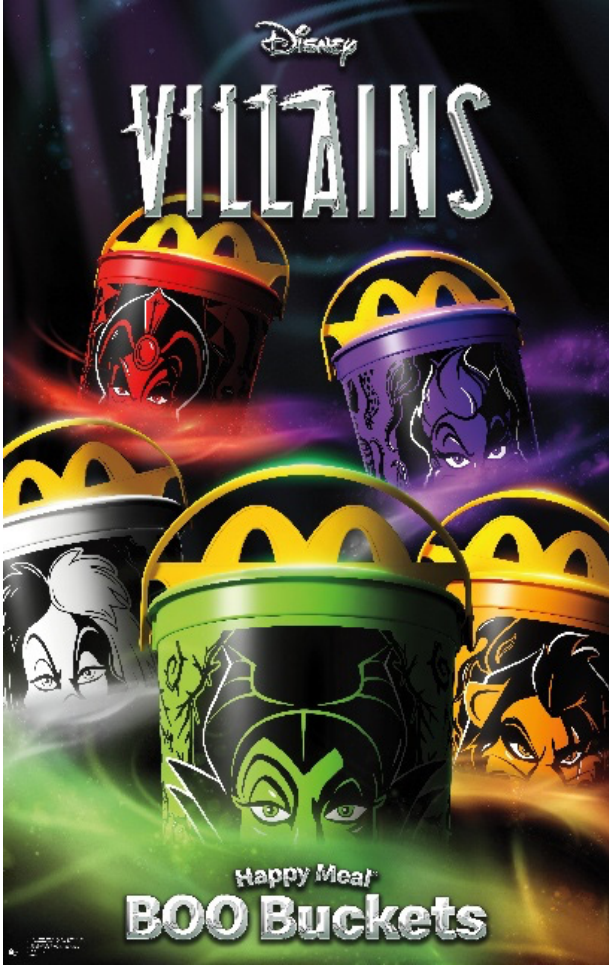
The Disney Villains Boo Buckets Happy Meal® will be available for fans across the nation to embark on a delightful and spooky journey starting October 20 at participating McDonald's restaurants.

The Boo Buckets, widely cherished by McDonald's fans of all ages, are a symbol of the much-anticipated Halloween season. This year, McDonald's is partnering with Disney to offer five wickedly collectible Happy Meal® bucket designs, each feature a different spooky notorious Disney villain.

The five designs include:

Jafar
Ursula
Scar
Cruella
Maleficent

These limited-edition Boo Buckets are set to fly off the shelves faster than a witch on a broomstick,



so make sure to visit your nearest McDonald's restaurant to grab your favorite infamous villain while supplies last.

Customers can order any of their favorite McDonald’s Happy Meal® options with the Halloween Pail – it will replace the classic Happy Meal box beginning October 20

while supplies last. This includes the Hamburger Happy Meal, 4 pc. Chicken McNuggets® Happy Meal or 6 pc. Chicken McNuggets® Happy Meal. Halloween Pails will only be available with Happy Meal® orders.

View the menu spotter here for all of the details.

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rare and warn that freezing the ID list into the constitution could block options like digital IDs later.

I won't to tell you how to vote on Issue 3, but I am asking you to read the question yourself before you get to the booth, because ballot language is written by lawyers, not neighbors. You can read about Issue, and find candidate information, on

the Montgomery County Board of Elections website at MCBOE.org.

Other ballot considerations include:

The Dayton Public Schools levy: The district’s first request for new money since 2008 is a 7-mill levy costing about \$245 per \$100,000 of home value, and it has split the business community. The Chamber says vote no, while the super-

intendent warns that failure could mean closing schools.

The judges at the bottom of your ballot: Juvenile Court (Judge Nicholas Sylvain vs. Magistrate Hope Smalls), Probate Court (Judge David Brannon vs. Cassandra Rice) and an open Common Pleas seat decide custody, estates and youth cases, yet few voters research them.

One more race is worth a look: Ohio House District 39 is an open seat covering Huber Heights, Vandalia and Englewood. Central State graduate Daquan Neal (D) faces Huber Heights council member Mark Campbell (R) in a district where the Black population is growing.

How to vote in Montgomery County
Early voting is open

now at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 451 W. Third St., Dayton. Weekdays are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 23. Hours stretch later starting Oct. 26, and there are weekend hours on Oct. 24, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. There is no voting on Monday, Nov. 2.

Absentee ballot applications must reach the board by 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Mailed ballots must arrive by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Don't drop them at your polling place.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Polls are open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Questions? Call the board at (937) 225-5656.

Check your polling place, and bring your ID. Then bring somebody with you!

Dayton NAACP Marks 111 Years of Advocacy as Hall of Freedom Awards Approach...

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ton Unit NAACP, says the annual celebration serves a dual purpose of recognizing individuals who have contributed to the advancement of civil rights, while generating essential financial support for the organiza-

tion’s ongoing work.

Unlike many nonprofit organizations, the Dayton branch operates without paid staff. Volunteers manage its programs, advocacy efforts and day-to-day operations from its headquarters at 915 Salem

Avenue, a building the organization acquired in 2020.

This year’s Hall of Freedom Awards will feature Leon W. Russell, chair of the NAACP National Board of Directors, as a special guest.

The celebration will also introduce a Civil Rights Hall of Fame Award, recognizing individuals whose contributions have advanced civil rights and social justice. Foward said four individuals would be inducted into the inaugural class.

Alongside its annual recognition program, the Dayton branch continues efforts to develop future leaders through youth engagement, adviser training and opportunities for community participation.

While the Hall of Freedom Awards celebrate progress, the branch’s recent activity illustrates why its mission remains relevant.

According to the organization’s June 2026 newsletter, the Dayton Unit

NAACP investigated 26 discrimination complaints that month, representing a 62.5% increase compared with the same period the previous year.

Employment discrimination accounted for the largest share of complaints at 23.08%, followed by housing discrimination and discrimination involving public businesses, each representing 15.38%. Police misconduct and allegations involving false charges were also among the reported categories.

The figures reflect complaints investigated by the organization, rather than independently established findings of discrimination.

Beyond individual complaints, the branch has engaged in discussions surrounding public safety, surveillance technology and the use of automated license plate readers. These conversations reflect broader community concerns about accountability, privacy and the relationship between residents and law enforce-

ment.

