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Election 2026: What Montgomery County Decided, and What is Still Being Counted

Ohio elects Amy Acton governor and sends Sherrod Brown back to the Senate. Closer to home, Democrats flip two Ohio House seats, a 593-vote margin sinks the Dayton Public Schools levy, and two races wait on provisional ballots.

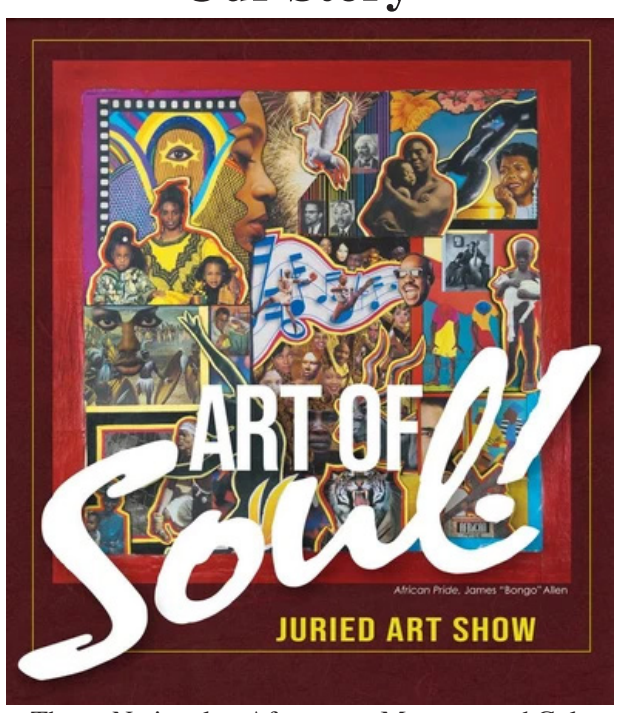
By Dayton Weekly News Staff

Montgomery County voters helped deliver a Democratic wave on Nov. 3 that reached from the governor's office to the county courthouse. By Wednesday, though, some of the most consequential local outcomes were still settling. The 10th Congressional District race had not been called. An Ohio House seat covering southern Montgomery County hung on 134 votes. And Dayton Public Schools was weighing its next step after its first new levy request since 2008 fell short by 593 votes.

Dayton Weekly News congratulates the winners and thanks every candidate, poll worker and volunteer who took part. Results below are final

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Art of Soul Celebrates African American History Through "America 250: Our Story"



The National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center showcases artists from across the country in its 11th biennial juried exhibition.

The place of African American art and history in everyday life has faced renewed challenges in recent years, often amid political disagreements over how the nation's history should be presented. Yet the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center (NAAMCC) is ensuring that Black artistic expression remains visible and celebrated through its 11th biennial "Art of Soul" National Juried Art Show. The exhibition opened in late October and runs through the end of Black History Month in late February.

Each exhibition's

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Downtown Dayton Partnership Names Beth Robinson New President



Beth Robinson

The Board of Trustees of the Downtown Dayton Partnership (DDP) announced the selection of Beth Robinson as the organization's next president. Robinson succeeds Laura Woeste, who has served as Interim President since early this year.

"Beth Robinson has demonstrated a broad skillset in community and economic development along with a proven track record working with diverse stakeholders to develop a strategy and achieve positive outcomes," said Jason Woodard, co-chair of the Downtown Dayton Partnership Board of Trustees. "We are excited to have her join the DDP and lead us into the next chapter of serving our stakeholders, supporting our businesses, and advancing the shared vision for a vibrant and thriving urban core."

Robinson brings with her a strong background in economic development, strategic planning, business attraction and retention, financial stewardship, real estate development, and downtown revitalization. She most recently served as Director, Advisory & Development, for Impact Real Estate Partners in Cincinnati, where she advised healthcare systems, nonprofit organizations, and development partners on complex real estate projects, public-private partnerships, and financing strategies.

Prior to that role, Robinson served for 14 years as the president and CEO of Uptown Consortium, a nonprofit partnership of Cincinnati's major healthcare institutions and the University of Cincinnati. During her tenure, she led the organization's strategic direction and major redevelopment initiatives. Under her leadership, the partnership helped generate more than $400 million in direct private investment and leveraged more than $2 billion in total development.

Her work also included initiatives to strengthen

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Debra A. Brathwaite, Ph.D. and Arnecia Patterson Ed.D., Cohort of Del Mar Encore Fellows Selected to Help Lead Community Efforts



Debra A. Brathwaite



Arnecia Patterson

The Dayton Foundation recently announced its new cohort of highly skilled older adults selected to serve as Del Mar Encore Fellows through the Del Mar Encore Fellows Initiative, which deploys retired or career-transitioning older adults to address significant community issues. Each fellow brings valuable talent and experience to nonprofit organizations tackling critical needs throughout Greater Dayton.

Among the fellows serving for the next year are:

Debra A. Brathwaite, PhD who is working with the University of Dayton Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to broaden access to lifelong learning opportunities and social engagement for underserved older adults throughout Greater Dayton. Brathwaite is an accomplished educator, transformational leader and passionate advocate for students, educators and communities. Her background includes a 50-year career in education. Brathwaite has dedicated her life to creating opportunities, strengthening schools and inspiring others to reach their fullest potential.

Arnecia Patterson, EdD, who is working with The Abiding Place, a Dayton Dream Center initiative, providing strategic research, systems analysis and planning leadership to help adolescent girls impacted by foster care involvement and relational trauma. Patterson has deep experience leading and advising a wide range of nonprofit and education organizations. Her professional contributions can be traced to local, regional and national arts, philanthropy and education organizations, such as Dayton Ballet,

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Dr. Derrick L. Foward Re-Elected as President of the Dayton Branch NAACP

The Dayton Branch NAACP is proud to announce the election of the Honorable Dr. Derrick L. Foward to his 11th consecutive two-year term as President of the Dayton Branch NAACP. His new term will officially commence on January 1, 2027, and conclude on December 31, 2028.

The reelection of Dr. Foward represents a significant milestone in his longstanding commitment to civil rights, social justice, civic engagement, and community empowerment. Having served as President of the Dayton Branch NAACP since November 12, 2006, Dr. Foward continues to demonstrate an unwavering dedication to advancing the mission of the NAACP and improving the quality of life for citizens throughout the Dayton region.

As Dr. Foward prepares to begin his 11th Administration on January 1, 2027, the Dayton Branch NAACP remains poised to continue its steadfast advocacy on issues that directly impact the lives, safety, and well-being of citizens throughout the Dayton region. The administration's priorities will include advocating



Dr. Derrick L. Foward

for the expansion of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives; improving educational outcomes for all students, including working collaboratively with the Dayton Public Schools District to develop a comprehensive transportation strategy that ensures students are safely transported from home to school and from school to home; strengthening criminal justice reform and police accountability; advocating for the stabilization and preservation of Medicare and Medicaid; and calling for the de-escalation of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) patrols and enforcement activities that create fear and uncertainty within our communities.

His reelection reflects the confidence and trust that members of the Dayton Branch NAACP have placed in his lead-

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Local

Miami Valley Weather 5 day Forecast

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Cloudy
High 50	High 57	High 62	High 67	High 62
Low 32	Low 32	Low 38	Low 40	Low 30



DML Honors Fathers in Third Annual Event

Dayton Metro Library will honor nominated fathers and father figures Saturday, November 14, during Flowers for Fathers: Honoring Our Heroes. The event will take place in the Bassani Theater Off Third, 3rd Floor, in the Main Library from 1-3 pm.

This third annual event celebrates the men whose love and commitment extend beyond their households to shape communities and inspire future generations. The ceremony will include a candlelight performance by Vibe 5 and Charles Oliver.

Honorees were nominated by loved ones earlier this year. Flowers for Fathers is a signature event of DML's Reading Railroad Initiative, which supports Black boys, young men, and their support systems. This special event is supported by the Main Library's The Center for Community Impact & Innovation, which is sponsored by Wright-Patt Credit Union.

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

Panera Bread to Offer Free Bagel and Coffee on Veterans Day

Covelli Enterprises' support for military and Veterans surpasses $2.1 million

Panera Bread's largest franchisee, Covelli Enterprises, will offer Veterans and military service members a free bagel and coffee on Wednesday, November 11 in honor of Veterans Day. The free bagel and coffee will be offered at the 11 Covelli-owned Panera Bread locations in Dayton. Covelli support for Veterans has exceeded $2.1 million in food and monetary donations since 2011.

To participate, service members and Veterans need only wear their uniform or show their valid Military I.D. or discharge papers in-store at participating Panera Bread locations.

Covelli Enterprises' support for Veterans' groups is not limited to food donations on Veterans Day. The company supports organizations like Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, and U.S. Marine Corp Foundation Toys for Tots, in the form of monetary and product donations throughout the year.

The complimentary bagel and coffee will be honored on Veterans Day Wednesday, November 11 and includes one regular sized hot or iced coffee and one free bagel of choice. Offer is valid for dine-in only.

About Covelli Enterprises

Covelli Enterprises operates nearly 300 Panera Bread bakery-cafes spanning eight states. Headquartered in Warren, Ohio, Covelli Enterprises is the single largest franchisee of Panera Bread, LLC and one of the largest restaurant franchisees in the country. As a leader in the fast casual segment, Covelli Enterprises has an unwavering commitment to give back to the communities it serves.

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neighborhoods, improve public spaces, support businesses, and enhance the district's overall vitality.

"I am honored and excited to join the Downtown Dayton Partnership," said Robinson. "Downtown Dayton has tremendous assets, committed partners, and a strong foundation to build upon. I look forward to getting to know the people and businesses that make downtown special, and working together to build on the progress already underway.

There is a real opportunity to shape downtown Dayton's future, and I am eager to be part of that effort."

"The search committee and the people she met with during the interview process loved Beth's experience, personality, and proven track record," said Woodard. "We want to thank Laura Woeste for stepping in to lead the DDP as Interim President following the loss of Katie Meyer, and are happy to note that Laura will continue to be an active member of the DDP team. As we move into the DDP's next chapter, we believe Beth brings the right combination of skills and knowledge to work with the staff and community to continue and accelerate downtown Dayton's progress."

Robinson earned her Master of Public Administration and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Cincinnati. She is also a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD), and has been selected for numerous awards, including an Excellence in Economic Development Award (International Economic Development Council), Excellence in Innovation Award (Ohio Economic Development Association), Public Administrator of the Year (American Society of Public Administration), and multiple awards for building inclusive and economically equitable communities.

The selection of Beth Robinson is the result of an extensive search for the next DDP president, overseen by a select committee of the DDP Board of Trustees with input from community leaders, partners, and DDP staff. Robinson's extensive experience, skills, personality, and proven track record made her the search committee's choice among a strong pool of candidates. She is expected to join the DDP on December 1, and will make her first public appearance at the Downtown Dayton Special Improvement District's Annual Meeting, held November 5 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the PNC Arts Annex.

For more information about the Downtown Dayton Partnership, visit downtowndayton.org.

National Fried Chicken Sandwich Day



National Fried Chicken Sandwich Day is coming up on Monday, Nov. 9 and McDonald's is offering Ohio fans their favorite McCrispy Sandwich for just $2.

