



Learn the Value of UBI with Social Justice Speaker



Michael D. Tubbs

Dayton Metro Library welcomes Michael D. Tubbs as its next Social Justice Speaker in The Deeper the Roots – Striving for Universal Basic Income (UBI) on Thursday, September 5, in the Main Library's Eichelberger Forum, from 6-7:30 pm.

Tubbs will discuss the importance of UBI, what it is, how it can benefit the U.S., and what we can do to implement it. UBI is a proposition that the U.S. government give adult citizens a set amount of money without the basis of wealth or employment as a condition – in

hopes of reducing poverty and helping citizens meet their basic needs.

At the age of 26, Tubbs was elected the Mayor of Stockton, CA, in 2016 – making him the city's first Afro-American mayor and the youngest mayor of any major city in U.S. history. In 2021, he released his book, *The Deeper the Roots: A Memoir of Hope and Home*. Currently, Tubbs is the Special Advisor to CA Governor Gavin Newsom for Economic Mobility and Opportunity, founder of Mayors for Guaranteed Income (MGI), and founder of End Poverty in California (EPIC).

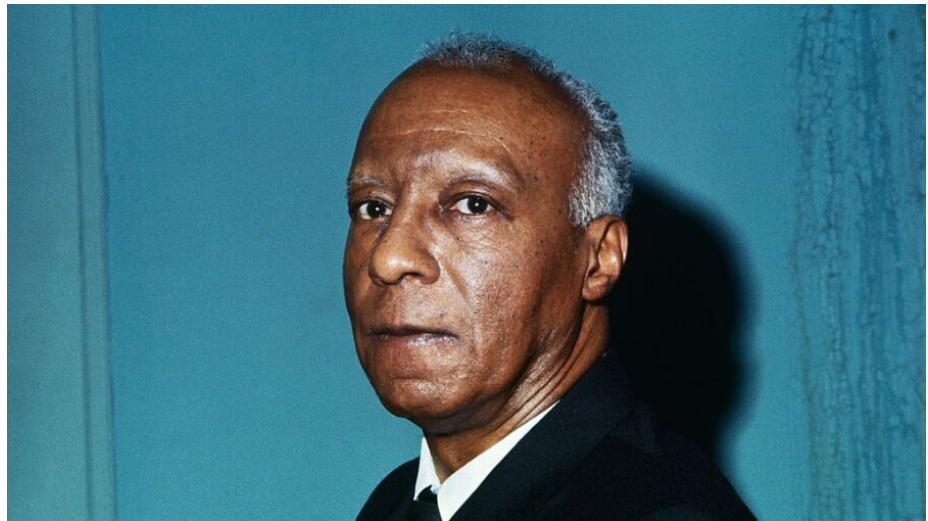
Sponsored by Friends of the Dayton Metro Library, the Social Justice Speaker Series aims to understand and demonstrate the effects of social justice in society, offering speakers who are unique, award-winning professionals who discuss some of the most critical social justice issues of today by providing insight from their professional fields and personal journeys.

For more information about Tubbs' achievements and the Social Justice Speaker Series, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/SocialJustice. Additional questions may also be directed to the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

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You can submit an Accommodations Request on our website or call our Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

Labor Day Black History: Honoring A.Philip Randolph and Black Labor Unions



By Cherranda Smith

The first Monday of September marks the end of summer every year in the US. It's also the day workers' rights advocates pushed to formally recognize the achievement and contributions of American laborers.

The holiday was first celebrated in the early 1880s by individual states before getting its national holiday title in 1894. At the time, Black people in the US were just years separated from slavery, in the throes of the Reconstruction Era, and battling ongoing racial injustice in every aspect of life, especially the labor market. After being enslaved for generations, Black people

fought — and continue the fight — to earn equal pay, workers' rights, and more.

One Black figure leading the way was Asa Philip Randolph who, in 1925, began a decade-long crusade leading the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (BSCP), one of the nation's first Black labor unions. The organization brought labor union ideals to thousands of Black households, and in 1935, became the first Black-led labor organization certified by the American Federation of Labor as an exclusive collective bargaining agent.

The BSCP had a membership of upwards of 18,000 Black railway workers of the Pullman

Company and fought against labor inequality, unfair wages, and poor working conditions carried out by the Pullman Company which had exploited the situation of newly freed Black people in search of employment opportunities.