The organization is also preparing for its November 1 branch leadership election, which is an opportunity for members to help shape its direction.

Encouraging Participation Beyond Election Day
With the November 3 general election approaching, voter education has become another priority.

The Dayton NAACP has supported voter registration activities, participated in candidate forums and promoted nonpartisan voter engagement. Its outreach includes billboards encouraging residents to exercise their right to vote.

The branch’s September 28 candidate forum at Grace United Methodist Church provided an opportunity for community members to hear from candidates and consider issues affecting local residents, including property taxes and fairness in the courts.

For Foward, civic participation extends beyond casting a ballot. During

an October 13 interview with Dayton Weekly News, he emphasized the importance of remaining engaged with elected officials and public institutions after elections conclude.

That commitment will continue with a planned November 10 event, Beyond Voting, at the Dayton Convention Center, bringing community organizations together to encourage sustained civic involvement.

After 111 years, the Dayton Unit NAACP’s work remains rooted in the simple principle that progress requires more than celebrating past achievements. It demands continued participation, accountability and a willingness to address the challenges facing the community today.

For information about membership, programs or civil rights concerns, contact the Dayton Unit NAACP at (937) 222-2172 or visit naacpdayton.org.

Whispers to God on a Windy Night

Beneath the velvet sky tonight,
The moon shines softly with Your light.
The stars bear witness from above
To Your endless grace and love.

I walk beneath the falling leaves
And feel Your presence in the breeze.
My devotion has no end,
You are my God, my guide, my friend.

I hear the ocean’s gentle sound,
Your Spirit’s presence all around.
So let my heart speak soft and true:
God, my greatest treasure is You.

And when the wind begins to rise,
I’ll lift my heart beyond the skies.
Through every storm, through every sea,
Your everlasting love carries me.

By Martel Kelly
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These priorities demonstrate why affordable

Community members understand the needs of their neighborhoods, from vacant properties and

The Affordable Housing Summit represents another opportunity to strengthen relationships

among professionals and organizations that share an interest in expanding access to housing.

By encouraging continued discussions and partnerships, the Greater Dayton Realist Association can help connect community needs with professionals, resources, and potential solutions.

Its ongoing commitment to education and advocacy reinforces an important message:

Housing opportunities should not be limited by a lack of information, access to resources, or meaningful community connections.

Turning Conversations Into Community Action

The success of an affordable housing summit should not be measured solely by the number of people who attend or the discussions that take place.

Its lasting impact depends on what happens afterward.

For Dayton, moving forward means identifying practical opportunities and building partnerships capable of turning ideas into results.

That may include creating stronger connections between developers and financing institutions, expanding homebuyer education, identifying opportunities to rehabilitate vacant properties, or helping more residents learn about available housing assistance.

It also means maintaining communication among community stakeholders and evaluating whether initiatives are producing meaningful benefits for residents.

Progress does not always begin with a major development project.

Sometimes, it begins with connecting one family to a homeownership resource, helping a resident understand financing options, or bringing community partners together to address a neighborhood concern.

Each step contributes

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At the heart of the home, the stunning island kitchen is built to impress and designed to perform, featuring gleaming quartz countertops, generous cabinet space, and a convenient pantry to keep everything organized.

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A professional headshot of Cora Diggs, a woman with short, styled grey hair, wearing glasses and a dark blazer over a red top. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

Equal Housing Opportunity

This beautifully updated split-level home offers an impressive 2,936 square feet of living space designed for comfortable everyday living and exceptional entertaining.

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Building Pathways to Homeownership: Greater Dayton Realist Association Connects Resources, Partnerships and Community

By: Traci Martin,
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Building Pathways to Homeownership: Greater Dayton Realist Association Connects Resources, Partnerships and Community

Homeownership is rarely achieved through the work of one person alone.

Behind a successful closing can be real estate professionals, lenders, community organizations and housing advocates working toward the same goal: helping a family find a place to call home.

For the Greater Dayton Realist Association, that spirit of collaboration was reflected in a membership gathering that brought together conversations about homebuyer assistance, small-business investment, affordable housing and protecting family property. The discussions highlighted how professional relationships can connect residents with resources—and how those connections can help move a homeownership dream forward.

Connecting Dayton Families With Homeownership Resources

Understanding where to begin can be one of the challenges facing a prospective homebuyer. Information about financing and assistance programs can help families prepare for conversations with housing professionals.

During the gathering, Chanel Little of Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation presented information about the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, national grant

programs and local assistance resources. Her presentation included discussion of Homeownership Center funds and Dayton ARPA assistance, along with program requirements that can affect a buyer's options.

The discussion placed homebuyer education alongside professional collaboration: sharing information is important, but so is helping a buyer connect with someone who can evaluate their circumstances.

When Collaboration Helps a Dream Move Forward

Greater Dayton Realist Association President Traci Martin shared a homebuyer's experience that illustrated the value of those connections.

When initial lenders were unable to assist, referrals and outreach continued until another lender was able to work with the buyer. The purchase was part of a chain of transactions involving seven real estate professionals and multiple partners. Rather than treating the challenge as one person's responsibility, the professionals worked across their networks to help the transaction move forward.

Financial support also helped address the buyer's funding needs. According to the example presented, Day Air provided a \$6,500 lender credit, and the Francis Foundation contributed a \$2,500 grant that covered the final funding gap. These amounts reflected assistance in that particular transaction.

The story offered a practical example of what collaboration can look like: continued communication, referrals and partners working together when the first approach does not produce a solution.

Supporting Business and Investment Along Salem Avenue

The gathering also connected housing conversations with opportunities for local entrepreneurship.

James Phillips and Traci Martin introduced the Salem Business Center, a community-focused facility on Salem Avenue offering hourly, daily, weekly and monthly office rentals. Amenities discussed included internet access, printers, conference rooms and space for businesses such as barbers and salons.

They also described aspirations for a lower-level training space and renovations, and invited members to visit the property.

For a neighborhood-focused conversation, the connection is straightforward: housing and business development are not separate concerns. Places to live, work, provide services, and build a business all belong in discussions about a community's future.

Bringing More Voices Into Affordable Housing Conversations

Affordable housing was another focus of the Greater Dayton Realist Association's committee discussions.