Yes, seriously – but only for one day! To celebrate the holiday by grabbing a bit of their chicken sandwich, fans can claim their $2 regular or spicy McCrispy only in the McDonald's App* - available for pick-up, at the drive-thru or via McDelivery at participating restaurants.

First introduced at McDonald's restaurants nationwide in 2021 as the Crispy Chicken Sandwich, the McCrispy quickly became a fan favorite, earning its official "Mc" name in 2023. The sandwich features a crispy, juicy, all-white meat chicken fillet topped with crinkle-cut pickles and served on a toasted, buttered potato roll.

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DML Holiday Closing

All Dayton Metro Library locations will be closed Wednesday, November 11, for Veterans Day and will return to normal hours of 11 am-8 pm Thursday, November 12.

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





Editorial & Comments

Thanksgiving: Have an Attitude of Gratitude

By **Bryan Golden**



Bryan Golden

Thanksgiving is much more than a big meal with family and friends. It's a time to reflect on, and be thankful for, all of the good things you have. It's important to be grateful, not just on Thanksgiving, but each and every day. Rather than lamenting what you feel is lacking in your life, begin each new day by developing an attitude of gratitude. Take inventory of your blessings and you will be surprised at just how much you have to be thankful for.

If you have enough to eat, a place to live, a way to get around, people who care about you, or people you care about, then you are wealthy. If you lack any of these elements, you must still be grateful for what you do have, while striving to obtain whatever is absent.

Focus on all positive aspects of your life. Take nothing for granted. Every morning, recharge your appreciation. Be happy for everything there is, not upset over what you feel is missing.

Dreams of the future shouldn't diminish appreciation for the present. If all you do is concentrate on what you want, you won't enjoy today. Don't be jealous of others; what they do or have has no bearing on you.

You can feel bitter or resentful for a variety of reasons. Perhaps you feel something is missing from your life, things aren't going your way, or you have been treated unfairly. You may wonder, "why do these things always happen to me?"

Life's problems tend to dominate your thoughts, turning your focus to what you feel is wrong. You may start to resent those who appear to be better off. You're apt to dwell on things you think would make your life better if you had them. If only you had more money, more time, a bigger house, a different car, a different job, a different boss, had picked a different career, etc.

Once your attitude becomes one of deficiency instead of abundance and appreciation, you can become overwhelmed by feelings of frustration and feel like a victim. As this happens, a consuming vicious cycle starts.

Being bitter or resentful blows situations out of proportion. People who are bitter frequently find that their situations deteriorate and their mental and physical health decays.

It's difficult, if not impossible, to achieve your goals while you are bitter or resentful. Regardless of what challenges might befall you, bitterness makes finding solutions much more elusive.

There is no point to feeling bitter since it accomplishes nothing, harms you and makes things worse. Filling yourself with gratitude on a daily basis makes you feel good, while driving out negative feelings.

Begin your practice of gratitude each morning as soon as you wake. Every day is a great day. If you have any doubts, try missing one. Take inventory of everything, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, that is good in your life.

If it helps, make a written list of all things you are grateful for. Read your list every day. As you do this, you will build and reinforce your attitude of gratitude. Don't waste any time with what you feel you don't have.

Keep things in perspective. Consider all the people who have overcome difficulties far worse than yours. Don't be consumed by your problems, there is always a solution. Maintaining an attitude of gratitude allows your mind to devise a resolution for your circumstances.

Make everyday a day of Thanksgiving and you will be amazed how much better your life will become.

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Something to Consider: Navigating the Challenges of Aging

By: **Brenda Cochran**
Contributing Writer



Brenda Cochran

Have you heard your friends or acquaintances say something like "Aging isn't for sissies?" Many of us may not hear these exact words, but what we do hear still has the same meaning. Aging today is a difficult process for many – not for everyone who is up in age, but for many.

Life expectancy is increasing for Americans. The eighty-five and older age group is the fastest-growing part of the populations. Although there have been advances in health care, nevertheless many elderly people are living with chronic, incurable diseases and require assistance with daily living activities. The greatest challenge many are facing during the aging process is the prevention of physical disability and the extension of 'active life expectancy' but recent studies report that healthy aging is possible with planning for old age occurrence.

Aside from the physical disabilities, those illnesses such as diabetes, congestive heart failure and some types of dementia are able to be delayed and also prevented. The loss of muscle strength during the aging process is also somewhat preventable, but the most important consideration is having a positive attitude that helps many to overcome illness and those personal losses while looking forward to those days to come.

There are choices of aging. These choices include those about lifestyle, health care, personal pursuits and plans for old age. There are a few steps that provide successful aging. Examples include: 1) Avoiding cigarette smoking, 2) Consuming no more than one alcoholic beverage in a 24-hour period, 3) Exercising on a regular basis with weight-bearing and aerobic and balance activities, 4) Maintaining a comfortable weight, 5) getting regular medical checkups, 6) Avoiding falls, head injuries and those medications that cause confusion. These may be either over-the-counter or prescriptions, 7) Keeping stimulated with development of hobbies, social activities, or joining organizations, 8) Strengthening family relationships, 9) Planning in advance about finances, 10) Deciding on future living arrangements, 11) Choosing a doctor who is knowledgeable in the medical care of older adults. 12) Checking about long-term care insurance.

There is no doubt that aging comes with many challenges and one major one is the loss of independence and the diminished physical ability and age discrimination. SENESCENCE refers to the aging process that includes biological, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual changes.

Although the discussion of navigating the challenges of aging includes a list of many kinds of challenges, there are many older adults who remain highly self-sufficient. You probably are aware of many such older adults who don't appear to age at all, although they may be in their eighties or even nineties. Many who are in their late eighties are still driving, taking line dancing lessons, attending sports events and/or participating in them such as the highly popular sport called Pickle Ball, tennis and recently I have heard of some – taking physical therapy daily.

If one looks back in the 1960's, growing older once meant living with less income. Almost thirty-five percent of the elderly lived on poverty-level incomes and a generation ago, the oldest population in the nation, had the highest risk of living in poverty.

At the beginning of the twenty-first century, the older population was putting an end to this trend. Among people over sixty-five years old, the poverty rate fell from thirty percent in 1967 to 9.7 percent in 2008. However, thinking of the subsequent recession, the retirement savings, of many while taxing public support systems, find the elderly highly affected.

Prior to the recession, changes had brought about a reduction in poverty among the elderly. Examples included a greater number of women joining the workforce, more married couples earning double incomes and saving more money toward retirement. Private employers and governments also began offering better retirement programs, so by 1990, senior citizens earned thirty-six percent more incomes than earlier in 1980 and many people were able to gain access to better healthcare.

Our new trends are encouraging people to live more healthful lifestyles by emphasizing exercise and nutrition. Since they are healthier, many older people continue to work past the regular retirement age and provide more opportunity to save for retirement.

Because of my earlier upbringing, my response to the elderly was amazingly pleasant. My late father took me with him to visit lots of elderly people, thus I loved them and found them to be so wise. Many of my friends often commented that I seem to love the elderly, (which I did and still do) the change now is that I have almost joined them.

According to Dr. P. S. Jagadeesh, Kumar, A young Indian, scientist, researcher, engineer, philosopher, professor, editor and author – "Aging is not the process making you old and ugly, age is the process of making you bold and beautiful."

Another Quote is by Clint Eastwood – who has been reported dead, but is alive and kicking at 89. According to this American actor, filmmaker, musician and politician – "Aging can be fun if you lay back and enjoy it."

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ership, vision, and continued commitment to the organization's mission of ensuring equality, justice, and opportunity for all.

Under his leadership, the organization has investigated more than 3,200 discrimination complaints, registered over 6,200 voters, invested more than $256,800 in youth and scholarship programs, educated over 73,100 citizens through monthly educational programs, and raised $3.6 million to support civic engagement initiatives. He has personally secured 2,284 memberships, including 364 fully paid Life Members, strengthening the branch's membership and long-term sustainability.

Dr. Foward has also championed efforts to strengthen police accountability through the 8-point strategy on criminal justice reform and police accountability, expand voter participation, promote educational equity, and ensure that the voices of historically marginalized communities are heard and respected. His administration remains committed to working collaboratively with all law enforcement agencies throughout the Dayton region to promote public safety, accountability, transparency, and stronger community relationships.

"I am deeply humbled and honored by the confidence that the members of the Dayton Branch NAACP have placed in me to serve another two-year term as President," said Dr. Foward. "This election is not simply a recognition of my leadership; it is a reaffirmation of our collective commitment to the principles of the NAACP. I remain fully committed to working alongside our members, community partners, elected officials, and stakeholders to advance civil rights, promote justice, empower our youth, and ensure that every citizen has an opportunity to thrive. Our work is far from finished, and together, we will continue to move forward."

"I firmly believe in the power of teamwork. No individual achieves meaningful or lasting success alone. I recognize that the team the Lord has allowed me to build is the very reason for the success we have experienced throughout my tenure as President of the Dayton Branch NAACP. I am grateful to God for surrounding me with dedicated, committed, and passionate individuals who share a common vision and are willing to work tirelessly to advance our mission. Our accomplishments are not mine alone; they belong to every member, officer, Executive Committee member, volunteer, and community partner who has contributed to our collective success. I thank the Lord for the opportunity to lead, and I thank my team for continuing to stand strong together as we work to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve."

In addition to Dr. Foward's reelection, the Dayton Branch NAACP congratulates the following individuals who were elected to serve as officers for the 2027–2028 term:

President: Dr. Derrick L. Foward

First Vice President: Tom Roberts

Second Vice President: Dr. Rhonda Gullette

Third Vice President: Willie A. Terrell, Jr.

Secretary: Colin L. Kimuli

Assistant Secretary: Lynn Cooper

Treasurer: Dinah M. Williams

Assistant Treasurer: Harvey C. Bolden

The Dayton Branch NAACP also congratulates the following individuals elected to serve on the Executive Committee for the 2027–2028 term:

Scott E. Barwick
Graham N. Curry
Eric L. Ellington, Sr.
Tiwona L. Foward
Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
Gerry E. Griffith, Sr.
Valerie R. Hayes
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Cedric L. McGhee
David L. Montgomery
Pamela D. Sloan
Mattie P. White
Lauretta Williams
Terrence Williams
Roland Winburn

The Dayton Branch NAACP extends its congratulations and sincere appreciation to all newly elected officers and Executive Committee members. Their willingness to serve reflects a shared commitment to the advancement of civil rights and the continued strengthening of the Branch.

As the Dayton Branch NAACP prepares for the 2027–2028 term, the organization remains focused on its longstanding mission to inform, educate, and empower the community while advocating for justice, equality, and opportunity.

With renewed leadership, a dedicated team, and a continued commitment to collective action, the Dayton Branch NAACP looks forward to building upon its legacy of service and advancing meaningful progress throughout the Dayton region.

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Culture

Ladies and Gentlemen



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

The Etiquette of Excellence

The "etiquette of excellence" is the practice of combining high-level competence and skill with deep respect, restraint, and consideration for others. Supported by ethical integrity and professional courtesy, it transforms standard professionalism into a memorable, reliable, and graceful standard of conduct.

Core Principles of Etiquette and Excellence

1. Respect

Respect is the foundation of both etiquette and excellence. It means recognizing the worth of every person, regardless of their cultural background, and showing it through words, actions, and attitudes.

