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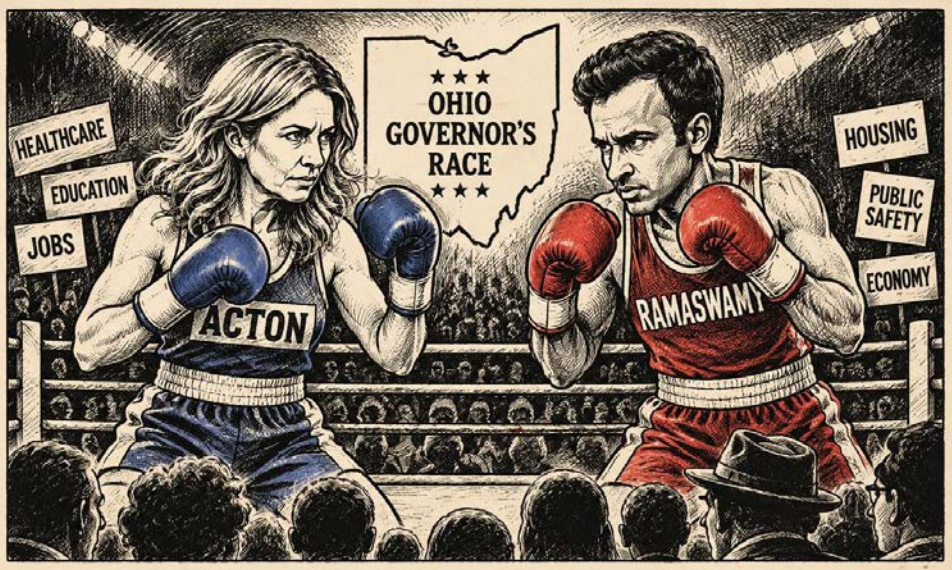
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As Ohio Governor's Race Turns Personal, What Are Voters Really Learning?

An advertisement targeting Amy Acton's childhood has sparked bipartisan criticism and renewed questions about political ethics. With Election Day approaching, Ohio voters must also consider what campaign advertising tells them and what it leaves unanswered.

By Dayton Weekly News Staff

DAYTON, Ohio — With Ohio's gubernatorial election just days away, a controversial political advertisement has brought national attention to the contest between Republican Vivek Ramaswamy and Democrat Dr. Amy Acton. But beyond the controversy lies a question that deserves greater

attention: What should voters reasonably expect to learn from political advertising, and what information do they still need to make an informed decision? The controversy began when Ramaswamy's campaign released an advertisement featuring Acton's estranged mother, Donna Arthur, questioning her daughter's honesty and

challenging her account of childhood hardship. Acton, a physician and former director of the Ohio Department of Health, has publicly discussed experiencing homelessness and sexual abuse during childhood. Her mother lost custody of Acton and her brother after her husband was indicted for sexually assaulting Acton when she

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DJs at the Polls Brings Dayton Funk to 18 Polling Places on Election Day



The nonpartisan effort pays local DJs to make voting feel like a neighborhood gathering, starting with a funk set at Thurgood Marshall High School.

By RoShawn Winburn
Dayton Weekly News
DAYTON, Ohio (DWN) Voters at Thurgood Marshall High School on Tuesday, Nov. 3, may hear Zapp, Lake-

side and the Ohio Players before they reach the sign-in table. DJ Pretty Boy Troy will spin there from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. It's one of 18 Dayton sites planned for DJs at the Polls, a nonpartisan effort that organizers say will place about 2,000 DJs at 5,000 polling locations in 24 states this year. "I'm gonna bring back

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Walter H. Rice Legacy of Service Award Recognition



(L-R) Khadijah Ali, Bonnie Rice, Carol Prewitt, Judge Rice, Former Mont. Co. Commissioner Debbie Lieberman, Dennis Lieberman

By: Carol Prewitt
Contributing Writer
Service is one of the quietest and most sacred threads woven through a meaningful life. It isn't always wrapped in a title or tied to a career. Service is sacred. When I talk about legacy, I'm not only speaking about documents and decisions. I'm talking about the emotional imprints we leave through how we give, love, protect, and show up. A life dedicated to the service of others creates ripples

that shape communities, societies, and even future generations. On Saturday, October 24, 2026, the first annual Walter H. Rice Legacy of Service Award Recognition Luncheon was held at the Presidential Banquet Center, 4572 Presidential Way, Kettering, Ohio honoring Judge Rice's legacy of justice, compassion and second chances. A huge 'thank you' and recognition is extended to the phenomenal Robin Titus for her exemplary

leadership as the vision of the Legacy of Service Award luncheon became a reality. Robin humbly commented, "It was both a pleasure and an honor to be recognized for contributing to such a memorable afternoon. Honoring the Judge had long been on my personal bucket list, so the opportunity felt especially meaningful. Whenever I receive a new assignment, I im-

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75th Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards

Jessie O. Gooding, Judge Walter H. Rice, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, and Dr. Edwin C. Moses Inducted into the Inaugural Class of Dayton Branch NAACP Hall of Fame Enshrines.

DAYTON, OHIO — The Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held its 75th Hall of Freedom Awards under the theme "Standing Strong Together,"

celebrating individuals who have made significant contributions to the lives of the American people. Awardees were nominated by community members who believed they deserved recognition for their outstanding achievements and contributions. Members of the Dayton Branch NAACP reviewed the nominations and cast their votes to determine the recipients in twelve award categories, one of the many benefits

of membership in the organization. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes in each category was selected as the award recipient. In addition, the Inaugural Class of Dayton Branch NAACP Hall of Fame Enshrines was inducted, marking a historic milestone for the organization. The Lifetime Achievement Award recipient was selected by the General Membership,

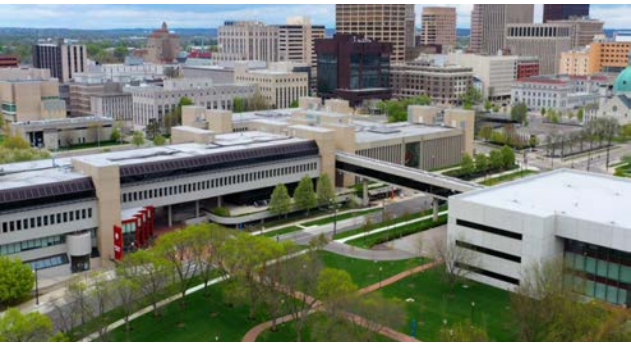
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Sinclair College Announces Sinclair Direct Initiative to Expand College Access

Dayton, OH --- Sinclair is announcing a development in its efforts to expand college access and strengthen the region's workforce - the launch of "Sinclair Direct," a new high school partnership and direct-admission initiative featuring the Sinclair Di-

rect Promise. The initiative operates to advance Sinclair's commitment to helping more students pursue post-secondary education, earn valuable credentials, and prepare for in-demand, good-paying careers. "Together with our K-12 and community



partners, we are reaching students earlier, removing barriers, and helping more young people prepare for the careers our regional employers need to fill," said Dr. Steven Johnson, President & CEO at Sinclair. Developed in partnership with the Montgomery

County Educational Service Center (MCESC), Sinclair Direct creates a coordinated pathway from high school to Sinclair College. The initiative provides eligible 2027 high school seniors with guaranteed admission, personalized enrollment assistance, financial aid guidance, career exploration, and transition support.

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Miami Valley Weather

5 day Forecast

Saturday

Cloudy

High 67

Low 54



Sunday

Showers

High 67

Low 56



Monday

Cloudy

High 65

Low 56



Tuesday

Mostly Cloudy

High 74

Low 61



Wednesday

Rain

High 67

Low 54





MONTGOMERY COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

POLLING LOCATION
CHANGES

November 3, 2026 General Election

	PREVIOUS LOCATION	NEW LOCATION
1.	First Flight Aviation (Miami Township S)	Medlar View Primary School 4400 Medlar Rd, Miamisburg, OH 45342
2.	First Flight Aviation (Miami Township T, V, & Q)	Jane Chance Intermediate School 10661 Wood Rd, Miamisburg, OH 45342
3.	Miamisburg High School (Miamisburg 4-B & 4-D)	Medlar View Primary School 4400 Medlar Rd, Miamisburg, OH 45342
4.	St. John Lutheran Church (Miamisburg 4-C)	Miamisburg High School 1860 Belvo Rd, Miamisburg, OH 45342
5.	St. John Lutheran Church (Miamisburg 1-A & 4-A)	Miamisburg Middle School 8668 Miamisburg Springboro Rd, Miamisburg, OH 45342
6.	Miamisburg Moose Lodge (Miamisburg 3-C)	First Church of God 446 N. Heincke Rd, Miamisburg, OH 45342
7.	Miamisburg Moose Lodge (West Carrollton I)	Bethel Baptist Church 434 Wilson Park Dr, West Carrollton, OH 45449
8.	Miamisburg Christian Church (Miamisburg 1-C)	Miamisburg Middle School 8668 Miamisburg Springboro Rd, Miamisburg, OH 45342
9.	Miamisburg Christian Church (Miamisburg 3-A)	Miamisburg High School 1860 Belvo Rd, Miamisburg, OH 45342
10.	Bethel Baptist Church (West Carrollton D)	West Carrollton Nazarene Church 550 S. Elm St, West Carrollton, OH 45449
11.	Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (Clayton A, B, & C)	Building Formerly Known as Mt. Calvary Church 9100 N. Main St, Clayton, OH 45415
12.	Centerville Library (Centerville D & Washington Township AA)	Centerville Christian Fellowship 700 E Spring Valley Pike, Centerville, OH 45458
13.	ATU Local 1385 (Dayton 3-B & 3-D)	Needmore Church of Christ 2211 Needmore Rd, Dayton, OH 45414
14.	St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church (Harrison Township I & K)	Revive Church 4701 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414
15.	St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church (Harrison Township D)	Shiloh Church 5300 Philadelphia Dr, Dayton, OH 45415
16.	Living Word Church (Vandalia C, F & J)	Cassel Hills Church of Christ 836 S. Brown School Rd, Vandalia, OH 45377
17.	Bold Believers Church of Christ (Dayton 4-A)	Grace United Methodist Church 1001 Harvard Blvd, Dayton, OH 45406
18.	Bold Believers Church of Christ (Dayton 22-B)	Northwest Recreation Center 1600 Princeton Dr, Dayton, OH 45406
19.	Southview Children and Family Center (Dayton 8-A, 8-B, & 8-C)	Horace Mann Elementary School 715 Krebs Ave, Dayton, OH 45419
20.	Belmont United Methodist Church (Dayton 9-D)	Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church 3315 Martel Dr, Dayton, OH 45420



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DML Hosts Clothes That Work Programs

Dayton Metro Library, through its Workforce Education Initiative, continues its partnership with Clothes That Work to provide valuable career development opportunities.