Members reviewed planning for an Affordable Housing Summit centered on development and construction in Dayton and surrounding communities. The discussion included identifying sponsors and inviting builders, developers, and other professionals to participate as panelists. Members were encouraged to recommend people whose work could contribute to the conversation

That planning emphasized the importance of bringing different perspectives into the same room. A discussion about housing

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ing opportunities becomes more useful when it includes people involved in financing, development, construction, and community partnerships.

Thinking Beyond the Purchase

The association's conversations also addressed what happens after a family becomes a homeowner. Committee updates highlighted transfer-on-death planning as an area of homeowner education. The Realist Magazine presentation included related educational material and printable resources, placing property transfer planning alongside information about purchasing a home.

The broader message was that the homeownership conversation should not end at closing. Families also need opportunities to learn about the future of their property and the

questions they should raise when planning for the next generation.

Keeping Homeownership Access in Focus

The gathering also included discussion of the State of Housing in Black America report, presented as a resource for understanding disparities in homeownership and informing conversations with clients and communities.

Alongside the local examples shared during the meeting, that discussion connected the broader issue of homeownership access with practical work in Dayton: educating buyers, identifying resources and strengthening relationships among professionals and community partners.

Stronger Connections, Stronger Communities

The Greater Dayton Realist Association's gath-

ering brought together several parts of the same conversation: helping buyers navigate financing, supporting neighborhood businesses, involving more voices in affordable housing and encouraging homeowners to think about their property's future.

The homebuyer story shared by Martin gave those discussions a concrete example. A transaction that encountered obstacles moved forward through referrals, financial assistance, and the combined work of multiple professionals and partners.

For Dayton, the takeaway is a community-centered one: a stronger path to homeownership begins with people willing to share information, make connections and work together.

Real Estate

If You Build It, They Will Come: Dayton Housing Leaders Unite to Build Stronger Communities and Brighter Futures

By: Traci Martin,
President
Greater Dayton Realist Staff

A stronger community begins with a place to call home.

Across Dayton, conversations about affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, and economic opportunity continue to shape the future of the city. But creating meaningful change requires more than conversations. It takes collaboration, commitment, and action from community leaders, housing professionals, developers, and residents.

The NAACP Dayton Branch Housing Committee is continuing this important discussion with its upcoming presentation, “If You Build It, They Will Come,” on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 6:30 PM, at Grace United Methodist Church in Dayton.

Serving as a continuation of the 5th Annual Affordable Housing Summit, the event brings together housing advocates, developers, and community professionals to explore opportunities for expanding housing, strengthening neighborhoods, and creating brighter futures for Dayton residents.

The message behind the event is simple but powerful: More Housing. Stronger Neighborhoods. Brighter Opportunities.

Continuing the Conversation Beyond the Affordable Housing Summit

Affordable housing remains one of the most important issues affecting families and communities throughout the Dayton region.

For many residents, finding safe, stable, and affordable housing is an essential step toward

financial security, family stability, and long-term economic opportunity.

However, addressing housing challenges requires cooperation among organizations, policymakers, developers, real estate professionals, and neighborhood advocates.

The upcoming NAACP Dayton Housing Committee presentation provides an opportunity to continue examining these challenges while encouraging community-driven solutions.

The event emphasizes the importance of moving beyond identifying housing needs and toward exploring strategies that can support neighborhood development, housing improvements, and expanded opportunities for residents.

Bringing Housing Leaders and Community Experts Together

The presentation will feature a panel of professionals representing housing development, construction, and neighborhood improvement efforts in the Dayton community.

Featured panelists include:

- Kémo A’akhutera – Owner/CEO, Mod Fab
- Jamaica White – CEO, Oracle Development
- Cedric J. Kirksey – Owner, COC, LLC
- David “Dave” Mauch – Development Director, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton
- Galen Curry – Neighborhood Repair Specialist, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton

Each panelist brings professional experience and a perspective on the challenges and opportunities associated with housing and community development.

The discussion will be moderated by Traci Martin, Housing Chair of NAACP Dayton and President of the Greater Dayton Realist Association.

Through her leadership and involvement in both organizations, Martin continues to support efforts that bring housing education, community engagement, and real estate professionals together to help advance housing opportunities throughout the Dayton region.

The Connection Between Housing and Community Growth

Affordable housing is not simply about building more homes. It is about creating communities where individuals and families have opportunities to thrive.

When neighborhoods have access to quality housing, residents can benefit from greater stability, stronger community connections, and opportunities to build long-term financial security.

Housing development and neighborhood revitalization can also encourage local investment, support small businesses, improve existing properties, and contribute to economic growth.

In Dayton, these efforts are especially important as communities work to strengthen existing neighborhoods while creating new opportunities for future generations.

The theme “If You Build It, They Will Come” reflects the potential impact of thoughtful housing development and community investment.

It also raises an important question: How can Dayton bring together the right resources, partnerships, and leadership to create housing opportunities that benefit the entire community?

Greater Dayton Realist Association: Supporting Housing Opportunities

The Greater Dayton Realist Association remains committed to promoting housing opportunities, fair

housing awareness, real estate education, and stronger communities.

As a local chapter of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, the association supports the mission of “Democracy in Housing,” advocating for equitable access to homeownership and opportunities to build generational wealth.

Through educational initiatives, professional partnerships, and community engagement, the association continues working to connect residents with information and resources that can help them make informed housing decisions.

The participation of Greater Dayton Realist Association President Traci Martin in this important discussion highlights the value of collaboration between housing advocates, real estate professionals, nonprofit organizations, and community leaders.

By working together, these groups can help identify challenges, strengthen relationships, and encourage practical solutions that

support Dayton families and neighborhoods.

Join the Conversation: All Are Welcome!

The NAACP Dayton Branch invites community members, housing professionals, business owners, neighborhood advocates, and anyone interested in the future of housing in Dayton to attend this important presentation.

Event Details

Event: If You Build It, They Will Come

Presented by: NAACP Dayton Branch Housing Committee

Date: Monday, October 26, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Grace United Methodist Church

Address: 1001 Harvard Blvd., Dayton, OH 45406

Moderator: Traci Martin, President of the Greater Dayton Realist Association

Admission Information: All are welcome!

For additional information, visit www.naacpd Dayton.org.

From Conversations to Action: Building Dayton's

Future Together

The future of affordable housing in Dayton depends on the collective efforts of individuals and organizations willing to invest their time, knowledge, and resources into strengthening communities.

Events such as “If You Build It, They Will Come” offer opportunities to exchange ideas, build meaningful partnerships, and inspire solutions that can make a lasting difference.