• In practice: Listen without interrupting, be punctual, dress appropriately, and avoid demeaning remarks.

• Why it matters: Respect builds trust, fosters collaboration, and creates a positive environment where people feel valued.

2. Consideration

Consideration is the art of thinking about how your actions affect others and acting with empathy.

• In practice: Offer help when needed, show appreciation, and adapt your behavior to suit the needs of those around you.

• Why it matters: Consideration turns polite manners into meaningful relationships and strengthens culture by showing genuine care.

3. Honesty (Integrity)

Honesty is the moral core that gives credibility to etiquette. It's about transparency, fairness, and keeping promises even when it's difficult.

• In practice: Be truthful in communication, take accountability for mistakes, and align your actions with your values.

• Why it matters: Integrity ensures that your courtesy is authentic, not performative, and that your reputation is built on trust.

How They Work Together

Ethics (honesty, integrity) and etiquette (respect, consideration) are "twin pillars" of excellence. Ethics without etiquette can appear harsh or rigid.

• Etiquette without ethics can feel insincere or manipulative.

Balancing both creates authenticity — a person or organization that is both morally strong and socially graceful.

Applying the Principles

• In leadership: Demonstrate honesty, model respect, and show consideration for team members.

• In daily life: Be punctual, listen actively, express gratitude, and act with empathy.

• In organizations: Embed these principles into culture so that trust, respect, and excellence become the norm.

Remain mindful that the etiquette of excellence is not about rigid, outdated rules, but empowering leaders to build trust, comfort, and distinction in every environment. It is built on respect, consideration, and honesty, grounded in ethical integrity and expressed through consistent, thoughtful, and courteous actions.

Springboro Arts Council to Dedicate New Bronze Plaque and Lighting at Origins Mural



SPRINGBORO, Ohio —The Springboro Arts Council invites the community to celebrate the dedication of a newly installed bronze plaque and lighting at Origins, Springboro's first public mural. The ceremony will take place Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at 15 S. Main Street in historic downtown Springboro.

Created in 2025 by internationally acclaimed artist Lula Goce, Origins celebrates Springboro's rich history and founding values. The mural represents a significant milestone in the community's commitment to public art, cultural enrichment, and preservation of its heritage.

The original mural was made possible through proceeds from ArtFest on Main's Dinner on Main 2024, with additional contributions from the City of Springboro and the Springboro Chamber of Commerce. The newly installed bronze dedication plaque and lighting were funded through proceeds from Dinner on Main 2026, continuing the community's investment in this landmark public artwork.

"This has been one of the most enjoyable and rewarding projects I've been part of in Springboro," said Julie Beall, President of the Springboro Arts Council. "Public art gives us something to enjoy today and something meaningful to for future generations. Through Dinner on Main, ArtFest on Main, the Springboro Arts Council, and the generosity of our volunteers and sponsors, we're making art a lasting part of Springboro's story. I love this mural, and I love what it represents for our community."

Following the mural's original ribbon-cutting in 2025, this dedication celebrates the completion of these enhancements while recognizing the generosity, collaboration, and community support that continue to make public art possible in Springboro.

Representatives of the Springboro Arts Council, Springboro Mayor John H. Agenbroad, and the Springboro Chamber of Commerce are expected to participate in the ceremony.

The event is free and open to the public. Community members, local businesses, Dinner on Main supporters, and visitors are encouraged to attend.

EVENT DETAILS

What: Origins Mural Bronze Plaque and Lighting Dedication Where: 15 S. Main Street, Springboro, Ohio When: Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Admission: Free and open to the public

ABOUT THE SPRINGBORO ARTS COUNCIL

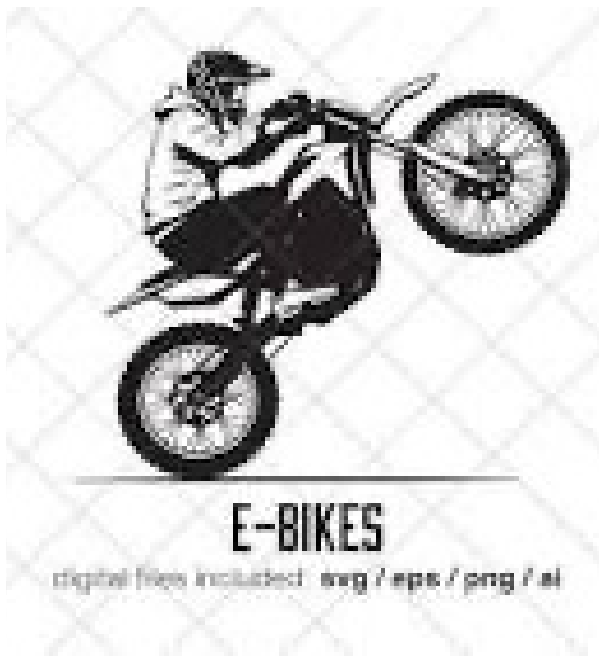
The Springboro Arts Council's mission is to engage the community by cultivating a vibrant, creative culture through the

arts. Through public art, cultural programming, and community partnerships, the Council works to enrich Springboro's

cultural identity and shared spaces.

Regional Leaders Develop New Safety Guidelines for E-Bikes and E-Motos

New model ordinance gives local communities tools to address growing safety concerns



Dayton, OH – As electric bikes, electric motorcycles, and other motorized devices become increasingly popular on Miami Valley streets and trails, local leaders are working together to address growing safety concerns and clarify the rules governing their use.

The Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association (GDMMA) and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) today announced the availability of a model local ordinance addressing electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric motorcycles (e-motos), and Motorized Personal Mobility Devices (MPMDs). The model gives cities and villages across the region a consistent, ready-to-adapt starting point for regulating these devices as they become more common on local streets, sidewalks, and trails.

Used for both transportation and recreation, the increase in popularity of e-bike, e-motos, and MPMDs has been accompanied by an increase in injuries among both adult and minor riders. In our region Dayton Children's has seen increases of over 200% in emergency room visits related to e-bikes and e-scooters. Additionally, because state law currently has no category for e-motos – vehicles that exceed the legal limits for electric bicycles – local governments are asking for legal tools to regulate their use on their local streets and neighborhoods.

"Communities across the region are facing many of the same questions about how to keep riders and pedestrians safe," said Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton, President of the Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association. "Rather than having every community start from scratch, we brought together local leaders, law enforcement and legal experts to develop a thoughtful, consistent approach. This gives communities a valuable starting point while preserving their ability to make decisions that work best for their residents."

Under the leadership of Katie Smiddy, City Manager of Oakwood, active involvement of State Representative Andrea White, and participation of the Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association, a study group to address these concerns was organized with members from area police departments, city officials and law directors. The study group was tasked with creating a Model E-Bike and E-Moto Ordinance.

Ohio law sorts e-bikes into three classes based on top assisted speed and whether the motor runs by pedaling or by throttle. E-motos look similar but are often more powerful and may fall outside the legal definition of an e-bike entirely. MPMDs include devices such as electric scooters and self-balancing boards. Because these categories overlap and are easy to confuse, residents, parents, and law enforcement often face uncertainty about what rules apply. The model ordinance does not propose to ban these vehicles, but rather to regulate where these vehicles may operate, and by whom.

"I am proud of our partnership with the Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association to develop this important resource for our Region," said Brian O. Martin, AICP, Executive Director of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. "Electric bicycles are, and electric motorcycles can be, an important component of our transportation network in the Miami Valley. By leading with safety and regional consistency, this model can help ensure commuters in the Miami Valley have alternative, economical, and clean options for everyday mobility."

The model ordinance was developed through a Working Group facilitated by Oakwood City Manager Katie Smiddy. The Working Group conducted a review of existing ordinances from Ohio communities, along with an analysis of regulatory gaps those ordinances commonly leave open. The model aligns with state law, including Ohio Revised Code 4511.522.

The model ordinance addresses several key issues, including:

• Age restrictions and helmet requirements

• Where different types of devices may operate, including streets, sidewalks, and shared-use paths

• Speed limits and safe operation

• Parental responsibility for underage riders

• Enforcement provisions, including penalties and impoundment

"One of the greatest strengths of this working group has been the diversity of perspectives represented at the table," said Oakwood City Manager Katie Smiddy. "Throughout the process, we have had thoughtful discussions about balancing the growing popularity of these devices with the responsibility to protect riders, pedestrians, and motorists. Our goal was not simply to develop regulations, but to establish a practical and consistent framework that municipalities can adapt to meet their individual needs."

The model ordinance is a voluntary resource. Each community may adopt it as written or adapt it to fit local conditions and priorities.

The model ordinance and supporting materials are available at mvrpc.org/e-bikes-and-e-motos. Local officials with questions, or who would like assistance adapting the ordinance, may contact Matt Lindsay, MVRPC Director of regional Environment and Economic Development Planning at mlindsay@mvrpc.org or 937.531.6548.

About the Organizations

About the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission:

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) has served the planning needs of the Miami Valley in Southwest Ohio since 1964, serving the Region for more than sixty years. MVRPC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Montgomery, Miami, and Greene Counties, plus a portion of Northern Warren County. Since June 2024, MVRPC serves as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization for Darke, Preble, and Shelby Counties. MVRPC also provides Regional and Environmental planning support for members in seven counties.

About the Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association:

The Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association (GDMMA) is a regional organization that brings together mayors, city managers, and local government leaders from the Dayton metropolitan area to collaborate on municipal policies, share best practices, and address shared regional challenges.

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FINANCIAL EDUCATION / FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

By Greater Dayton Realtist Staff

For many families in Dayton, owning a home represents more than having a place to live. It represents stability, financial independence, security, and the opportunity to build generational wealth.

Yet for many aspiring homeowners, one concern often stands in the way: saving enough money for a down payment.

The belief that purchasing a home requires tens of thousands of dollars in savings can discourage potential buyers from taking the first step. However, what many residents may not realize is that financial assistance programs and homebuyer education resources may help make homeownership more accessible.

Through education, community partnerships, and access to reliable housing resources, the Greater Dayton Realtist Association continues to encourage conversations that help families understand their options and prepare for successful homeownership.