The following No-

vember sessions will be held at the Kettering-Moraine Branch from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Registration required.

Navigating a Job Search, Thursday, November 5: Develop organization and time management skills to make your job search more effective.

Resume Rescue, Thursday, November 12: Learn to create a standout resume by crafting strong summaries, highlighting key skills, optimizing it for applicant tracking systems, and marketing yourself effectively.

Interviewing 101,

Thursday, November 19: Gain confidence in answering questions, developing a winning elevator pitch, and mastering online interviews.

Clothes That Work is a grassroots nonprofit organization that provides professional workplace clothing, confidence-building resources, and soft skills training for job seekers in the Miami Valley. Its Workforce Education Initiative curriculum was designed by area professionals specializing in workforce development and education. To learn more, visit clothes-that-work.org.

DML's Free Legal Clinic Programs

The Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project (GDVLP) will host free clinics at Dayton Metro Library:

Rent Escrow Informational Clinic, Tuesday, November 3, 3-5 pm, Main Library, Conference

Room 1A: Learn how and where to place rent money in escrow to resolve landlord issues and how to recover a security deposit.

Divorce Clinic, Wednesday, November 4, 3-5 pm, Main Library,

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mediately begin envisioning the joy and appreciation it will bring once the result comes together. Working alongside such a dedicated team made the experience even more rewarding, and together, we successfully accomplished our mission". The committee members consisted of Khadijah Ali, Reverend Arvin Ridley, Connie Ridley, and Sterling Titus.

The keynote speaker was John Theobald. Awardees were:

Wayne Arrington – The Transformative Life Journey Award

Jamie Gee – The Reentry Pathways to Opportunity Award

Lawarence J. Greger – The Justice and Compassion Award

Alan and Joyce Kasprzak – The Children's Literacy Champion

Cathy Shanklinn – The Bridge Builder Award

Anthony Whitmore – The Drum Major for Justice Award

We must remember that a legacy of service lives on in the hearts of those who benefit from it and in the enduring impact it has on society. Serving humanity is a choice to create a better, more just world. Ultimately, serv-



L-R - Bonnie Rice, Robin Titus, Judge Rice, Sterling Titus

ing others enriches not only the lives of those you help but also your own life, giving it purpose, meaning, and fulfillment that endures across generations.

By dedicating yourself to service, you craft a legacy that goes beyond wealth or accolades, a legacy that speaks of love, compassion, and commitment to the greater good. In doing so, you ensure that your impact on the world will be remembered not for what you took, but for what you gave.

In his closing remarks Judge Rice expressed his sincere gratitude for such kind consideration and recognition. He expounded on the meaning of service, the principles of service, and the meaning of legacy. He reminded everyone that legacy isn't only what we pass down; it's how we stand up and value serving humanity.

What legacy of service will you choose to leave?

SCORE's Final Workshop at DML

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

The final workshop, Best Practices for Nonprofit Boards, will be offered in two sessions:

- Thursday, November 5, 5-7 pm, Northwest Branch
- Saturday, November 14, 10 am-12 pm, Wilmington-Stroop Branch

This workshop will fo-

cus on how a board moves from good intentions to great performance. Presenter Dean Pulliam will discuss:

- Characteristics of high-performing nonprofit boards.
 - Effective board structure.
 - What drives organizational success.
 - A board's role in strategic planning.
 - An assessment tool to gauge board performance.
- Pulliam is a respected board governance expert

with more than 15 years of experience as president and CEO of a national membership association and a former certified association executive. Registration required.

The Center at DML is sponsored by Wright-Patt Credit Union. For more information about this workshop and to register, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

McDonald's Kicks Off November with \$8 Quarter Pounder Meals and New Holiday Drinks

McDonald's is giving customers two reasons to celebrate this November: a delicious deal on a fan-favorite meal and a festive lineup of new holiday drinks!

We'd love to invite you to a local McDonald's for an exclusive behind-the-scenes experience to see how the Quarter Pounder with Cheese and new holiday drinks are made! You'll get an up-close look at how McDonald's



cooks its fresh beef to order, see how the festive new beverages come together and have an opportunity to sample the menu items firsthand. It's a fun way to give your viewers a taste of what's new at McDonald's this November!

Starting Nov. 2, McDonald's is offering a Quarter Pounder with Cheese Meal, complete with medium fries and a drink, for just \$8 at partic-

ipating restaurants for a limited time.

The Quarter Pounder with Cheese features a ¼ lb. of 100% fresh beef, cooked to order and topped with slivered onions, tangy pickles and two slices of melty American cheese on a sesame seed bun. Paired with McDonald's World Famous Fries and a refreshing drink, it's a satisfying meal at a great price.





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Editorial & Comments

Community Commentary

Dayton Teen’s Birthday Initiative Highlights the Power of Youth-Led Community Service

By Mimi Moore, Community commentary

What began as a birthday initiative to help students access essential hygiene products has grown into a community effort involving tens of thousands of donated items.

Autumn May, a 13-year-old Dayton-area student, helped organize a donation drive aimed at addressing menstrual product insecurity among young girls.

According to an October 22, 2026, report by WHIO-TV, Autumn initially set a goal of collecting 5,000 menstrual products. By the time of her birthday, approximately 41,000 products had been collected, with additional donations still being counted.

The initiative received support from her moth-

er, Shakia Ware, and the Ohio Coalition for Menstrual Equity.

Autumn’s efforts bring attention to period poverty, a term used to describe inadequate access to menstrual products, education and related resources.

For students, limited access to these products can create challenges involving personal hygiene, comfort and participation in school activities.

Ohio requires schools serving girls in grades six through twelve to provide free menstrual products. Community donation efforts can supplement those resources and help address needs outside the classroom.

Beyond the number of products collected, Autumn’s initiative provides an example of how young people can participate in addressing community

concerns.

Youth-led service projects can encourage civic engagement, introduce students to leadership responsibilities and create opportunities for collaboration among families, schools and nonprofit organizations.

The success of Autumn’s donation drive also raises broader questions about how communities can sustain similar initiatives and encourage other young people to participate in service.

As additional donations are counted, the project illustrates how an individual effort can develop into a larger community response.

Autumn’s initiative demonstrates that age does not have to be a barrier to identifying a need and taking action.

Something to Consider: Enjoying the Little Things in Life

By: Brenda Cochran
Contributing Writer

How often do we hear the importance of ‘thinking big’ or go for the gold, or climb the ladder of success? Do you find yourself following these suggestions? If you are an individual who decided to follow any one of these suggestions, you’re probably feeling a little worn out.

In essence, there is nothing wrong with thinking big, but it does change things when you decide that ‘big’ is better than ‘small.’ When we get right down to it, not everybody is meant to make it ‘big’ or doing a million things all day long to thinking ‘big.’

There are many people who appreciate the various colors we see in the world. Many prefer contrast like those that exist in all those colors, like red, orange, yellow, green, blue or purple. These individuals like to do a lot of things that have absolutely nothing to do with making it big or being on top which seems like a good thing. Everybody can’t be at the top and many have no interest in being there. Getting at the top often turns out to be lonely and there’s no place else to go, but down.

If any of these piques your interest, you may be the one that will enjoy all the little things in life. Often those little things may be the catalyst that allows us to remember and appreciate the days that have passed. One of those little things could be that fantastic fun evening you enjoyed with friends. That little thing could also be the happiness you feel when you learn something completely new. It may be



Brenda Cochran

the joy you felt when you hear some hearty laughter from a friend or some kids playing outside. What about the feeling you get when you’ve done a simple kindness for friend or even a stranger? What about noticing the various colors of the leaves right now and how they seem to change from one day to another.

If you find that you’ve neglected to enjoy these little things, what is left? No doubt it’s the daily struggles, the disappointments and the worrisome moments or even the disasters that seem to pop up when we least expect it.

Wouldn’t you agree that life is made up of so many moments? Many think about life as the passing of days, weeks, years and even decades. If you think about your days or weeks, there is probably some moments that stand out in your mind. You may think about the stress you felt when you were trying to do it all or the stuff that just didn’t get done? You may feel disappointed in yourself for what you completely forgot to do or maybe failed at doing it. What about that gloomy feeling about how far you

are from the top?