As Dayton continues addressing housing challenges and exploring opportunities for neighborhood growth, one thing remains clear: meaningful progress requires shared vision and collective action.

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Education

Darke County Students Embark on a Musical Journey Around the World



Kattam demonstrates the nafir, a traditional brass trumpet used in Morocco



Kattam playing the balafon- a traditional West African gourd-resonated xylophone.



The instrument pictured here is Punjabi dhol, a traditional double-headed barrel drum from South Asia often used in Bhangra music and festive celebrations.

GREENVILLE, Ohio — Darke County public school students in grades 4–6 recently experienced an exciting musical adventure spanning Africa, the Middle East, and India through an Arts in Education performance presented by Darke County Center for the Arts (DCCA).

Percussionist Kattam captivated students with an energetic, multicultural performance featuring the sounds of traditional instruments from around the world, including the n’goni, balafon, djembe, naffar, derbouka, and dhol. Accompanied by his playful monkey, Takoum, Kattam blended rhythm, song, and dance to introduce students to diverse musical traditions in an entertaining and interactive way.

The performance quickly had students clapping to the beat and getting on their feet to dance along. Through this lively experience, students discovered how music and movement can bring people together across cultures, offering an engaging introduction to the rich artistic traditions of communities around the globe.

Darke County Center

for the Arts is committed to making meaningful arts experiences accessible to students throughout Darke County. Through its Arts in Education program, DCCA brings professional artists and performances into local schools, enriching students’ educational experiences while encouraging creativity, cultural awareness, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts. This programming is made possible with support from Maid Rite Sandwich Shoppe, Wayne HealthCare, Darke County Foundation, Park National Bank, Ohio Arts Council, City of Greenville Community Funds, John & Miriam Knick Memorial, and the Greyson James Steyer Memorial, as well as Darke County Public Schools.

DCCA’s Arts in Education program stands as the only one of its kind in the state of Ohio and is exceptionally rare nationwide. DCCA brings professional touring artists directly to every grade level of every public school in Darke County, explicitly aligning performances with school curricula to inspire and culturally enrich students. The upcoming curriculum-integrated roster includes Kattam Drums

Sinclair Community College Recognized in Top 10% Nationally for Affordability by U.S. Department of Education

Dayton, OH --- Sinclair Community College has secured a spot among the most economical higher education institutions nationwide, earning recognition in the elite top 10% of the U.S. Department of Education’s College Affordability and Transparency Center index.

This designation underscores Sinclair's enduring dedication to preserving financial accessibility for students pursuing credentials and academic degrees that drive economic mobility and rewarding careers. Factoring in tuition, books, supplies, fees, and living accommodations, while subtracting scholarships and grants, Sinclair’s net cost rests at \$5,821. This total is less than half the national norm of \$13,289 for comparable institutions.

"At Sinclair, we firmly believe that financial barriers should never stand in the way of potential," said Dr. Steven Johnson, President & CEO at Sinclair Community College. "By maintaining low-cost, accessible tuition, we are doing more than just offering affordable classes, we are actively investing in our students' futures and the economic vitality of our entire region. True educational value is measured by the doors it opens, and our commitment ensures that every learner has the opportunity to gain high-quality credentials, graduate with less debt, and build a prosperous career right here in the community."

Sinclair merges cost-effective tuition rates with robust financial aid packages, targeted scholarships, and structured pathways meant to minimize overall degree expenses.

Learners have opportunities to accumulate savings prior to high school graduation. Through Ohio’s College Credit Plus (CCP) initiative, high



schoolers routinely earn college credits through Sinclair, mitigating financial barriers and saving families significant tuition expenses.

In addition, the Sinclair Foundation plays a vital role in keeping higher education within reach by securing philanthropic support, funding student scholarships, and providing critical program resources. Through generous donor contributions and targeted financial aid initiatives, the Foundation ensures that cost is never a barrier to entry, directly contributing to Sinclair earning its place in the top 10% for national affordability in the U.S. Department of Education’s report.

"Through generous philanthropic partnerships and targeted donor-funded initiatives, the Sinclair Foundation continuously works to eliminate financial roadblocks for our student learners," said Dr. Melissa Tolle, Senior Vice President for Strategy and Advancement at Sinclair. "Securing these critical resources ensures that tuition costs never block a student's path forward, directly empowering our institution to achieve this remarkable national ranking for affordability."

Advanced degree tracking offers further savings. By leveraging Sinclair's university partnerships and specialized bachelor’s degree options, students can complete foundational

coursework locally before transferring to upper-level programs, which helps to slash the cumulative cost of a four-year degree.

The cost of a Sinclair baccalaureate degree is equivalent to the college’s 2-year degree cost.

Additionally, Sinclair embeds earn-as-you-learn components into multiple academic plans. Paid experiential learning programs enable students to collect wages while sharpening the practical competencies sought by local employers.

Through active collaborations with hundreds of businesses throughout the Dayton area and Southwest Ohio, Sinclair aligns curricula with industrial demands, offering students hands-on training and professional networking channels. These corporate alliances cultivate a robust talent pool, with most Sinclair alumni choosing to live and work locally.

"By forging deep partnerships with hundreds of employers across Dayton and Southwest Ohio, we ensure our academic programs directly mirror the evolving needs of modern industry," said Dr. Johnson.

Such widespread success and affordability have anchored Sinclair’s reputation nationally, highlighted by previous honors as a U.S. Top 25 community college for the esteemed Aspen Prize for Community College

Excellence, which measures institutional performance in completion, student earnings, and equitable access.

"For us, budget-friendly tuition is only the starting point. True economic value comes from maximizing the return on investment our students dedicate to their learning," said Dr. Tolle. "By shielding them from heavy debt while launching them straight into high-opportunity careers, we ensure their education translates into lifelong prosperity."

Officially organized as a community college, Sinclair is categorized on the federal government's four-year institution directory within the College Affordability and Transparency Center metrics because it extends select applied bachelor’s degree pathways to address workforce demands. This past May, Sinclair College graduated 24 students with a bachelor’s degree. Six (6) students graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Unmanned Aerial Systems, six (6) students graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Aviation Technology/Professional Pilot, and twelve (12) students graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

The U.S. Department of Education manages the College Affordability and Transparency Center to guide families through college pricing realities using yearly data reported via the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Prospective students can review the full tuition datasets at <http://collegecost.ed.gov/>.