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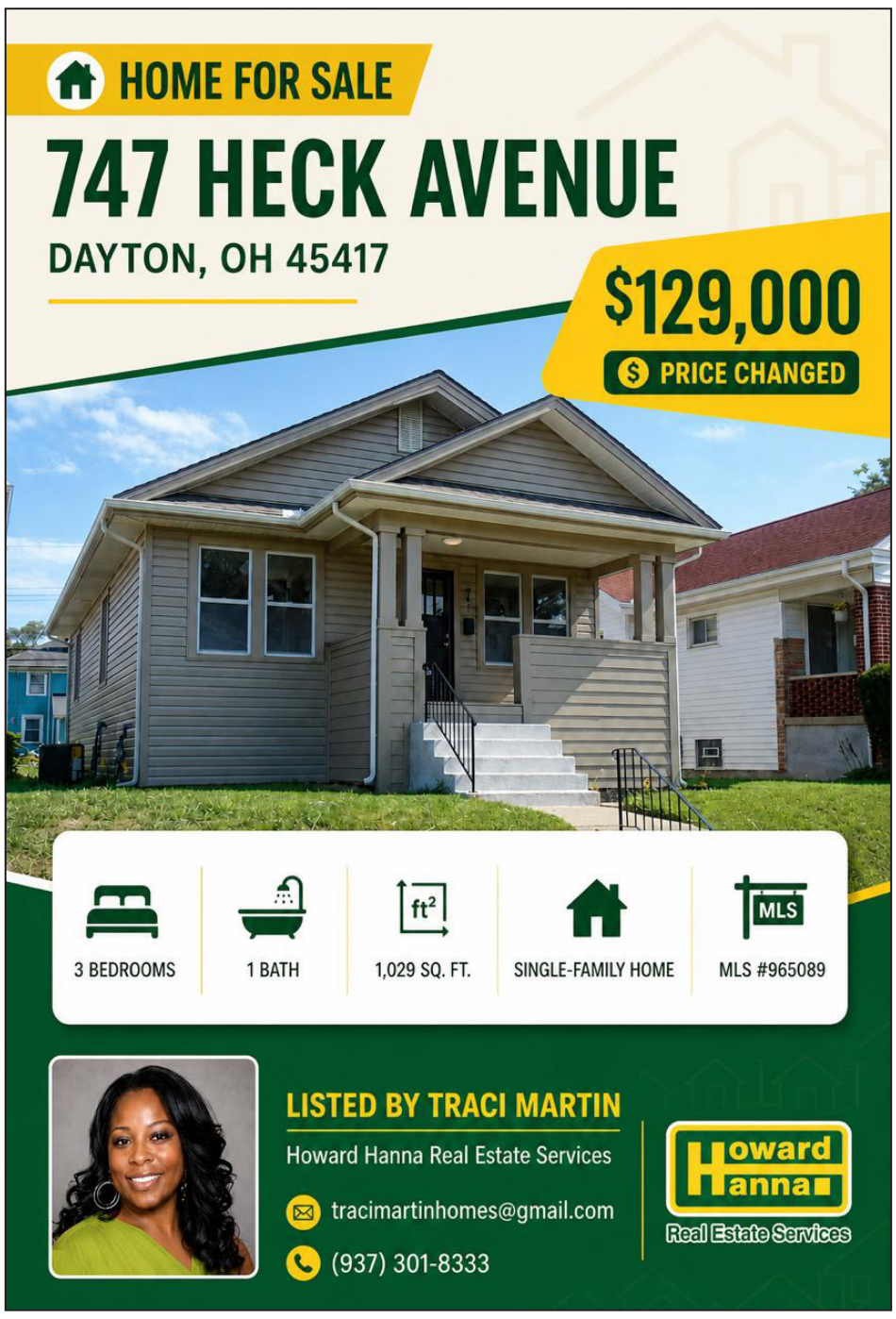
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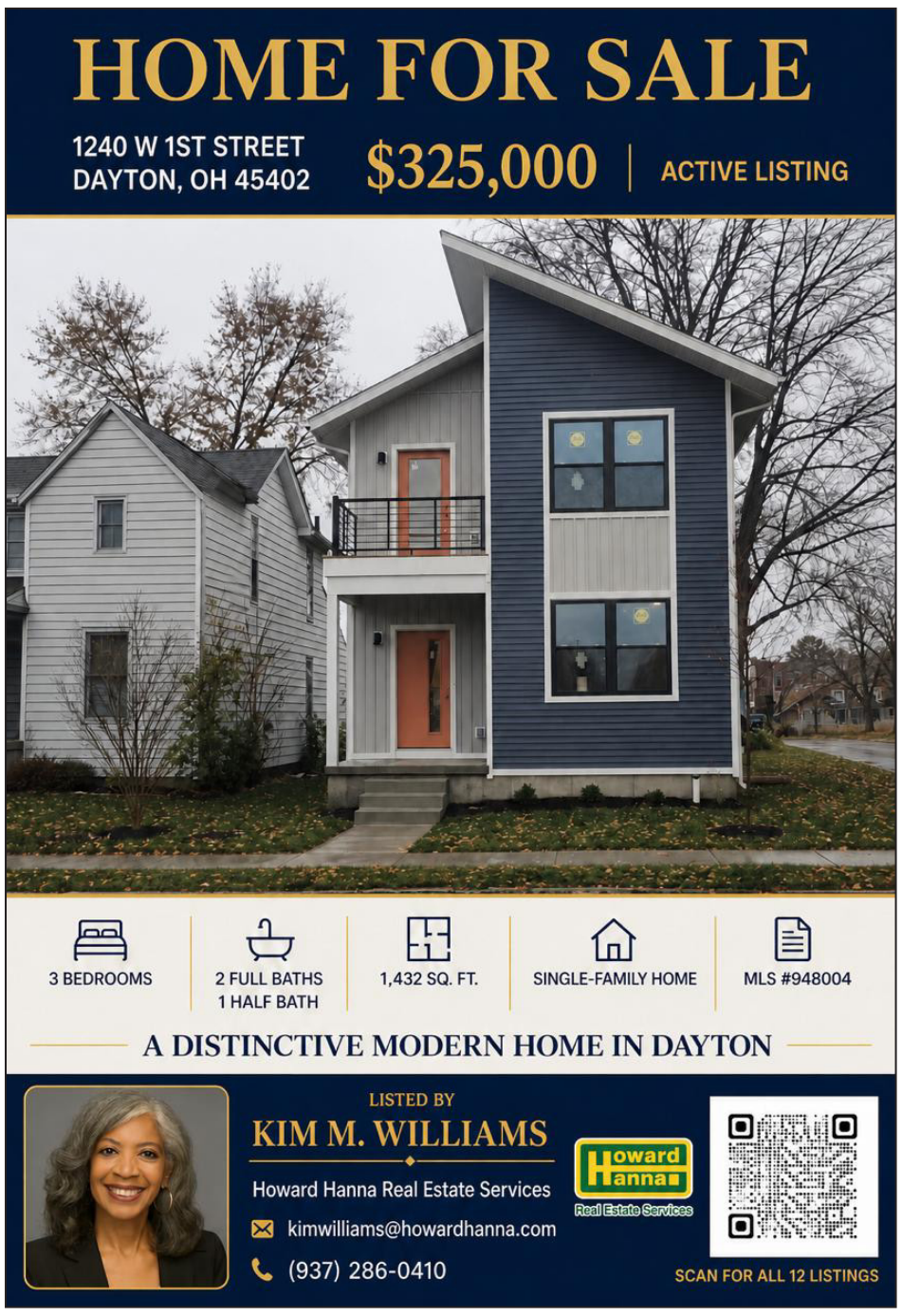


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COMMUNITY / VETERANS / HOMEOWNERSHIP



By Greater Dayton Realtist Staff

As Veterans Day approaches, the Greater Dayton Realtist Association is bringing the community together for an evening dedicated to honoring military service, expanding access to housing resources, and helping veterans build a stronger financial future.

The association will host Veterans Housing Night on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 7:30 PM, at American Legion Post 613, located at 27 Meadow Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45416.

Under the inspiring message "Build Your Future. We've Got Your Back," this special event will connect veterans, military families, aspiring homeowners, and community members with information and professional guidance designed to make homeownership more accessible.

The event is completely free, requires no registration, and includes dinner for attendees.

More than an informational gathering, Veterans Housing Night represents an opportunity to recognize the sacrifices of those who have served while helping them explore one of the most important steps toward long-term financial security: owning a home.

Helping Veterans Navigate the Path to Homeownership

For many veterans and military families, purchasing a home is an important milestone. However, understanding mortgage options, eligibility requirements, and available financial resources can sometimes feel overwhelming.

Veterans Housing Night aims to help simplify that journey by providing valuable information about VA home loans, first-time homebuyer opportunities, and housing assistance resources.

VA-backed home loans can offer significant advantages to eligible veterans, active-duty service members, and certain surviving spouses. Depending on eligibility and lender requirements, these benefits may include opportunities to purchase a home with no down payment and without monthly private mortgage insurance.

However, knowing how to access these benefits and understanding the responsibilities associated with homeownership are equally important.

Through this event, attendees will have opportunities to learn more about available programs, ask questions, and connect with housing professionals who can help them better understand their options.

Connecting Veterans With Trusted Housing Resources

One of the evening's central goals is to create meaningful connections between veterans and professionals who understand the homebuying process.

The event will focus on four important areas:

• VA Loan Tips and Information: Helping eligible veterans understand VA home loan benefits and how to begin the application process.

• First-Time Homebuyer Advice: Providing practical guidance for individuals and families preparing to purchase their first home.

• Connections With Housing Professionals: Creating opportunities to speak with professionals who can offer information about financing and homeownership.

• Resources for Long-Term Success: Sharing knowledge to help attendees make informed housing decisions and prepare for a stable financial future.

By bringing these resources together in one welcoming environment, the Greater Dayton Realtist Association hopes to help reduce barriers that prevent individuals and families from pursuing homeownership.

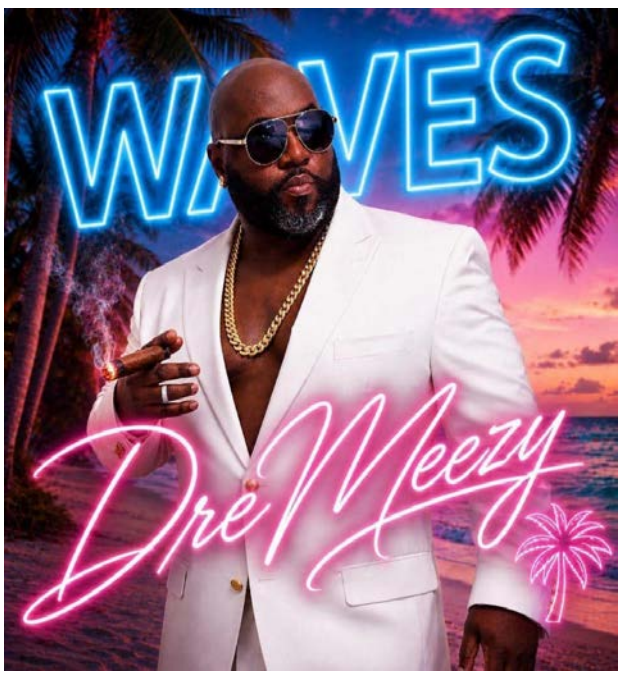
Building Stronger Partnerships for Those Who Served Veterans Housing Night also highlights the importance of collaboration among housing advocates, financial institutions, and veteran-serving organizations.