Once again, you need to shift things around. Decide that each day, you are going to pay attention to at least one or two moments that really worked out well for you. Don’t just shrug your shoulders and decide that it was just a creepy day because nothing worked out for you. Even when you experience a creepy or crappy day, there is something that was valuable. You may have to dig a little deeper to find it, but remember to pay attention to what you have accomplished.

We are so used to ‘DO more,’ ‘GET more,’ and ‘Be more’ they spoil what we HAVE done, what we have and who we are. This world we live in is so competitive, so we often need to remind ourselves of what we have accomplished. We also need to remind ourselves to just be our best friend.

One basic quote on enjoying the little things in life is: “Enjoy the little things in life because one day you’ll look back and realize they were the big things.”

Another quote is by Samuel Sumner – A United States army general during the Spanish American War.

It reads: “So many times we look for those things in life we can measure... the college degree, the money we earned, the success we brag about...but the little things in life, the minute moments... not taken for granted, the value of their treasure is substantial all the more.”

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funk," Troy said. "This is the funk capital of the US, and that's the one thing we missing at these polling locations."

It started on one Philadelphia corner

Anton Moore launched the idea in 2009 with two DJs at one polling place at 23rd and Snyder in South Philadelphia. He'd worked in radio at Power 99 since age 15 and later coordinated guests and DJs for BET's Rap City before getting into politics.

"Voting is cool, but we need to make it fun," Moore said.

People danced. The DJs posted about it, and other neighborhoods wanted in. Today the organization operates as nonpartisan and counts about 15,000 DJs in its network, he said.

Moore links the idea to places Black voters have long relied on. Churches, barbershops and salons have served as spots to trade information and push one another to vote, and music runs through all of them.

"If you go into church, you look at the gospel music. If you go in a barbershop, they got some music playing," he said. "DJs are like your community couriers. They bring people together."

Why these neighborhoods

The Dayton list includes Dunbar High

School, Louise Troy Elementary, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church and Northwest Metro Library. Moore said the sites were chosen deliberately.

"We looked at where the highest POCs were at, and we put DJs there to increase the voter turnout there," he said.

The organization says randomized controlled trials found its events raised turnout among voters of color by as much as 3%. DWN has not independently reviewed that research, and Moore acknowledged it's hard to know how many people show up because of the music. The group also compares turnout before and after elections and reaches voters by text, social media and through the DJs themselves.

A Wilberforce DJ

Troy grew up in Cleveland and came to the area in 2009 to study mass media communications at Wilberforce University. In 2010, he saw a turntable for the first time.

"Fell in love with it, and I said, this is what I want to do for the rest of my life," he said.

He now DJs full time and spent four years teaching at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School. He hasn't played Thurgood Marshall before, and he wants his set to point people toward the city's past.

"It's a lot of rich history here in Dayton that people

don't really talk about," he said. "So it's time to bring it out with the music and also with your voice."

Paid, not volunteered

Unlike many get-out-the-vote efforts, DJs at the Polls pays its performers.

"We had to get out of the mode of asking people to do things for free," Moore said. "People have families, they have homes."

With roughly 2,000 DJs working nationwide, he calls it "a mini stimulus package."

No candidates, no parties

"We're not saying vote Democrat. We're not saying vote Republican. We're not saying vote independent," Moore said. "Allow your voice to be heard."

Performances must follow Ohio election law and poll workers' instructions, including rules against electioneering. Moore said occasional objections usually get resolved once organizers explain the setup.

The day after the election, he said, planning starts for the next one, with a focus on younger and first-time voters.

DJ assignments and times were not confirmed at publication. Get more details and offer your support at djsatthepolls.org.

Confirm your polling place with the Montgomery County Board of Elections. A DJ at a location doesn't mean it's where you vote.



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Culture

Ladies and Gentlemen

By: Carol Prewitt, President
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The Etiquette of AI

AI etiquette is the practice of interacting with artificial intelligence thoughtfully, respectfully, and responsibly, balancing efficiency with human judgment, transparency, and ethical considerations.

Core Principles of AI Etiquette

Respect and Human Connection: Even though AI is not sentient, maintaining human interaction is essential. Avoid over-reliance on AI for communication or decision-making, and prioritize face-to-face or personal engagement when appropriate, especially in sensitive situations.

Professional Tone: Use polite and professional language when interacting with AI, particularly in workplace settings. Avoid slang or overly casual expressions to maintain a respectful and consistent

communication standard. Transparency: Always disclose when AI is used to generate content, whether in professional, academic, or public contexts. Transparency builds trust and ensures that AI outputs are not mistaken for purely human work.

Accuracy and Verification: AI outputs can contain errors or biases. Users should fact-check and verify information before sharing or acting on it, ensuring reliability and credibility.

Privacy and Security: Avoid inputting sensitive or confidential data into AI systems unless they are secure. Respect privacy boundaries to prevent misuse or data breaches.

Ethical Use and Bias Awareness: AI can unintentionally reinforce stereotypes or biases. Monitor outputs carefully and apply human judgment to mitigate ethical risks.

Augmentation, Not Re-

placement: AI should enhance human capabilities rather than replace them. In complex, nuanced, or ethical decisions, human oversight is crucial to ensure empathy, fairness, and sound judgment.

Continuous Improvement: Provide feedback on AI interactions to help improve system performance and usability. Developers and users should stay informed about AI updates and best practices to maintain ethical and effective use.

AI etiquette is about balance: leveraging AI's efficiency while preserving human empathy, judgment, and ethical responsibility. By following these guidelines, individuals and organizations can foster trust, maintain professionalism, and ensure AI serves as a positive and responsible tool in both personal and professional contexts.

DML Hosts Annual Career Adventures Day

Dayton Metro Library's seventh annual Career Adventures Day (CAD) will take place at the Main Library Tuesday, November 3-Thursday, November 5, from 9:30 am-12 pm. More than 1,200 middle school students are expected to attend from Brookville, West Carrollton, Trotwood-Madison, Northmont, Mad River, and Dayton Public Schools.

Designed for middle school students, this half-day field trip features interactive exhibits, an opening speaker, and opportunities for one-on-one conversations with local employers, higher education institutions, and representatives from some of the region's most in-demand industries, helping students explore future career possibilities.

Through hands-on experiences, students gain exposure to a variety of industries as

they begin planning their educational and career pathways through secondary education and beyond. Montgomery County Educational Service Center (MCESC) Career Navigators, professionals who help connect students' interests and aptitudes with potential career paths, coordinate the field trips and tie the experience back to the school day, while DML's Youth Services staff support visiting students.

"Preparing young people for success is what the Library does," said Allison Knight, DML's Youth Services and Programing Director and event organizer. "Career Adventures Day is just one way we support students in our community by helping them learn about the opportunities available to them in the future."

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce plays a key role in recruiting industry partners. Featured career fields include:

- Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics
- Healthcare and Public Service
- Information Technology
- Entrepreneurship and Design
- Arts and Culture

"Most partners participate for all three days of the event, which is a tremendous demonstration of their commitment to both the Library and the young people in our community," Knight said.

CAD 2026 is planned and sponsored in conjunction with the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Montgomery County Educational Service Center, with generous support from Enterprise Roofing, Kettering Health Network, and the City of Dayton Department of Water.

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

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was 12.

The advertisement featured Arthur accusing her daughter of dishonesty and urging voters not to elect her.

Ramaswamy's campaign acknowledged producing the advertisement and initially announced plans to spend \$4 million promoting it.

The reaction crossed political party lines.

Republican Gov. Mike DeWine, who previously endorsed Ramaswamy, publicly criticized the advertisement and urged the campaign to withdraw it. DeWine described the advertisement as deeply troubling, although he maintained his endorsement of Ramaswamy.

Other Republicans also questioned the decision to air the advertisement. President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance defended Ramaswamy's campaign.

Acton condemned the use of her childhood experiences in the advertisement. Her brother, Philip Stearns, also publicly defended her account of their upbringing.

On October 29, reports indicated that Ramaswamy's campaign had stopped airing the advertisement. Ramaswamy said it had completed its run, while his campaign indicated it had been replaced by other advertisements.

The episode has raised questions about the boundaries of political campaigning, the use of personal trauma in public debate and the information voters need when selecting their next governor.

When Does Political Scrutiny Become Personal Exploitation? Political advertising has long included criticism of candidates' records, qualifications, judgment and personal conduct.

Voters have a legitimate interest in understanding the character and integrity of individuals seeking public office. A candidate's honesty, decision-making and professional history can provide important information about how that person might govern.

But determining what constitutes legitimate scrutiny becomes more complicated when an advertisement focuses on traumatic childhood experiences.

The Ramaswamy advertisement controversy illustrates the difference between an allegation appearing in a political advertisement and a claim supported by independently verified evidence.

Political campaigns are organized to persuade voters. Their advertisements

may contain factual information, but they also use selective presentation, emotional appeals and carefully chosen language to influence public opinion.

For voters, the challenge is determining which claims are supported by evidence, which represent interpretations of events and which are primarily intended to shape perceptions of a candidate.

The controversy surrounding the advertisement also highlights the extraordinary financial resources devoted to political messaging.

Ramaswamy's campaign initially announced a \$4 million promotional effort for the advertisement. Subsequent reporting indicated that approximately \$1 million had been spent airing two versions before the campaign stopped running them.

Meanwhile, 314 Action Fund, a political organization supporting Democratic candidates with scientific and medical backgrounds, announced that it had bundled more than \$3 million for Acton's campaign.

These competing political efforts illustrate how campaign advertising and fundraising can become intertwined, but the amount spent promoting a message does not necessarily indicate how much useful information that message provides.