Enrollment for upcoming Sinclair classes remains open. To sign up, go to <https://www.sinclair.edu/enroll>.

Get a Jumpstart on College with DML’s Help

Dayton Metro Library will host Jump Start Your Future: Understanding the FAFSA on Thursday, October 22, 4-5:30 pm, in Conference Room 1B at the Main Library.

Teens exploring post-high school options and their families are invited to attend this free, drop-in session. A Montgomery County Educational Service Center college access coordinator will provide a brief overview of the FAFSA and answer questions. Students and parents

(West African rhythms for grades 4–6), Simply Three (a high-energy classical crossover string trio for junior high), Aim High Canines (stunt and trick dogs for grades 1–3), and Solomon Jaye (multi-vocalist and world-class tap dancer for high school students). This very unique program will reach 7,600 students.

To learn more about Darke County Center for the Arts and its educational programming, visit www.darkecountyarts.org.

who want to begin completing the FAFSA during the session are encouraged to review studentaid.gov/articles/things-you-need-for-fafsa/ to learn what information is needed and what documents to complete.

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Education

Artwork by Belmont High School Students to Be Displayed at Local McDonald’s Restaurants

Winning Student to Receive a \$1,000 Award

In support of Hispanic Heritage Month, McDonald’s will be celebrating artwork created by Belmont High School students. The selected artwork by Junior Avila will be 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 will receive a \$1,000 award from McDonald’s. Additionally, the art department at Belmont High School

will receive 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 will be transformed into 5-foot by 5-foot murals and displayed at the McDonald’s locations nearest each 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.”

The celebration will take place on Tuesday, October 20, at 3pm at the McDonald’s located at 1032 S Smithville Rd in Dayton.

Notre Dame Glee Club to Perform Free Concert at First Baptist Church of Dayton

First Baptist Church of Dayton will host the internationally acclaimed Notre Dame Glee Club for a free concert on Saturday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m. The 55-voice male ensemble will also perform during worship on Sunday, October 25, at 10 a.m.

Led by director Dr. Daniel Stowe, the Glee Club will present selections spanning a range of musical periods and styles. The Dayton appearances are part of the ensemble’s fall tour, which began along the Gulf Coast and continues northward to their home in South Bend, Indiana.

Founded 110 years ago as the first glee club established at a Catholic university, the Notre Dame Glee Club carries a longstanding tradition of musical performance and fellowship. Its repertoire ranges from sacred works such as “Ave Maria” to contemporary selections including “Go the Distance” from Hercules. The ensemble performs on campus, across the United States, and on international tours.

Stowe has served on the University of Notre Dame faculty since 1993. In addition to directing the Glee Club, he conducts the Notre Dame Sympho-

ny Orchestra and Notre Dame Collegium Musicum and teaches conducting.

Event Details
Concert: Saturday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m.
Worship performance: Sunday, October 25, at 10 a.m.
Location: First Baptist Church of Dayton, 111 West Monument Avenue, between Main and Ludlow streets
Admission: Free and open to the public
Parking: Free parking is available in the lot next to the church
For more information, visit fbcd Dayton.org or call 937-222-4691.

UD Names Next President, First Woman to Lead the Catholic School



A woman wearing a blue suit stands in front of a stone and brick building, with a tree and red flowers in the background. University of Dayton Darlene Weaver has been named the next president of the University of Dayton.

The University of Dayton has named its current provost and executive vice president of academic affairs, Darlene Weaver, as its next president.

Weaver will be the university's first woman to serve as president. She will take over July 1, 2027, after current President Eric Spina retires.

Weaver’s honored to be the first woman to lead the school in its 176 year history, but she said she’s focused on the future.

"Higher education is changing rapidly," she said. "The needs of our students are shifting. Families are rightly asking tough questions about value and affordability, and emerging technologies like AI are reshaping the landscape our graduates will enter. These are not reasons for alarm, but for conviction and courage."

Weaver has more than 25 years of experience in Catholic higher education, including at Duquesne, Villanova and Georgetown universities.

Spina said Weaver understands that academic

excellence and student formation aren’t separate.

"Darlene holds central to all her work a fundamental question — how can this Catholic and Marianist university best serve our students so they're prepared to be leaders who contribute to the common good?" Spina said. "That question matters deeply at UD."

Weaver also serves as a faculty member in UD’s Department of Theology and Religious Studies. She established UD’s Office for Academic Research to strengthen support for faculty scholarship and the "Flight Crew" model to students.

"Darlene Weaver has all the qualities and characteristics needed to be a transformational president for University of Dayton," Spina said.

She has a Bachelor's degree from Carnegie Mellon University, a Master's from Yale University and a Doctorate from the University of Chicago. Weaver also is the author or co-editor of three books.

UD admitted women as full-time students about 40 years before many other colleges, Weaver said when commenting on her

appointment as the first female president.

"Today is one more expression of that commitment," Weaver said.

Weaver has a deep understanding of the university and its Marianist mission, said Deborah Tobias, chair of the University of Dayton Board of Trustees and presidential search advisory committee.

“She brings intellectual depth, moral clarity, operational discipline and a strong commitment to community," Tobias said. "At a time when higher education faces significant challenges and opportunities, she is well prepared to lead UD with purpose, courage and humility.”

The university has been blessed with deep roots, Tobias said.

"But our Marianist tradition also teaches us that strong roots do not keep us standing still," Tobias said. "They give the strength to respond to the needs of the times. And we're living in times of significant change. Higher education faces real pressures that require a president who can listen deeply, act thoughtfully, and move the institution forward with clarity."

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Sports

5 games to Watch in week 9 in Southwest Ohio:

By: Deon Cash
Staff Writer

Bellbrook @ Oakwood SWBL

The best team in D-3 State poll (Bellbrook) against the sleepers in the SWBL (Oakwood). Should be a great battle. Oakwood Andrew Woeste is a player to watch.

Beavercreek at Wayne

Which Beavercreek team will show up this week? Can they stop the arsenal and one of the best offensive teams in the state in Wayne? Look

out for Wayne WR Jamier Brown

Tippecanoe vs Troy

The 2 best teams in the MVL clash as the winner will have a distinct advantage on winning the league. Both teams have used their defense to spearhead the season. Both teams have been ranked in the state as well.