The event features the involvement of Day Air Credit Union and American Legion Post

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Faith

Dre Meezy Drem On Productions



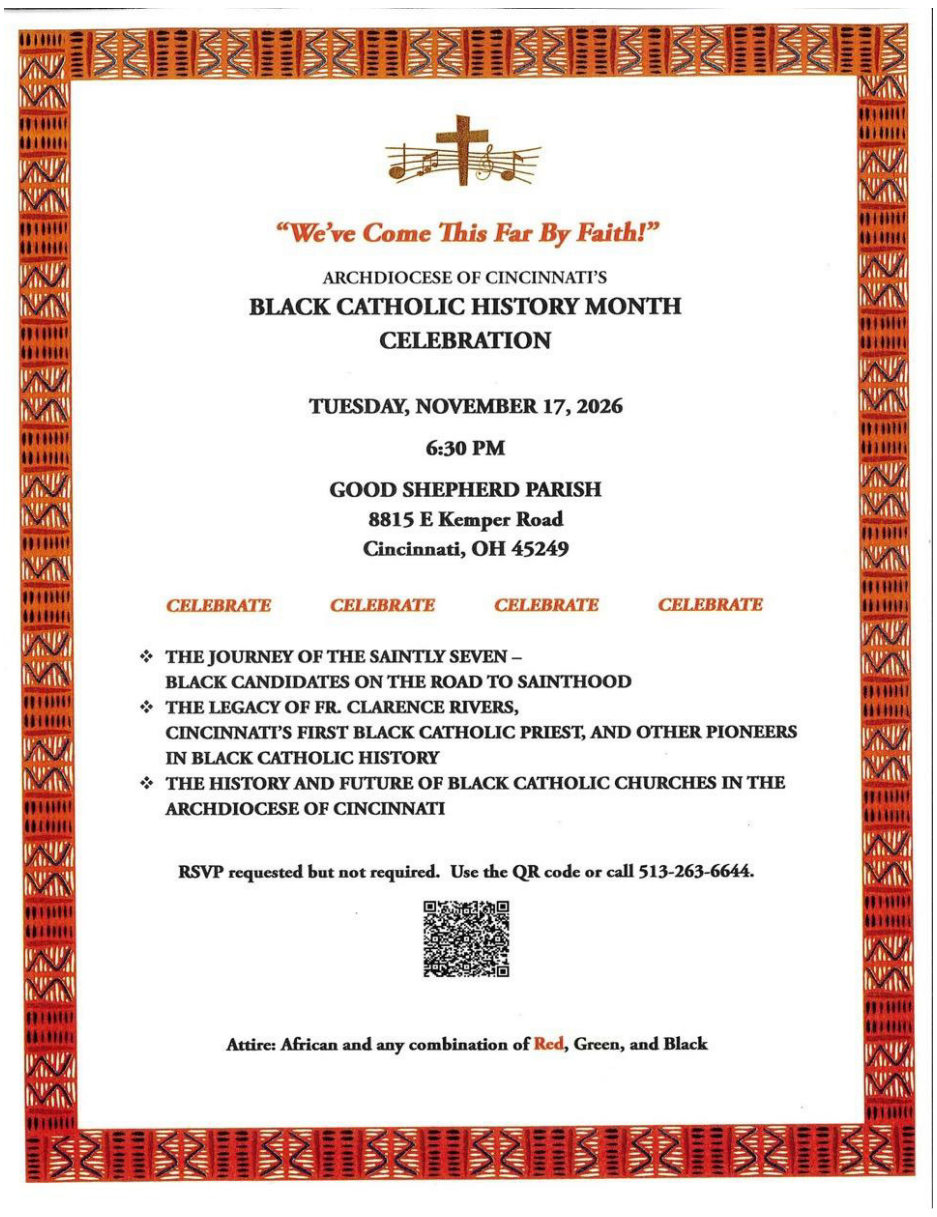
Dremel (DreMeezy) Tucker was born in the Funk Capital of the world, Dayton, Ohio which bread such acts as; Heatwave, Lakeside, The Ohio Players & Zapp.

Robert Tucker (father) was the lead singer & founder of The Sensational Voices of Faith, a local gospel group. The group would rehearse at the Tucker home several times a week . Being that Robert was sole owner of the musical equipment, Dre & his younger brother would sneak and experiment with the drums & guitars. The father took notice that the young boys had self taught themselves how to play the instruments. He later purchased guitars and drums of their very own.

In 1990, Dremel went off to Central State University to study Art & Design. He would receive a refund check each semester and began purchasing studio equipment. By the time he graduated, he had enough equipment to start a recording studio. The Tucker family remodeled their garage into a state of the art facility. The brothers then started an R&B group. The name Won Drem (One Dream) was given by their mother Betty Tucker. Won (for the end of Ty- WON) and Drem (the beginning of DREMel). Later the name would be reversed to Drem On.

In 1996, Dre signed a deal with rap label Tall Entertainment as an exclusive producer. During that time, he produced such acts as 275 & Rob Jackson. They had mild success nationally. The BET debut of 275s Move sumthing & Boom Boom Boom by Rob Jackson seemed very promising but wasn't enough to advance them into superstars. The T.E. label inked deals with both WEA (Warner/Elektra/Atlantic) as well as JIVE. For a brief period, Drem On was signed to a production deal with HIT SQUAD. They produced songs on several national releases.

Drem On has produced and worked alongside platinum selling artist; Scarface (Rap-A-Lot/ Def Jam) Styles P of the Lox (Bad Boy/ Arista) & Zapp (Warner Bros.) EPMD/PMD (Hit Squad) They also produced the theme song for NFL Hall of Famer John Elways Colorado Crush (Arena Footbal League). Drem On produced the score & soundtrack to the film "Young Bread Gettas" and they also have music appearing in the film "MayDay" by Tannlyne productions



Omega CDC's Voices of Hope Gala





Brittany Packnett Cunningham

Larger venue means more seats at Omega CDC's Voices of Hope gala, featuring keynote speaker Brittany Packnett Cunningham

Tickets for the Nov. 16 evening at Carillon Historical Park's Eichelberger Pavilion are $150

Tickets are still available for Voices of Hope, Omega Community Development Corporation's annual gala, thanks to a move to the larger Eichelberger Pavilion at Carillon Historical Park. The gala is Monday, Nov. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m., and tickets are $150. Brittany Packnett Cunningham, whose TED Talk The Revolution of Confidence has drawn more than 8 million views, will deliver the keynote.

Every ticket supports Omega CDC's work with families in Northwest Dayton. The bigger room means more neighbors, business leaders and first-time guests can stand behind the residents, students and partners driving that work.

"For years the room has filled up fast and we had to turn people away. So, to accommodate more attendees, this year we have space for more of Dayton to hear what our families and young people have to say, and to hear from a speaker who has spent her career making sure children's voices count," said Vanessa Ward, CEO of Omega CDC. "If you've wanted to invest in what's happening in Northwest Dayton, this is the night to do it."

Packnett Cunningham is founder and principal of Love & Power Works, a social impact agency, and vice president and chief strategy officer of the Children's Defense Fund. She is host and executive producer of the award-winning UNDISTRACTED podcast. Time, Essence and British Vogue have recognized her leadership.

Her focus on children and families lines up with how Omega CDC works in Northwest Dayton's Hope Zone. The organization supports families from early childhood through career: after-school and summer programs, family support at Fairview Elementary, Edwin Joel Brown Middle School and Thurgood Marshall STEM High School, family coaching, food assistance, resources for seniors and job training.

Ticket sales and gifts made at the gala fund that work directly.

The evening will include stories from residents, youth leaders, partners and donors about what has changed in their neighborhoods. CareSource is the Voices of Hope Sponsor, Wright-Patt Credit Union is the Community Voice Sponsor, and Kettering Health is the amplitude sponsor.

Those who can't attend can support Omega CDC with a gift at omega-cdc.org/donation.

Event details

What: Voices of Hope, Omega CDC's annual gala

When: Monday, Nov. 16, 2026, 6–9 p.m.

Where: Eichelberger Pavilion, Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409

Keynote: Brittany Packnett Cunningham

Tickets: $150 per person, or $1,750 for a reserved table of 10 with the guest's name or logo on the table. Purchase at omega-cdc.org/voices-of-hope-gala.

Attire: Cocktail, business chic

About Omega CDC

Omega Community Development Corporation (Omega CDC) works to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty by catalyzing change in Northwest Dayton. Through cradle-to-career, place-based services across the Hope Zone, Omega CDC helps thousands of children and families with education, economic stability, health and wellness, and community. Its programs are anchored at The Hope Center and include the Omega Senior Lofts. Learn more at omega-cdc.org or call 937-723-8254.

Take the Universe

Take the universe, its planets and stars,
Let me dwell in a place beyond Mars.
Take all my possessions, my silver and gold,
For heavenly treasures are worth more than what's sold

You can have your billions, your millions, your fame,
I'll keep my eyes on the eternal flame.
Let me sing praises to my heavenly King,
And follow His path in everything.

Take the universe, and stars that brightly shine,
Just let me sing praises to the King divine.
Light up my path, Lord, and guide me each day,
And lead me to heaven along Your holy way.

By Martel Kelly
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Education

DML's Next Defending Democracy Session

Dayton Metro Library's popular book club, Big Ideas for Defending Democracy, will meet on Thursday, November 12, 6-7:30 pm, in the Main Library's Conference Room 3A.

The book for this session is The Secret War Against Hate: American Resistance to Antisemitism and White Supremacy by Steven J. Ross.

The goal of Defending Democracy is to explore threats to American democracy and discuss how community collaboration can help address those threats. Pizza will be provided.

DML's The Center has partnered with the UD Roesch Chair in Social Sciences for this program. The Charles F. Kettering Foundation sponsors the series, and Wright-Patt Credit Union sponsors The Center at DML.

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

DML Honors Native American Heritage and Culture

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

Family Storytime: Indigenous Peoples' Month Edition, Thursday, November 12, 6:30-7:30 pm, Kettering-Moraine Branch: Discover stories by and honoring Indigenous peoples. Families

Family Storytime – Native American Heritage Month, Saturday, November 14, 10:30-11 am, Huber Heights Branch: Enjoy stories celebrating the month. Families

Between the Sheets: A Romance Book Club, Saturday, November 14, 1-2 pm, Miami Township Branch: Read Love is a War Song by Danica Nava, then meet to discuss. Adults

History of the Miamisburg Mound, Saturday, November 14, 2-3:30 pm, Miamisburg Branch: Explore the history of the Miamisburg Mound using archived materials from the Miamisburg Historical Society and old newspaper articles. Adults, teens, families

Homeschool Adventures, Monday, November 16, 2:30-3:30 pm, Miamisburg Branch: Read Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer by Traci Sorell and complete math- and engineer-themed activities. Families

Preschool Storytime: Native American Heritage, Wednesday, November 18, 10:30-11:25 am, Miami Township Branch: A guest presenter will share their heritage and culture through storytelling and activities using American Sign Language. PreK-K

Adult Book Discussion, Thursday, November 19, 6-7 pm, Trotwood Branch: Read Blood Sisters by Vanessa Lillie, then meet to discuss. Adults

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

November – Learning from Our Students to Draw People with Love



By: Words of Wisdom from Sophia Learning Center

Over the past seven years, we've had a front seat to witness God do incredible transformations in our students—taking them from introverted and shy, or struggling with language and social skills, to becoming confident, loving, and thriving children. All glory to God!

The Lord has used these moments to teach us, the teachers, important life lessons. Most recently, He showed us how love can break down the strongest walls and draw people together, through the example of two of our students (whom we will refer to as Jay and Kaeli for this article).

Jay was in enrolled in Sophia Learning Center's preschool program at the beginning of our school year in 2023, and although she knew colors and shapes, her verbal skills had not yet progressed. Instead of responding during a conversation, she could only repeat what was said to her. This made it difficult for Jay to interact with the other students. Through God's grace, by October, Jay began speaking and responding. Soon her little personality started peeking through and we saw a loving, naturally funny little girl becoming who God created her to be.

Interesting enough, just as Jay's speech was coming in, Kaeli's parents enrolled her in our program. Although Kaeli spoke very well when she came to our program, she experienced social challenges and struggled to interact with other children; including holding up her hand and firmly telling other students, "no" if they tried to hug her or say goodbye.