Randolph was a native of Florida and attended the Cookman Institute, which is present-day Bethune-Cookman University. He also became a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated and went on to organize the 1941 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom which is credited with inspiring the nonviolent protest-

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102-year-old Dayton woman: 'I Read Every Day and Exercise When I Can'

By Beth Anspach
Contributing Writer

Two years ago, when Verdell Dawson of Dayton celebrated her 100th birthday, she said age is just a number. And that it tends to sneak up on a person.

Now on the eve of her 102nd birthday, Dawson is looking forward to a more subdued celebration. And maybe birthday cake.

"I was born in Rushville, Indiana on August 30th in 1922 and moved to Dayton when I was 12," Dawson said. "My mother brought us here so she could get a better job."

Her mother modeled a strong work ethic for Verdell and her brother Charles. She was also a



Verdell Dawson

single mother, a rarity in the 1930s and 40s. Having lived through the second World War, Dawson and her family also knew about cutting corners and making ends meet.

By the time Dawson was 16 years old, she was working at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as a night clerk and going to Dunbar High School during the day. After gradu-

ating in 1942, Dawson stayed at the base and worked full time.

"World War II had started, and the principal of Dunbar High School encouraged all of us with good grades to get better jobs," Dawson said. "He encouraged us all to work as much as we could, even while in school."

Dawson met her husband-to-be, James Harold Dawson, at the base when she was 18. He was a truck driver and transported people all over the base during the war. They got married when Dawson was 20 and together, they had four children: Barbara Mays, born in 1946; Bobby Dawson, in 1947; Beverly Dawson Boyd in 1952 and Bruce Dawson

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Mother, Daughter Continue to Grow Lemonade Stand in Dayton

Zs Lemonade Stand can be found at Dayton Barbecue Company, The Munchin' Buddha and Lounge 43.



By Natalie Jones

Joyous Johnson and her daughter, Ziya Mccullar, started a lemonade stand five years ago as something to do during the summer. After much success, their business has grown into several partnerships in the Dayton region — the latest with Dayton Barbecue Company at Hidden Valley Orchards.

In 2019, Zs Lemonade Stand participated in its first pop-up at Deja Vu

Hall on Salem Avenue in Dayton. The lemonade sold out and people kept coming back for more. Ever since then, "people have been going crazy over this lemonade," Johnson said.

"It makes me really happy because every since I was little I've always wanted to be an entrepreneur," Mccullar said. "For me to be a black, young girl and have my own business, it really surprises me."

Zs Lemonade Stand started with regular, strawberry and peach lemonade. The business now has several other flavors like strawberry mango or strawberry watermelon, as well as pop-up flavors like mixed berry, pineapple or Arnold Palmer.

The lemonade is all natural — meaning they use real lemons and strawberries. Johnson said they do use some

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Dayton Residents Invited to Participate in Annual Survey to Shape City Policies and Services



The City of Dayton is reaching out to its residents for feedback on living in Dayton and their experiences with city government. The annual Dayton Survey is being mailed to approximately 13,000 randomly selected households throughout late August

and early September. Residents should watch for an envelope with the City of Dayton logo and the message, "Help the City of Dayton serve you better by taking this survey!"

Survey Details and Participation

The survey includes around 80 questions that

cover various aspects of city services, programs, priorities, and neighborhood quality-of-life issues.

Residents in single-family homes, apartment complexes, and congregate settings will receive the survey by mail. Participation is anonymous, ensuring that respondents can share

their thoughts freely.

Those who receive the survey are encouraged to complete and return it within two weeks of receipt. Additionally, participants have the option to respond online by visiting daytonresidentsurvey.org and using the unique PIN number provided in their survey packet.

Longstanding Tradition of Feedback and a Chance to Win

Dayton has been gathering resident feedback through surveys for more than 30 years, using the responses to help shape

city policies and priorities. As an added incentive, the survey administrator, ETC Institute, will randomly select one respondent to receive a \$500 VISA gift card. Only those who were part of the initial selection group and who complete the survey by mail or online will be eligible for the drawing, which will take place by December 2024.

Residents with questions about the survey can contact the City of Dayton at 937-333-3752 or via email at thedaytonsurvey@daytonohio.gov. Your feedback is valuable in help-

ing Dayton improve and serve the community better.