Badin vs Alter

Can Badin find it after a tough stretch? Or will Alter pull away from the crowd and seize another GCL Co-Ed title? Watch

out for Miami Commit Drew Cripps.

Columbus East vs Ponitz

The Golden Panther have a chance to win their 3rd straight, and stay in the Dayton Public Schools title chase. Coach Earl White will be honoring legendary coach Jim Place, who was a former Ponitz coach himself, at half-time.

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Arts & Entertainment



Wine Corks



By: Wanda Haynes-Certified Sommelier

A wine is sealed until someone opens it and how it was sealed can be interesting. Wine corks are an important component of a wine bottle. They have been around for thousands of years and serve as a protective barrier to wine. Wine corks are typically made from either synthetic or organic materials, namely cork oak tree and polyethylene. Natural corks are the most common and popular type of cork used in wine bottles because of their superior sealing ability. They are obtained from the bark of cork oak trees. Synthetic corks have been used for many years to replace the natural cork. The synthetic resin corks are a lighter alternative to natural

cork. One of the benefits of synthetic corks is that it minimizes the risk of cork taint. Cork taint is an off-flavor in wine and caused by the chemical compound 2,4,6-trichloroanisole, which is found naturally in cork oak trees. Champagne corks are designed to be more elastic and flatter at the bottom part of the cork. When carbon dioxide combines with a high amount of pressure, they expand and form into a mushroom-shaped cork. Agglomerated cork closures are made from a mass of granular or powdered corks. These closures are formed by a method that includes the following steps: mixing cork granulates and an adhesive to form a mixture, forming blocks of the mixture. This style of cork is tightly held together that no oxygen

can get in and spoil the wine. How is the cork Harvested? The cork tree should only be harvested by qualified people called “extractors”, who will guarantee that the procedure does not harm or damage the tree. Harvesting should only be done between the end of May, and the beginning of June. Cork may be harvested from the tree without harming it under these conditions. I recently saw a documentary where the cork trees are harvested, and it was fascinating to watch. It’s terrific to know that the trees aren’t destroyed during the process. Wine corks can be used for making wreaths, jewelry, wall art, and filling large glass containers for decoration.

Dayton Art Institute New Exhibitions, Wall Power! And Power of Remembrance, Explore the Power of Quilts to Tell American Stories

Two new exhibitions bring together striking quilts spanning generations, communities and experiences, highlighting the enduring role of the quilt in American art, history and memory.

The Dayton Art Institute (DAI) presents its newest Special Exhibition, Wall Power! Spectacular Quilts from the American Folk Art Museum, alongside the Focus Exhibition Power of Remembrance: AIDS Memorial Quilt Panels, bringing together two powerful perspectives on the American quilt and its ability to preserve stories, honor communities and make history visible.

The exhibitions explore the quilt as an important American art form and a deeply personal means of expression. Spanning more than a century, the works on view demonstrate how generations of makers have used fabric, color, pattern and composition to communicate identity, tradition, loss, resilience and community.

As the nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the United States, the artworks displayed in these exhibitions offer an opportunity to reflect on the many stories that make up the American experience. Quilts have long been woven into American life, serving practical purposes while also carrying family histories, cultural traditions and individual voices from one generation to the next.

“Quilts are a distinctly American art form that utilizes the elements of art to transcend their utilitarian function,” said Head Curator and Curatorial Affairs Director Dr. Jerry N. Smith. “Often made by anonymous quilters, most often women, they speak to the values within a family, across generations and throughout communities. The American Folk Art Museum is recognized internationally for their remarkable holdings in American quilts. We are thrilled to offer this group of quilts to our community.”

Wall Power! Spectacular Quilts from the American Folk Art Museum

The American Folk Art Museum (AFAM) has been at the forefront of bringing recognition to quilts as a major art form with deep roots in American life and experience. Wall Power! presents graphically striking examples from the museum’s collection that embody the sense of “wall power” and command attention through monumental compositions of color, pattern, geometry and representation.

Though quilts are traditionally associated with women’s domestic labor and communal making, the works in Wall Power! challenge the notion that quilts belong solely within the realm of craft. Their bold visual presence demonstrates the complexity, skill and



artistic experimentation involved in cutting and piecing fabric into compositions that can be both deeply personal and visually commanding.

The exhibition features quilts spanning the mid-19th through the late 20th century, representing makers and communities from Alabama to Pennsylvania. Four sections of the exhibition highlight early 20th-century quilts from the craft revival movement, designs developed by Amish communities, works by African American makers and traditional 19th-century patterns that formed a foundation for generations of quilters to come.

The DAI will also present a selection of American quilts from its extensive textile collection alongside the AFAM works, creating additional connections between the national story represented in Wall Power! and the museum’s own collection.

“The quilts on view are memorable as works of art and they speak to the remarkable talents of their makers. We can truly appreciate the vast amount of time that went into the creation of each quilt, along with the communal and familial bonds associated with them. One can only imagine the stories that were told among the quilters, along with the laughter that must have been shared among quilters working together,” said Smith. “This is what makes quilts extraordinary records of American life.”

Power of Remembrance: AIDS Memorial Quilt Panels

Complementing Wall Power! is the Focus Exhibition Power of Remembrance: AIDS Memorial Quilt Panels, featuring six 12-by-12-foot panels from the National AIDS Memorial Quilt.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt grew from a grassroots effort to remember those who died from AIDS-related illnesses and to give visibility to a community facing grief, stigma and loss. The project was first envisioned in 1985 by human rights activist Cleve Jones, who, with Mike Smith, founded the NAMES Project. What began with a small group of volunteers in San Francisco’s Castro

neighborhood became one of the largest community arts projects in the world.

Today, the National AIDS Memorial preserves and shares the Quilt as a living memorial and a testament to the power of community action, remembrance and love. While medical advances have helped slow the effects of the AIDS virus for individuals, there is still no cure and the organization continues to receive new panels daily, which are shown in numerous displays each year.

The Quilt’s origins also underscore the communal nature of quilting itself. Traditionally, quilting has brought people together to create objects that serve practical purposes while preserving stories, relationships and traditions. The AIDS Memorial Quilt transformed that tradition into a monumental act of remembrance, with individual panels coming together to form a collective memorial.

“Few works demonstrate the power of community, a national community, quite like the AIDS Memorial Quilt,” said Smith. “Each panel represents an individual life, a personal story or collective community’s heartache, and they are told not by trained artists but by friends, family and loved ones. Together, they become something larger; they become a collective expression of heartache, love, remembrance and, ultimately, hope for a future without HIV.”