Kaeli was seated right next to Jay in the classroom. One day, one of our teachers noticed that, without prompting, Jay began reaching out and holding Kaeli's hand. From there, she started trying to make her laugh and inviting her to play.

These simple acts of love and kindness were exactly what Kaeli needed. Over time, Kaeli began reciprocating—eventually choosing Jay as her field trip partner, sharing hugs, and calling Jay her best friend.

These instances may seem small, but these little acts of love were exactly what Kaeli needed at that time, and God knew it.

Jeremiah 31:3 reminds us, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."

God doesn't rush us or force our hearts; He gently draws us with one patient act of love at a time, just as Jay, unbeknownst to her, did for Kaeli.

As many of us prepare to head home for the holidays, we pass on this same, beautiful lesson of love lived out in front of our faces on to you.

If you are hoping to reach a family member or co-worker this Thanksgiving, consider drawing them in with love. Simple, patient actions over time can open hearts and demonstrate that you truly care.

Here are a few simple actions to help you get started.

• Hold hands through hard moments or just because.

• Prepare a simple drink (tea or cocoa) or pick up their favorite snack.

• Take care of the car, brush off snow or plug in their phone charger.

• Listen. Let someone tell a story or vent frustration all the way through without interrupting, correcting or offering advice.

Sophia Learning Center is a Christ-centered preschool and private kindergarten 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.

SunWatch Village to Explore the Real History of Thanksgiving During Native American Heritage Month

Nov. 12 lecture with Dr. Joe Stahlman challenges familiar Thanksgiving narratives; free admission to SunWatch offered every weekend in November

DAYTON, Ohio – What if the story of Thanksgiving is more complicated, and more meaningful, than the one we've been taught? In recognition of Native American Heritage Month, the Dayton Society of Natural History (DSNH) invites the community to explore the history behind one of America's most familiar holidays during a special lecture at SunWatch Village on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

As part of the Ohio250 Lecture Series at SunWatch Village: Exploring the Past, Understanding the Present, anthropologist Dr. Joe Stahlman will present Reclaiming the Feast: Why the Real History of Thanksgiving Matters for a Divided World. The presentation will challenge traditional narratives surrounding Thanksgiving, offering a more complete understanding of the holiday through historical research and Indigenous perspectives.

Stahlman will examine the 1621 harvest gathering at Plimouth Plantation, Thanksgiving's emergence as a national holiday during the Civil War, and how the holiday's meaning has evolved over time. By separating historical fact from popular folklore, the presentation will explore how a deeper understanding of the past can inspire meaningful conversations about gratitude, unity, and reconciliation in today's divided world.

"Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to look beyond the history we think we know and better understand the people, cultures, and perspectives that have shaped our country," said Jill E. Krieg Stover, Head Curator of Collections, Research & Exhibitions for the Dayton Society of Natural History. "Dr. Stahlman's presentation offers a fascinating opportunity to reconsider the story of Thanksgiving and discover how a more complete understanding of our shared history can bring us together. We encourage everyone to join us for what promises to be a thought-provoking and meaningful conversation."

Stahlman holds a Ph.D. in sociocultural anthropology and is a scholar and researcher of Tuscarora descent. His work combines anthropological research, oral histories, and Indigenous ways of knowing to explore American history, cultural preservation, museum studies, and the experiences of First Peoples. Through his research and community engagement, Stahlman works to connect historical scholarship with contemporary issues of cultural understanding, social equity, and reconciliation.

Following the lecture, attendees will have exclusive after-hours access to SunWatch Village, providing an opportunity to explore the reconstructed Indigenous settlement, connect with fellow guests, and continue conversations inspired by the presentation.

Admission to the lecture is free for DSNH members and $10 for non-members. Advance registration is encouraged. Tickets are available at reservations.daytonnaturalhistory.org.

The Ohio250 Lecture Series at SunWatch Village will host its final event of the year on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., with a presentation by Heather Miller, an enrolled citizen of the Wyandotte Nation. Her lecture, This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land: The Importance of Creating Shared History with Tribal Nations, will explore the history of forced removal and the Wyandotte Nation's ongoing efforts to preserve its history, commemorate its Removal Trail and build a more accurate understanding of Ohio's Indigenous past.

SunWatch Celebrates Native American Heritage Month with Free Weekend Admission

In addition to the Nov. 12 lecture, SunWatch Village will offer free admission every Saturday and Sunday throughout November in celebration of Native American Heritage Month. The archaeological park will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., inviting visitors of all ages to discover the rich Indigenous history of the Miami Valley.

Located at 2301 West River Road in Dayton, SunWatch preserves the site of a nearly 800-year-old Fort Ancient Indigenous village. Visitors can explore reconstructed dwellings, learn about archaeological discoveries made at the site and gain insight into the daily lives, traditions and innovations of the people who once called the region home.

Native American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to recognize the histories, cultures and continuing contributions of Indigenous peoples while encouraging greater awareness of the Native American communities whose connections to Ohio extend from the past into the present.

For more information about SunWatch Village, the Ohio250 Lecture Series and Native American Heritage Month activities, visit www.sunwatch.org.

About the Dayton Society of Natural History

The Dayton Society of Natural History (DSNH) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating meaningful and engaging learning experiences that connect people with natural history, science and nature while preserving important cultural and scientific collections for future generations. DSNH operates the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and SunWatch Village, providing educational experiences, exhibits and programs that inspire curiosity, discovery and a greater understanding of the natural and cultural world. Learn more at www.boonshoft.org.

About SunWatch Village

SunWatch Village is a National Historic Landmark and archaeological park located at 2301 West River Road in Dayton, Ohio. The site preserves the remains of a 12th-century Fort Ancient Indigenous settlement and features reconstructed structures, archaeological exhibits, and educational programming that explore the lives and cultural achievements of the region's early inhabitants. Operated by the Dayton Society of Natural History, SunWatch serves as an important resource for archaeological research, historic preservation, and public education. For more information, visit www.sunwatch.org.

Arts & Entertainment



American Cruise Lines Vacation - Part Three



By: Wanda Haynes

Even when I got off the American Legend cruise ship for excursions, I still had a rip-roaring good time!

The excursions are well planned out and organized for optimum enjoyment.

Some of the excursions are an additional fee and well worth it.

There were clean rest rooms on the coach, plenty of tasty snacks, umbrellas and disposable rain ponchos.

The American Cruise Lines Ship's coach buses transport passengers to their destinations.

My favorite trip off the American Legend was the ride through the Catskills.

A Catskills historian was on the coach telling us all about the region.

I truly enjoyed her sense of humor, quick wit, and tips on photographing through the coach window.

Seeing the big, bold water falls in the Catskills mountains featured among the colorful fall foliage. Picturesque and almost surreal in feeling and magnitude.

I keep replaying the video I took of the cascading white waterfall.

I took a visit to The National September 11 Memorial & Museum, which is a memorial and museum that are part of the World Trade Center complex, in New York City, created for remembering the September 11, 2001. Beautiful water reflecting twin ponds offer a somber reminder of tragedy, and the resilience of Americans.

Another trip was to the Broadway Museum, and it was very interesting with costumes from popular shows and historical documents from the theaters.

There was a guide to answer questions and share tales from careers of the legendary stars on the stage.

We also went to a winery with a full vineyard and a tour guide from the winery. Plenty of wine to sample and knowledge of their family-owned vineyard.

I really liked being outdoors with the fall sunshine overlooking the natural essence of the property.

Another fine excursion was the Vanderbilt mansion, and was an incredible experience in American history. Our historian on the coach was more than eager to share her knowledge of the region, and love for the mansion.

The Forest Rangers gave us the inside tour and were passionate about the history. The wealth of the Vanderbilt's was apparent in the beautiful furnishings, marble, textiles, and lamps. They were the first family of Hyde Park, NY to have electricity. There are lifts both inside and outdoors for those with mobility issues, restrooms are nearby, and a place to sit for a brief moment while on the tour.

As the American Cruise Lines passengers are predominantly seniors. There were younger folks on the ship too, and everyone is welcome to cruise the water ways in America.

This was the best time ever and I will see ya soon American Cruise Lines.

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Art of Soul Celebrates African American History Through "America 250: Our Story"...
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theme sets the tone for the artists and their submissions. This year's theme, "America 250: Our Story," reflects on the nation's journey through African American history and culture. Artists from across the United States and beyond submitted work for consideration. The exhibition highlights the diversity, skill and perspectives that shape African American experiences across the United States and the Black diaspora.

As a juried exhibition, Art of Soul featured a wide range of work, but only a select number of artists received awards. Richard Duarte Brown of Columbus, Ohio, earned an honorable mention for "Baba Bing Davis," a depiction of Dayton art legend Willis "Bing" Davis. The work was among the most discussed pieces, particularly because Davis attended the opening ceremony.

"We Kept Going," by Cincinnati artist Gayle Harden-Renfro, received the "America 250 Award," a special, one-time honor selected and presented by the America 250-Ohio Commission. Best of Show went to William Tucker P. Muzi Branch of Richmond, Virginia.

LeAndra Crystal Richardson of Hermitage, Tennessee, took third place with her dynamic piece "This Too Shall Pass," drawing an enthusiastic response from the audience during the reception. Second place went to Columbus artist Todd Reed for "Race Theory Debunked," a powerful and thought-provoking work featuring newspaper headlines about track icon Jesse Owens.

"When I Grow Up," by Felecia Greenlee of Seneca, South Carolina, also made a lasting impression. Her mixed-media work demonstrated technical skill while delivering a message that connected deeply with viewers. Attendees at the opening ceremony responded with warm applause, and some even stood to recognize Greenlee and her achievement.

"I have been to this show for about five years," said longtime art lover Daphne Brown of Columbus, Ohio. "But this one takes the cake for being one of the most innovative shows I've seen in a long time."

Located in Wilberforce, Ohio, the NAAMCC preserves and honors African American history and culture while creating opportunities for contemporary Black artists to share their work. Through exhibitions such as Art of Soul, the museum continues to amplify voices and stories that deserve to be seen and heard.

For anyone looking to experience the creativity and depth of Art of Soul firsthand, a visit to the museum offers more than an opportunity to view artwork. It is an invitation to connect with history, culture and artistic expression in ways that linger long after leaving the gallery.

DML Welcomes Global Chef for Authors Series

Dayton Metro Library will host the Executive Director's Authors Series with Pyet DeSpain on Thursday, November 19, 6-7 pm, in the Main Library's Eichelberger Forum.

DeSpain is an acclaimed chef and author. She will explore how food connects to heritage, supports wellness, and reflects cultural expression. This program is especially ideal for young adults because it sparks meaningful conversations about nourishment in its physical, emotional, and cultural forms.

Rooted in fire: A Celebration of Native American and Mexican Cooking is DeSpain's debut cookbook. It will be available for purchase. The event will include a 45-minute conversation led by Lee Lauren Truesdale, Chief Development Officer at The Foodbank, Inc., followed by a reception where attendees can meet DeSpain and have their books signed. Registration is required.

DeSpain is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and an award-winning global chef. She blends Native American and Mexican culinary traditions to uplift Indigenous culture, storytelling, and community.