The governor oversees an executive branch responsible for administering state programs and implementing laws affecting millions of residents. Decisions involving education, economic development, healthcare, transportation and public safety can influence communities long after a campaign advertisement has disappeared. Voters need to receive enough substantive information about those responsibilities to evaluate the candidates.

Political advertising serves a legitimate function in elections, but advertising is not the same as voter education.

Candidates need opportunities to introduce themselves, explain their priorities, criticize opposing positions and communicate differences in their approaches to government.

Negative advertising can also provide valuable information when it identifies documented inconsistencies, examines an official's record or challenges a candidate's policy proposals.

Political advertising is not designed to provide a complete, balanced assessment of every candi-

date. Campaigns choose which information to emphasize and which details to omit. That is why voters should distinguish between three kinds of information commonly presented in political advertisements:

Verifiable facts: Statements that can be checked against public records, official documents, reliable reporting or other credible evidence.

Political interpretations: Arguments about what those facts mean, including whether a candidate's decisions were appropriate or effective.

Emotional appeals: Messages designed primarily to influence how voters feel about a candidate, an issue or an opposing political party.

An advertisement may contain all three.

The responsibility for evaluating the message ultimately rests with voters, supported by independent journalism, public records and access to the candidates' own positions.

Beyond the Headlines

The controversy involving Ramaswamy and Acton has generated national attention and disagreement among political leaders. It has also brought difficult questions about childhood trauma, family relationships and personal privacy into the public arena. Those questions deserve thoughtful examination. At the same time, Ohio voters face a consequential decision about the direction of state government.

Evaluating that decision requires more than determining which campaign produced the most memorable advertisement or which candidate generated the strongest emotional response. It requires examining the candidates' records, understanding their proposals, considering the responsibilities of the office and evaluating how their decisions could affect communities throughout Ohio.

Look beyond the latest political controversy to consider what the next administration might mean for neighborhood investment, educational opportunity, healthcare access and economic security. That is what is on the ballot for Dayton.

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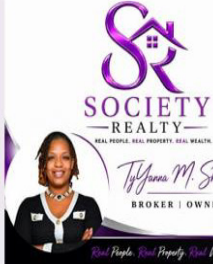
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By Greater Dayton Realtist Staff

A thriving community is built on more than new businesses, busy streets, and economic investment. It begins with something much closer to home: the opportunity for families to live in safe, stable neighborhoods where they can build a future.

Across Dayton, housing and economic development are closely connected. When families have access to affordable homeownership, when local businesses receive community support, and when neighborhoods attract meaningful investment, the benefits can extend far beyond individual properties.

For the Greater Dayton Realtist Association, strengthening those connections is an important part of its commitment to expanding housing opportunities, encouraging financial education, and supporting long-term community prosperity.

As October recognizes Economic Development & Housing America Month, it provides an opportunity to reflect on how housing, financial stability, and neighborhood investment can work together to create a stronger Dayton.

Why Housing Matters to Economic Growth

A home is more than a place to live. It can provide stability, a foundation for family life, and an opportunity to build long-term wealth.

When residents invest in their homes, they also become part of the economic foundation of their neighborhoods.

Homeownership can encourage property improvements, support nearby businesses, and help families establish deeper connections within their communities.

However, the opportunity to purchase and maintain a home is not equally accessible to everyone.

Rising housing costs, financing challenges, limited savings, and unexpected maintenance expenses can make homeownership difficult for families working toward financial stability.

Addressing these challenges requires more than building houses. It requires education, access to financing resources, responsible development, and partnerships that help residents make informed decisions.

Financial Education Opens Doors

Understanding credit, budgeting, mortgage financing, and the costs associated with homeownership can make a significant difference for prospective buyers.

For some families, the biggest obstacle is not necessarily the desire to own a home but knowing where to begin.

Learning how to prepare financially, explore potential assistance programs, and connect with knowledgeable

housing professionals can help turn uncertainty into a realistic plan.

Financial education is also important for existing homeowners. Understanding property taxes, insurance, maintenance expenses, and long-term financial planning can help families protect their investment.

Through educational and networking opportunities, the Greater Dayton Realtist Association continues to encourage conversations that connect community members with professionals and information relevant to their housing goals.

Strong Local Businesses Help Build Strong Neighborhoods

Housing development and business investment are two important pieces of neighborhood revitalization.

When residents have access to nearby stores, services, employment opportunities, and community amenities, neighborhoods can become more convenient and attractive places to live.

Local businesses also contribute to neighborhood identity. They create opportunities for entrepreneurs, provide services to residents, and help keep economic activity within the community.

Supporting neighborhood businesses while encouraging responsible housing investment can

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A Night at Monte Carlo: Greater Dayton Realist Association to Host Its 16th Annual Membership Gala

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EARLY BIRD ENDS OCTOBER 31

By Greater Dayton Realist Staff

An evening of elegance, celebration, and meaningful connections is coming to Dayton as the Greater Dayton Realist Association prepares to host its 16th Annual Membership Gala, themed “A Night at Monte Carlo: With Elegance, Partnership & Possibility.”

Scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, at the Sinclair Conference Center in downtown Dayton, this highly anticipated event will bring together real estate professionals, business leaders, community partners, and supporters for an unforgettable evening celebrating excellence, leadership, and the power of partnership.

Early Bird Registration is now open through October 31, 2026, giving attendees an opportunity to secure their seats at special early bird rates before regular ticket pricing begins.

More than a glamorous celebration, the gala represents a commitment to strengthening relationships, creating opportunities, and continuing the work of building stronger communities throughout the Dayton region.

Celebrating Excellence, Leadership, and Partnership

For the Greater Dayton Realist Association, the annual membership

gala is more than a social gathering. It is an opportunity to recognize the importance of collaboration, celebrate shared accomplishments, and inspire continued involvement in initiatives that support housing opportunities and community development.

Guided by its commitment to “Democracy in Housing,” the association continues to advocate for equitable housing opportunities, professional development, and meaningful partnerships that help individuals and families pursue their dreams of homeownership.

The gala provides a special occasion for members, partners, and community supporters to come together, strengthen professional relationships, and celebrate the collective impact of working toward a shared vision.

This year's Monte Carlo-inspired theme reflects the elegance of the evening while highlighting something even more valuable: the possibilities that emerge when people unite with a common purpose.

An Unforgettable Evening of Entertainment and Connections

Guests can look forward to a sophisticated evening filled with entertainment, networking, and memorable experiences.

Inspired by the glamour of Monte Carlo, the celebration will feature music throughout the night with DJ Dor's, cards and games, bourbon tasting,

and opportunities to connect with fellow professionals and community leaders.

With formal attire encouraged, attendees are invited to embrace the elegance of the occasion while enjoying an evening dedicated to meaningful connections, shared accomplishments, and community spirit.

Whether reconnecting with longtime colleagues or establishing new professional relationships, guests will have opportunities to build connections that extend beyond the celebration itself.

A Sweet Tradition With a Meaningful Purpose

One of the evening's special highlights will be the Cake Auction Fundraiser, featuring Auditor Karl Keith as auctioneer.

This exciting fundraising activity will bring an additional spirit of generosity and community involvement to the celebration.

Proceeds from the cake auction will support the Greater Dayton Realist Association's mission and community initiatives, reinforcing the organization's commitment to creating meaningful opportunities and strengthening the communities it serves.

The fundraiser is a reminder that even during an evening of celebra-

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Faith

Dayton Area Baptist Association Hosts Community Panel on Immigration & Local Refugee Support: “And Who Is My Neighbor?”

DAYTON, OH — As immigrant and refugee communities across Dayton, Springfield, and surrounding areas navigate ongoing challenges and developments, the Dayton Area Baptist Association (DABA) will host a community panel discussion, “And Who Is My Neighbor?”, on Sunday, November 8, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Omega Baptist Church, 1821 Emerson Ave., Dayton, OH.

Bringing together civic leaders, legal experts, service providers, and a member of the Haitian community, the panel will offer a local perspective on immigration and refugee support across the Miami Valley. The discussion will

highlight existing community resources, the roles of local organizations, and practical ways individuals can learn about and support their neighbors.

Panel participants will represent:

Welcome Dayton, highlighting city coordination and community connectivity

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE), focusing on legal aid and advocacy

Miami Valley Immigration Coalition (MVIC), discussing grassroots advocacy and direct community support

Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV) Refugee Services, addressing resettlement and refugee support services

A Haitian community member and Sinclair Community College student, sharing lived experience and personal perspectives

The 60-minute program will feature brief overviews of each organization’s work and insights into each panelist’s role in the region, followed by a dedicated audience question-and-answer session. Panelists will also be available for media interviews following the discussion.

DABA invites all community members, congregants, and neighbors interested in learning more about immigration, refugee support, and local efforts to serve those in need to attend.

EVENT DETAILS

Event: “And Who Is My Neighbor?” — Community Panel on Immigration & Local Refugee Support

Date: Sunday, November 8, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM–5:00 PM

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More Than a Place of Worship: The Historic Legacy of Zion Baptist Church in Dayton

By Mimi Moore,
Community Contributor

DAYTON, Ohio — For more than 150 years, Zion Baptist Church has held a significant place in Dayton’s African American history, serving not only as a house of worship but also as a center for education, community service and civil rights advocacy.

Founded on November 30, 1870, Zion Baptist Church began with a small group of worshippers gathered inside the home of Humphrey and Elizabeth Moody on Mound Street. The congregation, originally known as Zion Third Colored Church, became Dayton’s oldest Black Baptist church.

According to the church’s historical records, its founding members included Charles Buckingham, Alice Lee,

Arthur Lee and Churchill Taylor. The Rev. Albert Matthews served as its first pastor.