Together, Wall Power! and Power of Remembrance demonstrate the extraordinary range of the quilt as a medium. From traditional patterns and community-based practices to monumental memorials, quilts can hold intimate stories while speaking to much larger questions of identity, history and belonging.

“Presenting these exhibitions together offers visitors a chance to consider not only how quilts have evolved as an American art form, but why they continue to resonate,” said Smith. “These quilts remind us

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Dayton Ohio Rockers Seth Canan & the Carriers Return with New Single

After a seven-year hiatus from writing, Dayton, Ohio’s high energy rock band, Seth Canan and the Carriers are set to release fresh new music, reigniting excitement among fans and the local music community. Just in time for Halloween, "The Dark," will be released on streaming platforms on October 27th. The thrilling new single is the perfect track to keep you on the edge of your seat! "The Dark," was written by Seth Canan, and self produced by the band, Seth Canan on Vocals and Guitar, Isaac Schaefer Jr. on Bass guitar, and Zac Pack on Drums. The production team: Produced by: Seth Canan & the Carriers Mixed by: Seth Canan Engineered by: Chris Stewart Mastered by : Luis "Lu" Moreno Single Photography:



Zac Pack The upcoming release marks a significant comeback for the band, who have built a loyal following with their authentic rock sound and energetic performances. This new material promises to showcase their growth and evolution while staying true to the spirit that made them a standout

act in the Dayton music scene. For additional information contact : Chris Stewart - 937-467-0501 or email theneighborhoodrecordingstudio@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/sethcananandthecarriers/

Editorial & Comments

Something to Consider:

Is Courage Really Important?

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According to the late Maya Angelou, “Courage is a wind chime in a storm. It is Loud and Singing About a safer tomorrow.”

We have heard many stories about courage. When we were much younger, the idea of courage came from all of those superheroes getting rid of the bad guys thus saving the world, but as we have gotten older, we have heard of the amazing accomplishments achieved by courageous people. Some have fought in wars, saved lives or produced huge social changes.

Although all of these can be described as courageous acts, sometimes, these stories make courage seem impossible to achieve and many of us are unable to

Realize that we do have the ability to be courageous every day.



Brenda Cochran

An important key to happiness is to be one described as a courageous person. They don’t have to be just in large ways, but small ways as well. Basically, we all have the capacity to live courageously.

Courage is really important because it allows people to develop leadership and confidence and further provide benefits for businesses, through more productive employees. We usually describe courage as an admirable trait by

doing things that some see as being frightening such as boarding a plane, conquering or engaging in difficult activities. When individuals are able to perform such activities, we find that they are perceived as people with more self-confidence and lots of courage.

Although many traits and behaviors are innate, people have the ability to learn or lose courage. It can be acquired by doing things that people view as frightening

Such as undertaking challenging business tasks.

Television Evangelist, Rev. Charles Stanley provides many enlightening and faith producing messages. In one of his series, courage is discussed. According to Rev. Stanley, “A persons works hard, but knows that whatever they are after and what they are reaching for – they are going to make it- and come right to the edge of it, and then they lose it. Why do people lose what is almost

in their grasp, their dream, their desire, their hopes – and yet they miss it? This thought deals with the process that so often happens. People do not always have the courage to grasp what they have been blessed with so, the title of this message is “The Collapse of Courage – you’ve got it and all of a sudden something happens.”

Throughout this sermon, Dr. Stanley shares many scriptures from the Bible and how this collapse has happened to many. His definition of courage is as follows:

“That quality of mind of spirit enabling one to meet danger, face opposition of the challenges of life, with fearlessness, calmness and firmness.”

According to Eleanor Roosevelt once said that we gain strength, courage and confidence every time we look fear in the face. When we take action in spite of our fears, we find our courage and

confidence soaring. We really shouldn’t let our fears stop us, just take action and discourage that our worries were unfounded.

Even if your actions don’t work out the way you had hoped, you will still feel good that you didn’t let your fears stop you.”

It seems that quotation lends additional understanding of so many words. There are several quotations concerning courage.

The first comes from Dale Carnegie, an American writer and lecturer and the developer of famous courses in self-improvement, public speaking and interpersonal skills. This quote reads: “Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy.”

Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa, an anti-apartheid activist, and an elder statesman focused on combating pov-

erty and HIV/AIDS through the Nelson Mandela Foundation. His quote is the following: “I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he would conquer that fear.”

In essence toward one’s understanding of courage, there are many things that encompass the word. Perhaps we dread poor health, financial problems, the loss of a loved one, or uncertainty about the future. We also may be afraid of failure because we feel weak and inadequate for a particular task or challenge. Whatever our fears may be, we must learn how to face them as your God desires for you—with courage.

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Virtual Public Participation 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>

Enter Meeting ID: 860 3439 4914

Or call in to join the meeting by phone:

(646) 558-8656 - Meeting ID: 860 3439 4914# US (New York)

(312) 626-6799 - Meeting ID: 860 3439 4914# US (Chicago)

Participation via com-

puter, tablet or mobile device using the link above is encouraged to take advantage of Zoom on-screen meeting features even if relying on the phone for audio functions.

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, information will also be available for public review on MVRPC’s website at mvrpc.org/transportation-financing and at the MVRPC offices at 6 North Main Street, Suite 400, Dayton, OH 45402, during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday). Written comments regarding the DRAFT projects will be accepted at the above address, web address, or via email at parnold@mvrpc.org until November 13, 2026.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin or ability. MVRPC is committed to providing access and inclusion and reasonable accommodation in its services, activities, programs and employment opportunities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and

other applicable laws. To request a reasonable accommodation due to a disability, or language interpretation or translation services to participate in this meeting, please contact, Laura Dent, Director of Marketing and Public Outreach, at 937-531-6542, 1-800-750-0750 TTY/TDD, and ldent@mvrpc.org no later than October 29, 2026.

Established in 1964, the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission promotes collaboration among communities, stakeholders, and residents to advance regional priorities. MVRPC is a forum and resource where the Board of Directors identifies priorities and develops public policy and collaborative strategies to improve the quality of life throughout the Miami Valley Region.

MVRPC performs planning and research functions for our Region that ensure livable and equitable communities; clean air and water; robust roadway, transit, and active transportation options; and strategic community plans that chart the course for member communities and partners. MVRPC’s geographic area includes Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and northern Warren counties in Southwest Ohio. Learn more at mvrpc.org/our-region.