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

Celebrate the Holiday Season with "A Very Merry Christmas Cabaret" in Greenville

The holiday season will come alive with music, laughter, and plenty of Christmas cheer when Darke County Center for the Arts (DCCA) presents A Very Merry Christmas Cabaret on Thursday, December 3, at Montage Cafe in Greenville.

Featuring vocalist Philip Drennen, special guest vocalist Allie Haines, and a fabulous live band, this festive evening promises an entertaining mix of beloved Christmas classics and contemporary holiday favorites. From traditional seasonal songs to modern hits, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Guests can sing along to familiar favorites, put their holiday knowledge to the test with fun Christmas trivia, and may even hear a song request or two! Whether you love the timeless sounds of Christmas or enjoy a more contemporary holiday playlist, this lively cabaret is a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends and celebrate the season.

The performance will take place at Montage Cafe, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and music beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3. Tickets are $20 per person, and food and beverages will be available for purchase from the venue.

Tickets may be purchased online at darkecountyarts.org or by calling Darke County Center for the Arts at 937-547-0908. In-person ticket purchases are also available at the DCCA office, located on the third floor of the Greenville Public Library, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Gather your friends, bring your holiday spirit, and enjoy an evening of Christmas music and festive cheer close to home!



Business

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but unofficial, from the Montgomery County Board of Elections and the Ohio Secretary of State, unless otherwise noted. The county still has 4,418 provisional ballots to count, plus 236 from military and overseas voters, before results are certified.

Acton becomes Ohio's first woman elected governor

Democrat Dr. Amy Acton defeated Republican Vivek Ramaswamy, winning about 52% of the statewide vote to his 45% in unofficial returns. Ramaswamy conceded Tuesday night. Acton will be the first woman elected governor of Ohio and the first Democrat elected to the office in 20 years. Republicans have held the governor's seat for the past 16 years. Former Ohio Democratic Party chair David Pepper, her running mate, becomes lieutenant governor.

Acton, a physician, led the Ohio Department of Health during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic and was making her first run for office. Her fundraising surged late in the race after Ramaswamy aired an ad featuring her estranged mother, a spot that drew criticism from both parties.

She takes office Jan. 11, 2027, and her administration's first major test will be the state's next two-year budget, which sets funding levels for schools, Medicaid and local governments across the Miami Valley.

Brown returns to the U.S. Senate

Former Sen. Sherrod Brown defeated Republican Sen. Jon Husted, two years after Brown lost his seat to Bernie Moreno. The Associated Press called the race shortly after 11 p.m. Tuesday.

Husted was appointed in January 2025 to fill the seat JD Vance left when he became vice president. Because this was a special election for the rest of Vance's term, Brown will be back on the ballot in 2028. He campaigned on prescription drug and utility costs and criticized Husted's support for tariffs and for incentives to energy-intensive data centers.

Brown served in the Senate from 2007 to 2025. His return gives Ohio a split delegation, with Brown and Republican Moreno representing the state together. For the Dayton region, that delegation will carry federal decisions on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, manufacturing and health care costs.

10th District: Knickerbocker declares victory, AP has not called the race

Democrat Kristina Knickerbocker declared victory Tuesday night over U.S. Rep. Mike Turner, R-Dayton, but as of Wednesday the Associated Press had not called the race. Knickerbocker led by 4,938 votes, about 49.3% to 47.7%, with independent Thomas McMasters taking roughly 3%. Turner had not commented publicly on the results as of Wednesday morning.

About 9,400 provisional ballots and 453 military and overseas ballots remain outstanding across the district's three counties: Montgomery, Greene and part of Butler. Turner carried Greene County and the Butler County portion. Montgomery County decided the race, giving Knickerbocker 53.28% to Turner's 43.86%.

Turner, a former Dayton mayor, was first elected to Congress in 2002 and was seeking a 13th term. Knickerbocker, of the Yellow Springs area, was running for office for the first time. According to her campaign biography, she served as a major with the 88th Air Base Wing at Wright-Patterson and later with the 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, and worked as a neuro-oncology nurse practitioner at The Ohio State University Medical Center.

If her lead holds, she would be sworn in Jan. 3, 2027.

Statehouse: Two flips and one race too close to call

Democrats picked up two Republican-held Ohio House seats in Montgomery County and may add a third.

House District 36: Rose Lounsbury unseated state Rep. Andrea White, R-Kettering, who was in her third term. Lounsbury won 55.54% to White's 42.09%.

House District 37: Democrat Tom Herner leads state Rep. Tom Young, R-Washington Twp., 26,227 votes to 26,093. The 134-vote gap is about one-quarter of 1%. Under Ohio law, a final margin under one-half of 1% triggers an automatic recount. Young is serving his third term in the district, which covers much of southern Montgomery County. The seat drew little attention from political observers before Election Day.

House District 38: State Rep. Desiree Tims, a Dayton Democrat, ran unopposed and won a second term.

House District 39: Democrat Daquan Neal defeated Republican Mark Campbell, 51.66% to 48.34%, flipping a seat held by Republican Phil Plummer. The district includes Huber Heights, Vandalia, Englewood and other parts of northern Montgomery County.

House District 40: State Rep. Rodney Creech, R-West Alexandria, won reelection over Democrat Timothy Hornbacker and Libertarian Joshua Umbaugh, taking 62.34% of the vote in the district's Montgomery County precincts.

Ohio Senate District 5: Plummer, R-Butler Twp., won the open Senate seat with 64.06% of the vote over Democrat Jeffrey Harris. The district covers all of Miami and Preble counties and parts of Butler, Darke and Montgomery counties.

Issue 3: Voter ID moves into the Ohio Constitution

Ohio voters approved State Issue 3 with nearly 66% of the vote, writing the state's existing photo ID requirement for in-person voting into the Ohio Constitution. Day to day, little changes. Voters already must show an unexpired Ohio driver's license or state ID, a U.S. passport, or a military or veterans ID. The difference is permanence: any future change to those rules now requires another statewide vote rather than an act of the legislature.

Supporters argued the amendment protects election security. Opponents warned it adds hurdles for voters who already face barriers at the polls. Acton backed the measure, a break from her party's traditional position. Under current state law, Ohioans 17 and older can get a state ID card for free to use for voting.

Dayton Public Schools levy fails by 593 votes

Dayton voters rejected Dayton Public Schools' 7-mill additional levy, 19,542 votes to 18,949. The levy would have put 5 mills toward operating costs and 2 mills toward building repairs and other permanent improvements, raising about $14.7 million a year at a cost of $245 annually per $100,000 in home value. It was the district's first request for new operating money since 2008.

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce opposed the levy, pointing to chronic absenteeism near 44% and an on-time graduation rate near 67%, and said the district had not engaged the business community. Superintendent David Lawrence said the district held public finance meetings and two levy presentations.

Lawrence said there would be no cuts for now. He had warned in October that staff reductions were possible if the levy failed. The district is gathering community input and may return to the ballot in May.

County offices and the courts

Montgomery County Commissioner Carolyn Rice won reelection with about 57% of the vote over Republican Margie Christie. Auditor Karl Keith, in office since 2000, defeated Republican Tammy Murphy with 60.91%. Keith has pushed to expand the homestead exemption and other property tax relief for vulnerable households.

The Common Pleas Court bench will look different in 2027. Four sitting judges lost their seats:

- Richard Glennon defeated Judge Steve Abshire in the General Division.
- Kelly Madzey, a county prosecutor since 2008, defeated Judge Michele Henne in the General Division.
- Cassandra Rice defeated Probate Judge David Brannon with nearly 52% of the vote.
- Hope Smalls, a juvenile court magistrate, defeated Juvenile Judge Nicholas Sylvain with about 60%.

Anne Keeton also won a General Division seat, defeating Derek Muncy. The Juvenile Court seat carries direct weight for families: it handles delinquency, custody and child welfare cases across the county.

What happens next

Boards of elections will count provisional and late-arriving military ballots before certifying results in the coming weeks. That count will settle House District 37 and could confirm or change the 10th District outcome. A recount in either race would extend the timeline.

The people elected this week will represent everyone in Montgomery County, including residents who voted against them and those who stayed home. Housing costs, school performance, neighborhood investment and access to health care do not wait for a swearing-in.

Tony's Chocolonely



By Professor Sterling Haynes

Hey, Chocolate lovers did you know about 70% of the worlds cocoa beans are grown in West Africa? Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire are major sources of the commodity. Unfortunately, the farmers haven't always been treated respectfully or paid a living wage.

Fairtrade is a non-profit dedicated to certifying products for equitable business practices. They started certifying cocoa in 1994. Fairtrade is a global network of more than 2 million farmers and workers. When consumers purchase Fairtrade labeled products, they support cocoa farmers who are paid responsible wages for their hard work.

Tony's Chocolonely is a global chocolate company committed to Fairtrade. They produce world-class, high-quality chocolate. The name Tony's Chocolonely came from the founder feeling lonely in his fight against exploitation in the cocoa industry.

Interview with Tony's Chocolonely's.

What is Tony's Chocolonely's most popular bars and flavors?

"Our Milk Chocolate Caramel Sea Salt bar made with crunchy, caramel and flakey sea salt is our worldwide best-seller. The other flavors that make up what we call our "core four" include our classic Milk Chocolate, Everything bar, and Dark Chocolate Almond Sea Salt."

Is Tony's Chocolonely going to continue with Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI)?

"Tony's Chocolonely is committed to making the world more equitable, and DEI is a core priority for its business, strategy, and employees. As a social impact company that makes chocolate (not the other way around) social causes and, by extension DEI, will always be at the heart of what we do."

"Our mission is to end exploitation in the cocoa industry, and we know the root cause of exploitation is the poverty that is caused by unequal wealth distribution. We tell this story right down to the mold of our bar. Every bean that goes into that bar is guaranteed to be sourced according to our 5 Sourcing Principles, which consist of (1) sourcing 100% traceable cocoa beans, (2) paying a higher price for cocoa to enable farmers to earn a living income, (3) promoting strong partner co-operatives to professionalize and make cocoa farming safe and sustainable, (4) engaging in long-term commitments to boost farmers' income security, (5) training farmers to improve their productivity and cocoa quality."

"To strengthen this commitment internally, Tony's formed a global DEI task force with a roadmap to foster an inclusive, diverse workplace where all employees feel welcome and psychologically safe."

That concludes the interview, it was insightful, and a pleasure. Tony's Chocolonely is available at grocery stores, retailers, and online. My favorite flavor is the milk chocolate chip cookie bar. To learn more about this company visit us.tonyschocolonely.com

Cartoon Characters Luna, Lenny, Key-Low-Low and Henry Lee are created by Sterling Haynes. To learn more about my characters visit sterlinghaynes.com



Business

Debra A. Brathwaite, Ph.D. and Arnecia Patterson Ed.D., Cohort of Del Mar Encore Fellows Selected to Help Lead Community Efforts...
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Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, Dayton Opera, Dance USA, the King Arts Complex, Mansfield City School District, the National Endowment for the Arts, Ohio Arts Council, Ohio Dance, The Pew Charitable Trusts and The Wallace Foundation. Most recently, Patterson taught composition and creative writing for the

University of Dayton's English department.