During its early years, the congregation worshipped in homes and other locations before establishing a permanent church building on Sprague Street.

As membership increased, the congregation undertook construction of a larger building, completed in the early 1900s. Black contractors and church members contributed to the project, demonstrating the importance of collective effort in building and sustaining the congregation.

The church faced a significant challenge during the Great Flood of 1913, which damaged its property and destroyed equipment. Members worked to restore the building and continue their religious ac-

tivities.

However, Zion’s influence extended beyond Sunday worship.

On February 9, 1915, the Dayton branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was established at Zion Baptist Church.

The organization was officially chartered on May 10, 1915, with 75 members during its first year.

According to the Dayton NAACP’s historical records, one of the branch’s earliest objectives was opposing attempts to segregate Dayton Public Schools.

This connection placed Zion Baptist Church within a broader history of African American organizing for educational opportunity and equal rights.

Throughout subsequent decades, church lead-

ers remained involved in community advocacy, educational programs and neighborhood outreach.

The congregation eventually relocated to 1684 Earlham Drive, where its first worship service at the new location was held on April 15, 1984.

Today, Zion’s docu-

mented history provides an example of the important role Black churches have played in shaping Dayton’s social, religious and civic institutions.

From a gathering in a family home to a congregation associated with one of the city’s major civil rights milestones, Zion

Baptist Church represents a lasting chapter in Dayton’s African American heritage.

Its story demonstrates how religious institutions have also served as places where communities organized, educated future generations and worked toward greater opportunity.

NAACP Pens Letter to DeWine Pleading Clemency for China Arnold

Branch president Derrick Foward says Arnold, serving life without parole in the 2005 death of her infant daughter, should get the chance to go home to her three surviving children.

The Dayton Branch NAACP is asking Gov. Mike DeWine to commute the life sentence of China Arnold, the Dayton mother convicted of aggravated murder in the death of her 4-week-old daughter, Paris Talley.

In a six-page letter dated Oct. 26, branch President Dr. Derrick L. Foward asks the governor to grant Arnold executive clemency and release her. As an alternative, he asks DeWine to shorten her sentence to a term that would make her eligible for release under supervision, and to make sure her case gets a full review of her rehabilitation, conduct and family circumstances.

Foward writes that he recently visited Arnold at Dayton Correctional Institution and that the meeting affected him deeply. "I walked into DCI understanding the seriousness of this case,"

he wrote. "I walked out understanding something else."

The letter leans on a point Foward says is often lost in public discussion of the case: Arnold is Paris's mother and part of the grieving Talley family. She also has three other children, who Foward says have grown up without their mother present for birthdays, graduations and ordinary days. He writes that Arnold maintains her innocence, and argues that if she had pleaded guilty, she could have been eligible for release years ago.

Foward also points to what he calls sentencing disparities in Ohio cases involving the deaths of infants. He cites Brooke Skyilar Richardson of Warren County, who was acquitted of homicide charges in her newborn's death and convicted only of gross abuse of a corpse, and the case of Emile Weaver, whose life sentence the Ohio Supreme Court sent back for a new sentencing hearing. Foward acknowledges in the letter that Richardson was acquitted and says he isn't suggesting she be treated as a murderer.

He closes by appealing to DeWine's record on the

death penalty, noting the governor has repeatedly delayed executions since taking office in 2019. "I am not asking you to overturn the jury's verdict," Foward wrote, adding that he is asking DeWine to use the separate authority clemency gives a governor.

The letter was copied to the branch's executive committee, Ohio Conference NAACP President Tom Roberts and attorney Jon Paul Rion, who represented Arnold at trial.

The case

Paris Talley died Aug. 30, 2005. Arnold and her children were living with her boyfriend, Terrell Talley, in a Dayton housing complex. Prosecutors argued that Arnold deliberately placed the infant in a microwave oven and turned it on following an argument with Talley, which centered on whether he was the baby's father. A retired Virginia chief medical examiner testified that the baby died from being overheated.

Arnold has consistently denied killing her daughter. At one appeal hearing, Rion argued that the evidence pointed as much to Terrell Talley as it did to Arnold. Talley was never

charged in his daughter's death.

The case went to trial three times, with a possible death sentence on the table each time.

Shortly after the first trial opened in February 2008, Talley said his son told him he had pulled Paris from the microwave after a neighbor's boyfriend put her inside, and the judge declared a mistrial. Arnold was convicted at her second trial in September 2008, but the jury did not agree on a death sentence.

On Nov. 5, 2010, Ohio's Second District Court of Appeals reversed that conviction, finding prosecutorial misconduct and ruling the trial court was wrong to block material witnesses from testifying for the defense. The appeals court later rejected the state's attempt to block a third trial, saying prosecutors had wrongly withheld witness information from Arnold's lawyers.

A jury convicted Arnold of aggravated murder again on May 13, 2011. Jurors did not vote for death, and she was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. The Second District affirmed that conviction in December 2013,

and in May 2014 the Ohio Supreme Court declined to hear her appeal.

Executive clemency is the remaining path. In Ohio, the governor holds the power to commute a sentence, with clemency

applications typically reviewed by the Ohio Parole Board before a recommendation goes to the governor's office.

[Foward's full letter appears at DaytonWeekly-Online.com].

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By Martel Kelly
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Education

Governor and First Lady DeWine Visit Dayton to Highlight Ohio's Regional Education Partnerships



(Facing camera, pictured L-R) State Rep. Tom Young (R-Washington Township), State Rep. Andrea White (R-Kettering), Learn to Earn Dayton CEO Stacy Wall Schweikhart, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, and Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine take part in Thursday's roundtable discussion about Ohio's new Regional Education Partnerships initiative.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and First Lady Fran DeWine today joined education leaders, local officials, and community organizations at Learn to Earn Dayton for a roundtable discussion highlighting Ohio's new Regional Education Partnerships initiative and how collaboration among local organizations can help more young people succeed in school and in life.

Announced in September, the initiative established 12 regional partnerships across Ohio to bring together schools, employers, workforce organizations, and community partners to identify and address challenges facing Ohio students as they progress from early childhood, through school, and into the workforce.

Learn to Earn Dayton, whose longstanding work in the Miami Valley helped inspire the statewide initiative, hosted Thursday's discussion to demonstrate how this approach works in practice and provide an update on efforts to establish similar partnerships across Ohio.

"Every Ohio child deserves the opportunity to get a strong start in life, succeed in school, and reach their full potential," said Governor DeWine. "What we're seeing here in Dayton is a great example of how communities can come together, identify the challenges facing their young people, and find solutions. That's exactly why we've launched Regional Education Partnerships across Ohio. We want to take what is working here and give more communities the opportunity to make that same difference for chil-

dren and families." Regional Education Partnerships Roundtable L2ED

Governor DeWine joined Learn to Earn Dayton CEO Stacy Wall Schweikhart and other community leaders to learn about local efforts to help more young people succeed in school and in life.

During the roundtable, Learn to Earn Dayton leaders provided an update on the organization's work as the statewide technical assistance provider for Regional Education Partnerships, helping the other 11 designated partnerships in communities across Ohio build local networks, establish shared priorities, and develop strategies to improve outcomes for young people.

Roundtable participants also highlighted several examples of the collaborative work that Learn to Earn Dayton has coordinated for years. A key focus of the discussion was Learn to Earn Dayton's ongoing work to improve student attendance by helping families avoid eviction.

After identifying housing instability as a significant barrier to consistent school attendance, Learn to Earn Dayton worked with local partners – including Dayton Municipal Court, Dayton Public Schools, and Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE) – to develop a coordinated approach to identify families facing eviction and connect them with assistance before housing instability disrupts their child's education.

"Regional Education Partnerships reflect what we've learned in Montgomery County: lasting change for students happens when a whole community works toward the same goals and measures progress together," said

Stacy Schweikhart, CEO of Learn to Earn Dayton. "In the first few months of this work, we've helped these regions strengthen the capacity and durability of their partnerships: hiring dedicated leadership, bringing their communities together around local data, and committing to shared milestones. Our role is to meet every partnership where it is, with the data, coaching, and peer network to turn strategy into real results for Ohio students."

Regional Education Partnerships initiative builds on the DeWine Administration's ongoing efforts to support children from their earliest years through successful careers.

Regional Education Partnerships Roundtable at Learn to Earn Dayton Media

Announced by Governor DeWine in September, Ohio's Regional Education Partnerships initiative has established 12 regional partnerships across Ohio to bring together schools, employers, workforce organizations, and community partners to identify and address challenges facing Ohio students as they progress from early childhood, through school, and into the workforce.

Since 2019, the DeWine Administration has expanded access to early childhood supports, strengthened literacy instruction through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio and the statewide implementation of the Science of Reading, increased opportunities for career-connected learning – including historic investments to expand career-technical education programs across Ohio – and created the WorkOhio initiative to connect young people with local career and training opportunities.

Sinclair College Announces Sinclair Direct Initiative to Expand College Access...

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Sinclair Direct launches with eight (8) participating high schools and districts: Dayton Public Schools, Dixie High School, Jefferson Township Jr./Sr. High School, Northridge High School, Stebbins High School, Trotwood-Madison High School, Valley View High School, and West Carrollton High School.

MCESC serves as the regional convening partner, bringing schools and districts together to strengthen collaboration and help more students successfully transition to college.

A central feature of the initiative is the new Sinclair Direct Promise, designed to help eligible

students cover remaining tuition and required fees after other grants and scholarships are applied. For qualifying students, this assistance could eliminate those costs. Students who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and all financial aid requirements by March 1, 2027, will receive priority consideration for Sinclair Direct Promise assistance.