**Invitation for Bid**
IFB GD 26-53 Maintenance Facility Painting Project
Due Date: 12/01/2026, 11:00 AM EST via OpenGov.

Greater Dayton RTA is soliciting bids from qualified firms to provide all labor, supervision, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, permits, and incidentals necessary to prepare and paint designated RTA facilities and structures.

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

Direct questions to mcollier@greaterdaytonrta.org.

Michelle Collier, Senior Purchasing Agent

**Invitation for Bid**
GD 26-51 Brake Kits, Calipers, Rotors & Hardware
Due Date: 10/29/2026, 10:00 AM EST via OpenGov.

Greater Dayton RTA is soliciting bids from qualified vendors for the purchase and delivery of disc brake kits, rotors, calipers, side pin kits, and associated hardware for RTA’s 30-foot, 35-foot, and 40-foot buses.

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

Direct questions to pnath@greaterdaytonrta.org.

Priyanka Nath, Purchasing Agent

**Invitation for Bid**
IFB GD 26-50R Large Parts Washer
Due Date: 10/29/26, 11:00 AM EST via OpenGov.

Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is soliciting bids for the purchase of one (1) large parts washer for its maintenance facility located at 600 Longworth Street in Dayton, Ohio.

The Better Engineering Products Purifier Model RD-4000 parts washer has been identified as the preferred unit and basis of design. RTA will consider an approved equal that meets or exceeds the full functionality of the specified unit.

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

Direct questions to pnath@greaterdaytonrta.org.

Priyanka Nath, Purchasing Agent

Montgomery County Budget Commission Approves \$12.5 Million Property Tax Reduction for 2027

A photo from today's event and an excel spreadsheet with estimated revenue impact by jurisdiction can be found in this Google Drive Folder.

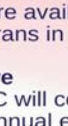
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DML’s Health & Wellness Partner Programs

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

Sustainable Swaps to Hazardous Waste, Friday, October 16, 11 am-12 pm, Electra C. Doren Branch: Montgomery County Solid Waste District will provide an in-depth look at common hazardous materials and safer alternatives. Learn how to build a toolkit of solutions for replacing common under-the-sink products. Registration required.

Fall Wellness Walks, Saturday, October 17 and 31, 1:30-2:30 pm, Northmont Branch: Gather for a casual group walk in the park next to the Library. Registration required.

Dementia Friends, Monday, October 19, 5-6 pm, Brookville Branch: Dementia Friends is a global

educational call-to-action movement that helps community members understand how dementia impacts individuals and families. The program includes handouts, a link to the presentation, and a certificate of completion. Registration required.

Guided Meditation & Journaling, Monday, October 19, 5-6 pm, Huber Heights Branch: Explore guided meditation resources, journal while listening to music, and conclude with fellowship. Registration required.

Mindful Monday: Tree Bathing, Monday, October 19, 5-6 pm, Cox Arboretum MetroPark: Meet at the picnic area near the water garden for tree bathing and sensory grounding.

Hypertension Basics, Monday, October 19, 5:30-6:30 pm, Southeast Branch: Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County will share information about high blood pressure through its Chronic Disease Prevention program. Registration required.

HIV Testing with Rapid Results, Tuesday, October 20, 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 (sponsored by Wright-Patt Credit Union).

Mini Resource Fair: Connect to Support & Stability, Tuesday, October 20, 12-2 pm, Main Library, The Atrium: Connect with organizations helping with housing, employment, crisis recovery, mental health, legal aid, child care, and more.

Working with Parkinson’s, Thursday, October 22, 2-4 pm, Miami Township Branch: Learn about a variety of Parkinson’s-related topics during this presentation featuring a special guest.

Gentle Yoga by Cross Yoga, Thursday, October 22, 6:30-7:15 pm, West Carrollton Branch: Angela Cross will lead this beginner-friendly class and guide patrons through a variety of poses. Registration required.

Yoga for Mental Well-being, Saturday, October 24, 11 am-12:15 pm, Kettering-Moraine Branch: Join instructor Cheryl Griffin of the Isha Foundation to learn this simple practice. 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.

Kettering College Celebrates 100% First-Time Certification Pass Rates in Two Healthcare Programs

Kettering, OH — Kettering College is celebrating a significant milestone in healthcare education as graduates from two of its programs achieved 100% first-time pass rates on their respective national certification examinations.

All 58 graduates in the college’s Physician Assistant (PA) Class of 2026 passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) on their first attempt. The college’s Radiologic Technology Class of 2026 also achieved a 100% first-time pass rate on the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certification examination.

Together, the achievements represent 85 graduates who successfully passed their respective certification examinations on the first attempt, demonstrating the academic preparation and professional commitment of students across both programs.

“These accomplishments reflect what we strive to provide every student at Kettering College: a supportive learning environment, rigorous academic preparation, and the opportunity to develop the knowledge and

skills needed to succeed in healthcare,” said Dr. Lamata Mitchell, president of Kettering College. The results underscore the college’s commitment to supporting students throughout their educational journeys while preparing them to meet the demands of their chosen professions. Through dedicated faculty, collaborative campus support, and rigorous program curricula, Kettering College works to help students progress from the classroom to clinical practice and into the healthcare workforce.

“This achievement is a testament to our supportive campus culture and our PA students’ dedication and hard work. We are so proud of them for achieving this 100% first-time PANCE pass rate!” said Jill-Renae Guleczinski, PA-C, Interim Program Director and Associate Professor. The Radiologic Technology program also celebrated its 27 graduates made up the largest graduating class in the program’s history.

While certification examinations are important professional milestones, Kettering College’s com-

mitment to student success extends beyond test results. The college prepares future healthcare professionals to embody the healing ministries of Jesus while making service a life-calling.

As the graduates begin the next chapter of their professional journeys, Kettering College celebrates their accomplishments and the patients and communities who will benefit from their expertise and compassion.

About Kettering College

Kettering College is a fully accredited, co-educational college that specializes in health science education. A division of Kettering Health, the College is located on the Kettering Health Main Campus in a suburb of Dayton, Ohio, and is chartered by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Kettering College offers an Occupational Therapy Doctoral program, Master’s degrees in Physician Assistant Studies and Nursing, and Bachelor and Associate of Science degrees.