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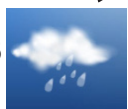


Around DAYTON

Miami Valley Weather

Saturday Sunday

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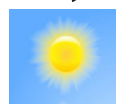


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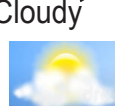
Monday

Sunny
High 79
Low 53



Tuesday

Mostly Cloudy
High 81
Low 59



Wednesday

Mostly Cloudy
High 36
Low 20



5 day Forecast

COMMUNITY Market






July 3 - September 25

Every Wednesday At 3PM-7PM
5200 Salem Ave., Trotwood, OH 45426

Sisters of the Precious Blood presented by TROTWOOD BROTHERS

“Gingerbread Homes for the Holidays” contest returns for 2024 Dayton Holiday Festival

Bakers of all ages are invited to apply for this year’s contest through Wednesday, September 25.



A real treat of a Dayton Holiday Festival tradition is back for the 2024 celebration, and applications are now open to participate! The Downtown Dayton Partnership (DDP) is looking for up to 20 flour phenoms to be part of the 17th annual “Gingerbread Homes for the Holidays” contest. Completed gingerbread designs will be on display during the Dayton Holiday Festival kickoff event on Friday, November 29. During the event, members of the public will choose who should be named Best Baker on the Block and take home a cash prize.

Bakers and pastry designers of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to fill out an online application detailing their vision and plan for their gingerbread creation. Up to 20 entrants will be selected to compete and have their finished gingerbread masterpiece on display inside of the Old Courthouse during the Dayton Holiday Festival kickoff event on Friday, November 29. Selected entrants will showcase their completed masterpiece to compete for the title of “Best House on the Block” with a top prize of \$400. The second-place vote-getter will receive



\$200. All selected applicants will receive a \$200 stipend to help cover the cost of building materials. Traditional gingerbread houses, building replicas, and even cardboard entries are all allowed in the competition. Regardless of design, all exposed surfaces should be covered with edible materials. More contest guidelines and criteria can be found on the official entry form, which is available to fill out online here. Applications are due by Wednesday, September 25.

“The Gingerbread Homes for the Holidays contest is such a fun event that the downtown community looks forward to every holiday season,” said Katie Meyer, president of the Downtown Dayton Partnership. “It’s no secret that Dayton is home to innova-

tors, and this contest really brings out the crème de la crème of Dayton’s confectionary world. We’re excited to see how this year’s designers sprinkle a little magic on their creations!”

The Gingerbread Homes for the Holidays contest is part of the month-long Dayton Holiday Festival, presented by AES Ohio, the Downtown Dayton Partnership, and the Virginia W. Kettering Dayton Holiday Festival Fund. For more information on the contest and other activities that are part of the Dayton Holiday Festival, visit dayton-holidayfestival.org.

For more information: Lynn Robertson, 937-224-1518 ext. 227 or robertson@downtowndayton.org

First Friday Downtown: Back to School Edition



SEPTEMBER 6
Downtown Dayton

FIRST FRIDAY

Summer is winding down and kids are heading back to school, so it’s time to send summer off in a big way at this month’s First Friday celebration. Start your September off with live entertainment, specials, sales, new menu items, and more from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, September 6! Don’t forget, the Downtown Dayton

DORA is in effect from noon to midnight every day. You can raise a toast to summer on your favorite downtown patio or on the go as you explore downtown’s unique and independent businesses!

Explore different locations and see everything First Friday has to offer with downtown’s convenient transportation options. Catch a ride on one of the low-cost, electric

carts from GEST Carts Dayton! You can also use RTA’s free route, The Flyer, to get to and from your favorite places. To find a map with the route and pick-up locations, visit www.iRideRTA.org/TheFlyer. You can also grab a Link Bike for the short trip between First Friday destinations from one of the bike stations around downtown

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Explore the Impact of “Joining In” @ DML

Dayton Metro Library, in partnership with Leadership Ohio and The Collaboratory, will present Join In – Uniting Communities in Ohio Join or Die Film Screening on Saturday, September 7, from 2-5 pm in the Main Library’s Bassani Theater Off Third, 3rd Floor.

Join In, an initiative by Leadership Ohio, begs the question: What can we do to unite our communities?

Join or Die, by Delavan Street Films, is a documentary based on research that Ohioan Robert Putnam conducted in response to the U.S. Surgeon Gen-

eral’s declared ‘epidemic of loneliness and isolation.’

Adult patrons are invited to this free event to watch the film; hear from guest speakers; discuss film themes; and learn about the loneliness and isolation crisis, the relationship between community life and the fate of our democracy, and the importance of joining local clubs.