"Sinclair Direct goes beyond the traditional admissions process," said Scott Markland, Senior Vice President at Sinclair College. "By connecting our schools, students, and families with Sinclair's resources, we're helping students see college as an

achievable and affordable next step."

Sinclair Direct focuses on simplifying admission, improving affordability, and supporting the transition from high school to Sinclair.

"We're not waiting for students to find their way to college," said Marquez Young, Director of Admissions at Sinclair College. "We're working with our partners to build a regional system that helps more students get there, succeed, and prepare for their futures while strengthening the talent pipeline for our employers."

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Friends of the Library Hold Last 2026 Booksale

Dayton Metro Library's Friends of the Library (FOL) will host its last used booksale of 2026 on Saturday, November 7 at the Wilmington-Stroop Branch. Sale hours for FOL members will be from 9:30-11:30 am; public

hours are from 11:30 am-5 pm.

Individuals interested in joining FOL are invited to become members either online in advance or at the door.

The sale will feature books for children, teens, and adults, as well as mu-

sic, movies, and audio-books. All items will be \$1 each. Additionally, all audio/video materials will be buy one, get three free.

FOL uses proceeds from each booksale to support popular Library programming such as the Summer Reading Challenge,

DML's annual poetry contest, author visits, and more.

The Wilmington-Stroop Branch is located at 3980 Wilmington Pike, Kettering, 45429. For more information about FOL and to join the organization, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Friends or call the Li-

brary's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

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DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Contact to send an email. Please tell us your needs ahead of time so we can get everything ready for you.

Arts & Entertainment



American Cruise Lines Vacation - Part Two



My voyage continues on the American Legend cruise ship with fine dining, fantastic cocktails, elevated desserts, and several glasses of wine.

The ship has three well thought-out dining areas that serve impeccable meals both day and night.

The main restaurant is on the 1st deck, the Chesapeake Lounge is also on the 1st deck, and the Back Porch Cafe is on the 3rd deck.

Every meal I ate was impeccable, from perfectly prepared omelets to blueberry pie made with Maine blueberries.

The menu for the day is displayed on the TV channel dedicated to all things on The American Legend, along with an easy-to-read printed menu in the restaurant.

The main restaurant offers several choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and it was easy to cater to specific dietary needs of each passenger. There are certain things that I don't eat, and it wasn't ever an issue.

The crew on the ship clearly loves the company and the passengers, they are professional, with a warm charm to engage with you. Shirts tucked in, pressed slacks, company logo belts, the entire crew performs like a well-oiled machine.

No powdered eggs on this cruise ship, high-quality cuts of meat, locally sourced produce, moist chicken, hot coffee, crisp salads, tender steaks, and yummy desserts.

Some of my favorite meals were the Faroe salmon wrap with a warm potato salad, braised short ribs, lobster bisque, omelets, and the hot Ruben pastrami on rye.

The Back Porch has

breakfast sandwiches, loaded nachos, salads, burgers, hotdogs, and more. The Sky Lounge is also on the 3rd deck, serving an early breakfast, with a smaller crowd of passengers.

Also surrounded by panoramic windows, comfy seating, inviting fellow travelers to relax.

Plenty of packaged snacks, cold beverages, wine, American Cruise Lines famous baked cookies, and more is also in the Sky Lounge.

What was entertainment like Wanda?

The Chesapeake Lounge has live entertainment day and night, a resident pianist, soloists, dancers, trios, a hysterical comedian, and a band from NJ that rocked out! Passengers loved the band and danced the night away, with an encore and standing ovation.

We also played bingo, movie trivia, and a historian spoke daily on the history relating to itineraries of the week.

A culinary lesson by the head chef on preparing Dungeness crab cakes, and so much more.

Chesapeake Lounge serves happy hour hors d'oeuvres, cocktails made with top shelf liquor, a tempting wine list, and endless handmade snacks. The passengers raved over the hand-crafted milk shakes, chocolate covered strawberries, and buttery popcorn served during the entertainment.

It all felt like hanging out with old friends that I hadn't seen in a while.

As a solo traveler I never felt alone, and people kept inviting me to sit with them during mealtime. Sharing life stories and getting to know one another.

I made several new friends that I hope to see in the future. One passenger was on his 11th trip with American Cruise

Lines and says he's heading on voyage 12 soon.

A full laundry room is on the 1st deck with everything required to wash and iron your clothing. A fully equipped fitness center is available to keep that girlish figure while cruising.

The captain allows passengers to see the inner workings of the ship at certain times of the day; it was cool to get an understanding of nautical terminology.

The American Legend's crew are dedicated to making the cruise amazing in any way possible with smiles and helpful hands.

Come back for the finale pt 3

Order a free guide for more information

Dayton Metro Library will offer a variety of storytimes in November that go beyond the traditional format.

Blackboy Excellence @ Shellabarger Park, 5800 Burkhardt Road, Dayton, 45431: Explore books with Black boy protagonists and books by Black male authors.

Tuesday, November 3, 10-10:45 am (Babies and Toddlers)

Tuesday, November 3, 11-11:30 am (Pre-K)

Family Storytime: Hometown Hero Series, Wednesday, November 4, 11-11:30 am, Northmont Branch: Join Lamonte Hall, Jr., executive director of the City of Dayton Human Relations Council, for a fun-filled session of books, songs, and activities. (All Ages)

Family Storytime: Holidays and Celebrations, Wednesday, November 4 and Friday, November 13, 10-10:45 am, Burkhardt Branch: Celebrate Bridge Awareness Month with books, songs, and activities. (All Ages)

Levitt Pavilion Dayton and Dayton Dragons Partner for Special Mystery Concert Experience

Levitt UpClose presented by CareSource brings surprise musical performances to the South Dayton Toyota Dayton Dragons Diamond Club on November 12, with an early look at Deck the Diamond holiday decorations.

Dayton, OH – October 27, 2026 – Levitt Pavilion Dayton is teaming up with the Dayton Dragons to bring a unique evening of live music, mystery, and community connection to downtown Dayton. On Thursday, November 12, Levitt UpClose presented by CareSource will take place at the South Dayton Toyota Dayton Dragons Diamond Club, offering guests an intimate concert experience where the performing artists remain a surprise until they step onto the stage.

Levitt UpClose is a special concert series designed to bring audiences closer to the music through intimate settings and unexpected musical discoveries. Traditionally, both the location and performing artists are kept secret. This November, Levitt Pavilion Dayton is changing things up by revealing the venue in advance while keeping the artists a mystery.

The partnership brings together two Dayton organizations committed to creating memorable experiences and bringing people together in the heart of the city.

"Music has such a special way of bringing people together," said Lisa Wagner, Executive Director of Levitt Pavilion Dayton. "What I love about Levitt UpClose is that it's about so much more than who's on stage. It's about the people around you, the connections we make,



and the joy of sharing something unexpected together. We're so grateful to the Dayton Dragons for partnering with us to create another special experience for our community."

A Night of Music, Mystery, and Holiday Magic

Adding to the excitement, the concert takes place just one day before the Dayton Dragons kick off Deck the Diamond on November 13.

Guests attending Levitt UpClose on November 12 will enjoy an early look at the ballpark's holiday decorations from the South Dayton Toyota Dayton Dragons Diamond Club, offering a festive preview of the upcoming holiday season.

The combination of surprise musical performances, an intimate setting, and the holiday atmosphere creates a unique opportunity for guests to experience the ballpark in a new way.

Tickets Available Now

Tickets for Levitt UpClose presented by CareSource are \$55 per person and are available to the public beginning Tuesday, October 27.

Event Details

• Event: Levitt UpClose presented by CareSource

• Date: Thursday, November 12, 2026

• Location: South Dayton Toyota Dayton Dragons Diamond Club

• Doors Open: 6:30 PM

• Music Begins: 7:00 PM

PM

• Tickets: \$55 per person

• Performing Artists: A surprise until showtime

To purchase tickets and learn more about the Levitt UpClose experience, visit

LevittDayton.org/UpClose.

About Friends of Levitt Pavilion Dayton Friends of Levitt Pavilion Dayton is the non-profit organization that manages, programs, and fundraises for Levitt Pavilion Dayton. The venue provides access to high-quality, free, family-friendly concerts and cultural experiences for the entire community, welcoming people of all ages and backgrounds regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, age, or socioeconomic status. Learn more at LevittDayton.org

The Levitt Pavilion in Dayton is part of a national network of changemakers, and nonprofits dedicated to strengthening the social fabric of communities in America through free, live music in outdoor public spaces. In 2026, the Levitt Family Foundation is supporting over 900 free concerts in 90+ towns and cities across the country, bringing joy to over a million people. levitt.org.

DML's Unique November Storytimes

ties. (All Ages)

Black Boy Brilliance: Enjoy books with Black boy protagonists and books by Black male authors.

Thursday, November 5, 11-11:30 am, Northmont Branch (All Ages)

Tuesday, November 17, 10-11 am, Main Library, Children's Creativity Space (PreK-K)

Nature Cat Adventure Edition: Discover engaging books, songs, clips from Nature Cat, and hands-on activities that help children explore and connect with the natural world.