Since the initiative launched in 2016, Del Mar Encore Fellows have been placed in 35 organizations and have contributed more than 65,000 hours of professional service, providing an estimated $4.6 million in value to the Greater Dayton economy. This initiative is made possible thanks to generous grants from the DMH-Dayton Fund of The Dayton Foundation.

The new cohort of fellows join current fellows Arnie Biondo, assisting the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities on its Age-Friendly Initiative; Dan Foley, serving with the Employers' Workforce Coalition, a leadership initiative of The Dayton Foundation; and Noreen Willhelm, serving with Yellow Springs Home, Inc. These fellows have spent the past year advancing the Foundation's community leadership initiatives.

For more information about the Del Mar Encore Fellows Initiative, please contact Leigh Sempeles, executive fellow, at lsempeles@daytonfoundation.org or (937) 225-9949.

About The Dayton Foundation

The Dayton Foundation has been the Greater Dayton region's trusted charitable giving partner for individuals, families and organizations since 1921. Ranked among the oldest and largest community foundations in the nation, the Foundation has awarded more than $1.6 billion in grants since its founding and currently manages assets totaling $1.4 billion across more than 4,400 charitable funds. For more information about how The Dayton Foundation can help you help others, visit daytonfoundation.org or follow the Foundation on Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube or Instagram.

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613, reflecting a shared commitment to connecting the community with meaningful resources and opportunities.

Partnerships like these are essential because successful homeownership often requires more than obtaining a mortgage. It also involves financial education, preparation, access to reliable information, and ongoing community support.

For veterans transitioning into civilian life, establishing stable housing can be an important foundation for employment, family well-being, and long-term financial stability.

By strengthening relationships between community organizations and housing professionals, initiatives like Veterans Housing Night can help individuals gain the confidence and knowledge needed to take their next steps.

Homeownership as a Pathway to Generational Wealth

The Greater Dayton Realtist Association continues to emphasize the role of homeownership in building stronger families, creating economic opportunities, and supporting thriving neighborhoods.

For many households, owning a home represents more than having a place to live. It can provide greater residential stability, opportunities to build equity, and a foundation for transferring wealth to future generations.

Veterans and military families deserve access to the information and resources that can help make these opportunities possible.

Education remains one of the most powerful tools for expanding housing access. When prospective buyers understand their financial options and responsibilities, they are better equipped to make decisions that support their long-term goals.

Through community-centered initiatives such as Veterans Housing Night, the association continues working to

make housing education and professional guidance more accessible throughout the Dayton region.

Stronger Together, Building Better Futures

As the nation prepares to recognize Veterans Day, Veterans Housing Night offers a meaningful way to express appreciation for military service through education, connection, and opportunity.

The Greater Dayton Realtist Association believes that honoring veterans also means helping them access resources that support their future.

Whether attendees are beginning to explore homeownership, seeking information about VA loan benefits, or looking to connect with knowledgeable housing professionals, the evening is designed to provide a welcoming place to learn and grow.

The message behind the event is simple but powerful: Those who have served our country deserve opportunities to build secure homes and brighter futures.

EVENT DETAILS / VETERANS HOUSING NIGHT

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: American Legion Post 613

Address: 27 Meadow Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45416

Admission: Free — No Registration Required

Dinner: Will Be Served

Hosted by: Greater Dayton Realtist Association

For more information, visit greaterdaytonrealtist.com, email info@greaterdaytonrealtist.com, or call 937-999-4888.

GET THE KNOWLEDGE. GET AHEAD. STRONGER TOGETHER. BUILDING BETTER FUTURES.



Sports

Week 2 OHSAA Football Playoffs, Top Headlines & Games in all of Southwest Ohio

By: Deon Cash
Staff Writer
GWOC TEAMS COLLIDE

WAYNE (7-3) VS BEAVERCREEK (6-5)

Can the dymanic duo of Ohio State commit Jamier Brown and star QB Kye Graham lead the Warriors past the rushing attack of Beavercreek, who just made history and won their first ever playoff game? Wayne won the first meeting this year in a tough game.

FAIRMONT (6-5) @ SPRINGFIELD (8-1)

Can the Firebirds upset the top team in the Region? They didnt do it in the earlier game, and from the reports, Coach Douglass feels like his Wildcats team is ready for a deep run this season.

GREATER MIAMI CONFERENCE BEST BATTLE

The Princeton Tigers (10-0), the #1 team in the state, will face a tough opponent in 7-4 Middletown, lead by Dayton native and Head Coach Kali Jones. Jones has lifted the program to new heights in a short amount of time, similar to what he did at Withrow.

Can the Middies, who have hit their stride, go toe for toe with the best in the state? Princeton won the first outing. With the Torbert brothers running the show, and Mercer in the trenches, this Princeton team is loaded.

Lakota West will take on GCL South opponent St Xavier at Lakota. West has had a elite year as well, being ranked in the state all season.

GREATER CATHOLIC LEAGUE BEST FACE OFF

Alter (7-4) will face the champions in McNicholas (8-2) as the Knights hope to ride their star senior and Miami commit (Drew Cripps) to another win. This McNicholas team has been top tier all season, lead by QB Evan Sandfoss and their stout defense.

Fenwick will play on the road as they go to Miami East.

SOUTHWEST BUCKEYE LEAGUE STILL WITH 4 TEAMS

The #1 Team in D-3 OHSAA State poll readies for a test today as Bellbrook hosts Unioto. Bellbrook (10-0) has a powerful running game and a elite defense that has shut down nearly every opponent it has faced this season.

Valley View (9-2) takes on London (8-2) who won the Central Buckeye Conference.

Edgewood (8-3) will go face one of the top teams in Ohio in Trotwood (8-2) and Preble Shawnee travels to Waynesville.

MIAMI VALLEY LEAGUE LAST TEAM STANDING

Tippecanoe (9-1) one of the top teams in their division, and the MVL champs, will face Goshen at home in the 2nd round. Tippecanoe had a strong run last season and boasts one of the best quarterbacks in the region in Larkin Thomas.

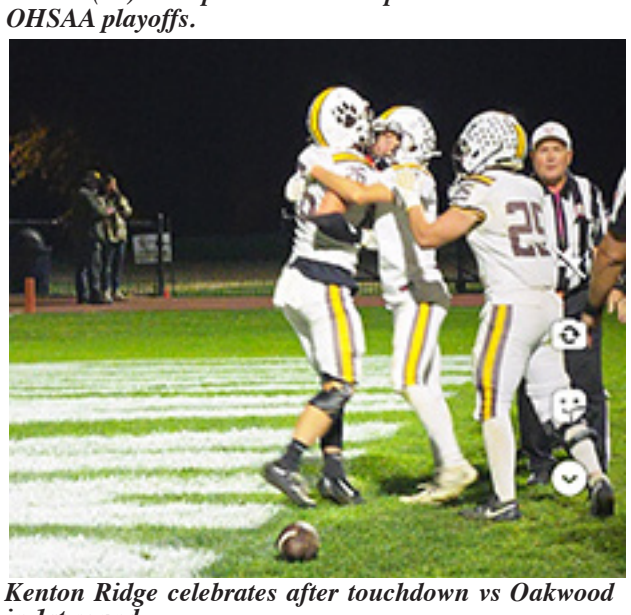
GREATER CATHOLIC LEAGUE SOUTH IN BIG MATCHUPS

The Greater Catholic League South has a few interesting matchups

Moeller (7-3) will face Winton Woods (9-2) at home, as Woods is one of the few teams who have won a state title recently. Moeller won the GCL South.



Wayne QB Kye Graham (7) & WR Jamier Averette Brown (12) talk prior to matchup vs Beavercreek in OHSAA playoffs.



Kenton Ridge celebrates after touchdown vs Oakwood in 1st round.



Trotwood huddles during game. They will face Edgewood tonight in 2nd Round of OHSAA playoffs.



Springfield LB Jahmiere Portis Daniels (L) and C.J. Wallace talk after clinching GWOC Championship.



Kenton Ridge vs London for the Central Buckeye Conference championship. Both teams play in the 2nd round of the OHSAA Playoffs.

Elder (8-2) will face Springboro, a top team from the GWOC. Elder QB Kaden Estep has been spectacular for most of the season. Can Springboro QB Max Miller match him toe for toe?

St Xavier will go on the road to battle Lakota West, who was 9-1 on the season.

WESTERN OHIO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TEAMS STILL ROLLING

Tri Village, Ansonia, and Arcanum are still alive and ready to roll as they prep for big games this weekend. Tri-Village is undefeated (10-0).

OHIO HERITAGE CONFERENCE WITH 2 TEAMS LEFT

West Jefferson will look to continue its winning ways at home while Mechanicsburg continues to try to dominate as well this weekend.

CINCINNATI METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TOP TEAMS READY FOR CHALLENGE

Withrow (8-3) won in the 1st round and will face a tough Anderson (9-1) team on the road. Withrow has won 6 straight games.

Versailles will travel to face Cincinnati College Prep tonight.

CENTRAL BUCKEYE CONFERENCE WITH 3 LEFT

London, Kenton Ridge, and Urbana all have big matchups this week.

Kenton Ridge came off a huge comeback win late at Oakwood, lead by RB Brody Runko TD in the final seconds. They will head to Wyoming for the next round.

London will host Valley View while Urbana will travel to North College Hill, who has given up on 3 points all season long.

Health



DML Hosts Screening of Cooper's Caregiving

Dayton Metro Library will host two sessions of Movie Night for Caregivers: Support and Stability on Thursday, November 19, in the Main Library's Bassani Theater Off Third, 3rd Floor. The first screening will be held from 1:30- 4:30 pm, and the second from 5:30- 8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided, and community partners will share resources. Registration is suggested.

Caregiving is a PBS documentary produced by Bradley Cooper that highlights the strength and resilience of those who support aging parents, disabled partners, and chronically ill loved ones. Cooper uses real-life stories to reveal the emotional, physical, and financial toll caregiving takes.

After the first showing, participants are invited to Conference Room 3A for a reflective discussion on the challenges caregivers face and the support systems communities can build.

This program is presented in partnership with DML's The Center, sponsored by Wright-Patt Credit Union, and the Area Agency on Aging PSA2.

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



November Is National Diabetes Awareness Month: Know the Signs, Protect Your Health



By: **Gina Munson**
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Could you have diabetes without knowing it? Diabetes affects millions of Americans, and many people may have the condition without realizing it. Because symptoms can be subtle or absent, diabetes can go undetected, potentially increasing the risk of serious health complications. Early detection, timely treatment, and ongoing medical care can help protect your long-term health.

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month, a reminder to understand your risk, recognize potential symptoms, and take an active role in your health. Whether you are living with diabetes, caring for someone who is, or simply want to learn more, knowing the signs is an important first step.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 40.1 million Americans, 12% of the U.S. population, were living with diagnosed or undiagnosed diabetes in 2023, the latest national estimate available in the CDC's 2026 report. Of those, 29.1 million were diagnosed, while approximately 11 million people were living with undiagnosed diabetes.

The impact extends beyond diabetes itself. An estimated 115.2 million U.S. adults have prediabetes, a condition in which blood sugar levels are higher than normal and the risk of developing type 2 diabetes is increased. The CDC also reports that 8 in 10 adults with prediabetes do not know they have it.

These numbers underscore the importance of awareness, routine screenings, and regular medical care. Recognizing warning signs and talking with your healthcare provider can help you act early.

Learn more:
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