Thursday, November 5, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, Southeast Branch (Ages 3-5)

Thursday, November 12, 1-2 pm, Wilmington-Stroop Branch – registration required (PreK-K)

Preschool Storytime: Featuring the Stories of Lois Ehlert, Monday, November 9, 11 am-12 pm, Vandalia Branch: Stories and activities will honor Lois Ehlert, an author and

illustrator of children's books focused on nature, on her birthday. (PreK-K)

Nature Storytime with Brukner Nature Center, Tuesday, November 10, 10-10:45 am, Burkhardt Branch: Animals from Brukner Nature Center will visit the Library. (Families)

Art Start Preschool Storytime at Rosewoods Arts Center, Thursday, November 12, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, 2655 Olson Drive, Kettering, 45420: A DML librarian will share books, and a Rosewood instructor will lead a hands-on craft. (PreK-K)

Kind Kids Storytimes, Friday, November 13 and 27, 10-11 am, Main Library, Children's Creativity Space: Through stories about characters facing relatable situations, children will learn how to be a kind kid. (Ages 3-7)

Grand Canyon & Wrestlemania, Tuesday, November 17, 4-5 pm, Burkhardt Branch: Learn about these two iconic

concepts in a fun and educational storytime. (Families)

First Responders Storytime, Friday, November 20, 10:30 am-12 pm, Kettering-Moraine Branch: Listen to stories and interact with the community's police officers while enjoying cocoa and snacks. (Ages 3-6)

Storytime at Full Circle Brewgarden, Saturday, November 21, 1-1:30 pm, 324 Union Blvd., Englewood, 45322: Enjoy an outdoor storytime, then explore Full Circle Brewgarden. Patrons are welcome to bring blankets. (Families)

Holiday Puppet Show, Monday, November 30, 11 am-12 pm, Vandalia Branch: Learn about December holidays with a puppet show and craft. (Ages 3-5)

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

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while the President's Award and President's Award of Honor recipients were personally selected by the President.

The evening opened with welcoming remarks from Vincent M. Ward, Actor, Writer, Host, Creator, Guest Speaker, and Author from Los Angeles, California, and Kayla Farris, Weekend Anchor and Multimedia Journalist for WDTN-TV2, who served as co-hosts for the program. Attendees joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by stirring renditions of the National Anthem performed by Erica L. Clark, First Lady of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, and the Negro National Anthem performed by recording artist Minister John Burg. Rev. Aaron G. McCoy, Pastor of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.

Before dinner commenced, distinguished honorees made their way down the red carpet: the Honorable Jessie O. Gooding, 31st President of the Dayton Branch NAACP; the Honorable Walter H. Rice, retired federal judge; Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, representing Ohio's 3rd Congressional District; and Dr. Edwin C. Moses, renowned Olympian. These distinguished individuals were inducted into the Inaugural Class of Dayton Branch NAACP Hall of Fame Enshrinees, marking a historic milestone in honoring their extraordinary contributions and lasting legacies.

Following dinner, Lu Dale, Vice Chair of the Freedom Fund Committee, warmly welcomed attendees. The first award of the evening came as a surprise to both the recipients and those in attendance, as it was not included

in the printed program. The President's Award of Honor was presented by NAACP Image Award-winning Activist and Dayton Branch NAACP President, Dr. Derrick L. Foward, alongside Dale. The distinguished recipients were Stephanie Norwood, Former President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Beta Eta Omega Chapter; the Honorable Mary McDonald, the first African American elected to the Montgomery County (OH) Commission; Misty McDowell, the first African American elected to the Clayton (OH) City Council; Rev. Dr. Dormetria Robinson Thompson, the first African American elected to the West Carrollton (OH) City Schools Board of Education; and Kettering Health Dayton, celebrating 100 years of providing health care services to citizens throughout the Dayton Region.. The President's Award of Honor recognizes individuals and organizations that have made exceptional contributions in their respective fields and earned the respect and admiration of their peers. These outstanding honorees exemplify excellence, leadership, and a commitment to service that aligns directly with the NAACP's mission, the NAACP Centers of Innovation, and the vision of the Dayton Branch NAACP. These unexpected awards marked the beginning of the Hall of Freedom Awards.

The Louise Troy Excellence in Education Award was presented by Lady Tiwona L. Foward. The winner of the award was **Janeisha Finch**. This award honors educators with ten or more years of dedicated service and achievement in public education.

The W.S. McIntosh Courageous Activist Award was presented by Donald Domineck, Area Chairman, Dayton Black Panther Party. The winner

of the award was **Bishop Jerome McCorry**. This award honors an individual who has demonstrated a sustained commitment to civil and human rights activism for five or more years.

The Bob and Norma Ross Outstanding Leadership Award was presented by Antoinette Hampton, Family Member of Bob Ross Auto Group. The winner of the award was **Darren L. Andrews**. The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize outstanding local corporations, businesses, organizations, entrepreneurs that demonstrate their commitment to create partnerships that embrace diversity, equity and inclusion.

The Miley O. Williamson Award of Distinction was presented by Makiedah Messam, Executive Director, Advocates of Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE). The winner of the award was **Sharon D. White**. This award is presented in honor of an individual who has dedicated over 20 years to activism through the NAACP, their church, and other civic organizations. It is named in tribute to Miley O. Williamson, a long-time resident of Dayton, Ohio, and a fearless advocate for civil rights. For more than 60 years, she was a prominent leader in Dayton's Black community, working tirelessly to improve opportunities and conditions for others.

Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr., the 57th Mayor of the City of Dayton, introduced NAACP Image Award-winning Activist and Dayton Branch NAACP President, **Dr. Derrick L. Foward**. Dr. Foward delivered powerful remarks emphasizing the importance of voting and the urgent need to protect our democracy. He highlighted two powerful concepts: "We the People" and "Standing Strong Together." He reminded attendees that our nation's

strength has always rested in its people, not in one individual, but in all of us working together with courage, respect, and hope. Dr. Foward then introduced the evening's Honorary Chairs: Twana Griffith-Faykus, Founder and Chair of the Faykus Foundation; Michael Rioridan, President and CEO of Premier Health; and Dr. Eric F. Spina, President of the University of Dayton. Each shared remarks underscoring the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) as integral components of organizational success, innovation, and community impact. After the honorary chairs spoke, Regina Holman delivered Congressional Greetings on behalf of Congressman Mike Turner. Colin Kimuli, Secretary of the Dayton Branch NAACP, revealed the new life members during a video presentation.

The Youth Development Award was presented by Lloyd D. Martin, President of the Littlejohn Junior Youth Council; Christina D. Jones, President of the Dayton Youth Council; and Braylan James, President of Central State University College Chapter. The winner of the award was **Darren Byrd**. This award honors an individual who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in youth development for ten or more years. The recipient has mentored, coached, guided, or instructed youth through various informal and formal programs such as athletics, afterschool initiatives, NAACP, Big Sisters/Big Brothers, juvenile courts, arts, music, chess, STEM, and Christian clubs, making a measurable positive impact on young people in our community.

The Frederick Bowers Public Policy Award was presented by State Senator Willis E. Blackshear, Jr. and State Representa-

tive Desiree Tims. The winner of the award was **Quincy E. Pope, Sr.** This award honors exceptional public servants who have delivered meaningful and lasting results on behalf of the American people. It is named in recognition of Bowers, the first African American to represent Montgomery County in the Ohio House of Representatives.

The Judge Arthur O'Neil Fisher Fair and Just Award was presented by Tracy Fisher Singletary and Landon Singletary. The winner of the award was the **Brandon C. McClain**. The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize an individual who has been a true trailblazer, breaking barriers as a "first" while performing their duties with fairness, impartiality, and courage. also played a key role in helping to abolish segregation in the armed services.

The Lt. Col. Charity Adams Earley Award was presented by Judith Earley, daughter of Lt. Col. Charity Adams Earley. The winner of the award was **Charles "CK" Williams**. The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize an outstanding individual who has demonstrated on-going leadership in any branch of the United States Military or within the Veterans Administration; or has been instrumental in fostering the continuing relationship between the Dayton area and the military and veteran's communities.

The Breakthrough Award was presented by Nikol Miller, Executive Director, Miami Valley Urban League (MVUL), and Adriane Miller, Executive Director, National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton (NCCJ). The winner of the award was **Vincent M. Ward**. This award aims to honor and recognize Unsung Heroes,

exceptional individuals who have made a positive impact on the lives of others but have not received widespread recognition for their remarkable contributions. It was established to uphold the vision of the Dayton Branch NAACP: to fulfill the dream of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by capitalizing on the 2nd "A" of the NAACP, which stands for "ADVANCEMENT." When one of us advances, we all advance! Ward is an accomplished actor, writer, host, creator, guest speaker, and author whose career spans television, film, theater, and original storytelling.

The President's Award was presented by Dr. Foward. The recipient of the award was **Jessie O. Gooding**. This award is one of the highest honors presented by the President of the Dayton Branch NAACP. It recognizes individuals whose service and commitment embody the core principles and mission of the NAACP, both locally and nationally. This distinguished award honors those who have demonstrated unwavering dedication and outstanding contributions in advancing the NAACP's Mission, Strategic Goals, and the Vision of the Dayton Branch. Recipients have made significant impacts across key areas such as Economic Sustainability, Education, Health, Public Safety and Criminal Justice, Voting Rights and Political Representation, Youth Development, Membership Recruitment, and Financial Support.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented by Dr. Foward. The recipient of the award was **Congresswoman Joyce Beatty**. This award is the highest honor conferred by the Dayton Branch NAACP. This prestigious recognition is reserved for exceptional individuals whose lifelong dedication and leadership have profoundly advanced

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the cause of civil and human rights. These honorees represent the most influential voices in the ongoing struggle for justice, equality, and dignity for all. Through their enduring commitment, they have inspired generations and helped shape a more just and equitable society.

Following the presentation of the awards, Rev. Dr. Xavier L. Johnson introduced the Honorable Leon W. Russell, Chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors, as the evening’s keynote speaker. Before Russell took the stage, Minister John Burg delivered a moving musical selection, filling the

room with reverence and anticipation. Russell delivered a powerful keynote address, “Standing Strong Together,” emphasizing unity, collective responsibility, and civic engagement. Using the metaphor of a “bad tree on Pennsylvania Avenue” that has poisoned gardens across the nation, he challenged attendees to recognize the consequences of harmful leadership and its impact on communities nationwide. Russell urged everyone to turn their commitment to democracy into meaningful action by taking at least five people to the polls to VOTE. His message inspired renewed purpose and determination, reminding attend-

ees that protecting voting rights requires collective action. He reinforced the evening’s central theme: Standing Strong Together means mobilizing our communities, protecting democracy, and ensuring every eligible voice is heard for generations to come.

The closing remarks and benediction were delivered by Rev. Brandon R. Clark, Sr., Pastor of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church. In his heartfelt message, Rev. Clark offered words of inspiration, reflection, and encouragement, leaving attendees with a sense of spiritual renewal and unity as the event drew to a close.

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create opportunities for sustainable growth.

For Dayton, the goal should not simply be attracting development but ensuring that economic progress creates meaningful opportunities for the people who already call these neighborhoods home.

Building Wealth That Lasts for Generations

One of the most powerful benefits of successful homeownership is the opportunity to create a lasting financial foundation.

A home may become a family's most significant asset. Over time, it can provide opportunities for financial security and help support future generations.

But building generational wealth also requires protecting what families have worked hard to achieve.

Estate planning, maintaining accurate property records, understanding ownership responsibilities, and preparing for unexpected financial challenges are important parts of preserving family assets.

These conversations are especially meaningful in communities where families have historically faced barriers to homeownership and wealth-building oppor-

tunities.

Expanding access to knowledge and trusted professional resources can help more households make informed decisions about their financial futures.

Turning Community Connections Into Meaningful Action

Creating stronger neighborhoods takes collaboration.

Real estate professionals, lenders, financial institutions, insurance providers, local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community leaders all have important roles to play.

When these groups work together, residents can gain greater access to information, professional guidance, and resources that may otherwise be difficult to navigate.

The Greater Dayton Realist Association continues to support that collaborative approach by encouraging education, professional connections, and community engagement.

The association's focus reflects a larger message: meaningful economic development should create opportunities not only for buildings and businesses to grow but also for families and neighborhoods to thrive.

A Stronger Dayton Starts With Opportunity

The future of Dayton depends on more than the number of homes constructed or businesses opened. It also depends on whether residents have opportunities to participate in that growth.

That means helping aspiring homeowners prepare for their first purchase, supporting existing homeowners in maintaining their properties, encouraging neighborhood investment, and creating connections that strengthen the local economy.

Every informed homebuyer, supported small business, and preserved family home can contribute to the bigger picture of community progress.

Because when housing becomes a pathway to opportunity, the benefits reach beyond one household. They help build stronger neighborhoods, greater economic stability, and a brighter future for Dayton.

The Greater Dayton Realist Association remains committed to advancing its mission of *Democracy in Housing* through education, advocacy, partnerships, and community empowerment.

To learn more about the association and its educational and networking opportunities, visit **www.greaterdaytonrealist.org**.

Sinclair Community College Announces Matt Moore as Vice President & Chief of Staff

Sinclair Community College is proud to announce the appointment of Matt Moore as the new Vice President & Chief of Staff within the President’s Office. Moore transitions into this leadership role after serving as Sinclair’s Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Operations & Student Services since 2019, providing leadership across several key college operations, including Financial Aid & Scholarships, Registration & Student Records, and Enrollment Operations.

In his new role, Moore will oversee day-to-day operations within the Office of the President and serve as a member of Sinclair's senior leadership team. Working closely with President Johnson, Moore will help coordinate institutional priorities, strengthen collaboration across college divisions, and provide leadership in areas including strategic communications, government and community relations, and executive operations.

"Matt Moore has consistently demonstrated extraordinary leadership, strategic vision, and an unwavering commitment to student success throughout his tenure at Sinclair," said Dr. Steven Johnson, President & CEO at Sinclair. "His deep understanding of college operations, coupled with his collaborative approach and dedication to our institutional mission, makes him the ideal choice for this vital role."



Matt Moore

With over two decades of dedicated experience in higher education administration, Moore brings a wealth of institutional knowledge and a proven track record of student-focused leadership to the President's Office.

Since joining Sinclair in May 2013 as the Director of Financial Aid, Moore has spearheaded numerous transformational initiatives. Notably, Moore served as a core leader in designing and implementing the college’s Welcome Center, a one-stop enrollment service model that revolutionized the student onboarding experience. Moore also co-led Sinclair's implementation of the U.S. Department of Education's Second Chance Pell Experimental Sites Initiative, expanding higher education access to thousands of incarcerated learners across Ohio. Additionally, Moore demonstrated exceptional institutional leadership by serving as Sinclair's Interim Vice President of Student Development for the first half of 2025.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to serve Sinclair in a new capacity and

build on the relationships and experiences I've gained over the past 13 years," said Matt Moore.

"I look forward to working more closely with colleagues across the college, supporting President Johnson, and helping advance the important work we do for our students and the community."

Nationally recognized for his expertise in financial aid and higher education compliance, Moore holds a Master of Science in Education in Higher Education Administration from the University of Dayton and a Bachelor of Music from Miami University. Moore is also a Certified Financial Aid Administrator (FAAC®) and has held prominent leadership roles within the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA), the Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (MASFAA), and the Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (OASFAA).

Dr. Johnson continued, "I look forward to working closely with Matt in this expanded capacity as we continue to advance Sinclair's goals for our students and the Dayton community."

Moore will officially begin his transition into the Vice President & Chief of Staff role immediately.

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tion, the association remains focused on making a positive difference beyond the ballroom.

Building Stronger Communities Together

At the heart of the Greater Dayton Realist Association's work is the understanding that strong communities are built through relationships, education, opportunity, and collective action.

Real estate professionals, lenders, entrepreneurs, housing advocates, and community organizations each play an important role in shaping neighborhoods and helping families establish lasting stability.

Events such as the annual membership gala create opportunities for these individuals and organizations to connect, exchange ideas, support community initiatives, and strengthen partnerships that can lead to future progress.

As the association celebrates its 16th Annual Membership Gala, the evening also serves as an invitation to look ahead—to new opportunities, stronger partnerships, and continued efforts to make housing and economic opportunities more accessible throughout the Dayton community.

The message behind this year's celebration is one

of unity and possibility: When people come together with a shared commitment to service and progress, stronger communities become possible.

Early Bird Registration Ends October 31 — Reserve Your Seat Today!

The Greater Dayton Realist Association invites members, business leaders, community partners, and supporters to be part of this memorable evening.

Guests are encouraged to take advantage of Early Bird Registration, available only until Saturday, October 31, 2026.

Early Bird Ticket Prices:

- Members: \$55
- Members: \$55
- Non-Members: \$65
- Non-Members: \$65

After October 31, regular ticket pricing will apply.

Attendees are encouraged to register early, secure their seats, and join the association for an unforgettable celebration of elegance, partnership, and possibility.

Event Details

EVENT 16th Annual Membership Gala

THEME A Night at Monte Carlo: With Elegance, Partnership & Possibility

DATE Saturday, November 21, 2026

TIME 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

DOORS OPEN 4:30 PM

LOCATION Sinclair Conference Center, 444 W Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402

DRESS CODE Formal attire encouraged

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE October 31, 2026

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are now available.

Visit greaterdaytonrealist.com to register, purchase tickets, or explore sponsorship opportunities.

As Dayton prepares for an evening of elegance, entertainment, and giving, the Greater Dayton Realist Association looks forward to celebrating the people, partnerships, and possibilities that continue to move the community forward.

Don't miss your opportunity to be part of this extraordinary evening. Register by October 31 to take advantage of early bird pricing!

Because when we celebrate together, connect with purpose, and invest in our communities, we help create a stronger Dayton for generations to come

DML's Financial Literacy Programs

Dayton Metro Library will hold the following financial literacy programs in November:

Auto Loans 101: What Every Car Buyer Should Know, Thursday, November 5, 6:30-7:30 pm, Burkhardt Branch: Learn how auto loans work, what lenders look for, how credit impacts loan options, and how to understand rates and terms. Presented by Universal 1 Credit Union.

Financial Fridays: Debt Management, Friday, November 6, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Huber

Heights Branch: Receive guidance on understanding different types of debt, managing credit cards and loans, creating repayment plans, improving credit, and avoiding unnecessary debt. Registration required. Presented by PNC Bank.

MoneyMagnifier Basic Banking and Goal Setting, Tuesday, November 10, 4-5 pm, West Branch: Learn the difference between a bank and a credit union, money personality types, and how to set SMART goals. This program is for teens and is presented by Wright-Patt

Credit Union.

Financial Fridays: Home Buying, Friday, November 13, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Huber Heights Branch: Receive information on budgeting for homeownership, saving for a down payment, understanding credit and credit scores, qualifying for a mortgage, and comparing loans. Registration required. Presented by PNC Bank.

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

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Miami Valley Hospital NICU Celebrates Halloween with Patients and Siblings

Miami Valley Hospital's tiniest patients and their siblings celebrated Halloween with a special NICU event featuring adorable costumes and trick-or-treating for siblings. The celebration gave families and staff an opportunity to enjoy some Halloween fun together.