Join In: Uniting Communities in Ohio is funded in part by the American 250-Ohio Commission.

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

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We are raising money to save more shelter DOGS

50/50 Raffle
Raffle Baskets
Signed Jersey Raffle
Booze Wagon Raffle

HALO K9 BEHAVIOR FUNDRAISER

BUFFALO WILD WINGS
XENIA, OHIO
SEPTEMBER 15TH
11:30A.M
(GAME TIME 1PM)

Meet Your New Best Friend

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Meet Your New Best Friend

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National

NATIONAL MINORITY DONOR AWARENESS MONTH

Multicultural Communities in Donation and Transplantation

National Minority Donor Awareness Month is a collaborative effort by national organizations to save and improve the quality of life of diverse communities by creating a positive culture for organ, eye, and tissue donation. The observance stems from National Minority Donor Awareness Week, founded in 1996 by the National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) to bring heightened awareness of donation and transplantation in multicultural communities. Now extended to the entire month of August, outreach activities will highlight the need within multicultural communities, provide donation education, encourage donor registration, and promote healthy living and disease prevention to decrease the need for transplantation.

Did You Know?

Transplants can be successful regardless of the ethnicity of the donor and recipient. However, the chance of longer-term survival may be greater if the donor and recipient are closely matched in terms of their shared genetic background.

More than 100,000

people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants.

60%

of people on the national transplant waiting list are from multicultural communities.

More than 46,000

organ transplants from

23,000

donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2023.

2023 Multicultural Organ Transplants & Donors*

Ethnicity	Transplants	Donors
African American/Black	15,826	3,962
Hispanic/Latino	5,540	3,547
Asian/Pacific Islander	2,369	803
Multicultural Donor	301	130
American Indian/Alaska Native	200	179

*Includes deceased and living donors.

More than 78,000

corneal transplants help to restore sight each year.

More than 2.5

million tissue transplants heal lives each year.

Thank you to all donors, donor families, registered donors and champions of the Donate Life cause. Support across multicultural communities contributed to a milestone year of lives saved and healed!

What can I do to increase organ, eye and tissue donation in my community?

Register your decision to be a donor at [RegisterMe.org](https://www.registerme.org).

Tell your family and friends about your decision to Donate Life.

Ask others to visit [DonateLife.net](https://www.donatelife.net) to learn more and register.

Three Black Authors Release Groundbreaking Book Showcasing 15 Pioneering Women Shaping The Future of Finance



Cameo Roberson, Siedah Garrett-Guess and Veronica Rodgers

Nationwide -- In an unprecedented collaboration, Cameo Roberson, Siedah Garrett-Guess, and Veronica Rodgers unveil their latest co-authored book, an Amazon best seller, *Financial Trendsetters: Revolutionizing The Way Women Build Wealth*. This compelling read chronicles the journeys of 15 trailblazing women in the financial services industry, each breaking free from traditional roles and pioneering new paths for financial empowerment.

Financial Trendsetters is an inspiring collection of stories, transparency, and triumphs, that aims to empower women at every stage of their financial journey. Each chapter is a testament to the resilience, creativity, and determination of women who are not only managing wealth but are leading the charge in financial empowerment.

Cameo Roberson: A Leader in Fractional Operations Management

Cameo Roberson, one of the co-authors, is the force behind Atlas Park Consulting. As the Founder of this Coaching & Fractional COO Agency, she empowers leaders and teams to navigate the complex landscape of strategic expansion. Atlas Park specializes in executing growth strategies, refining business processes, and systematizing day-to-day operations, all aimed at preparing businesses for the leap to the next level, helping their clients grow and scale. A passionate business owner, Cameo aims to inspire those in underserved communities how to redefine success and pursue goals on their own terms.

Atlas Park Consulting, certified by the Women's Business Enterprise Council (WBENC) and recognized as a Women Owned Small Business (WOSB),

stands as a testament to Cameo's commitment to excellence. Her insights have graced the pages of industry-leading publications such as *Wealth Management Magazine*, *Forbes Magazine*, and *Financial Planning Magazine*, bringing a refreshing blend of innovation and practicality to the operations management component in the financial services landscape.

Siedah Garrett-Guess: Leading with Financial Literacy

Siedah Garrett-Guess, an esteemed licensed financial strategist, is the visionary CEO and Founder of Transformation Wealth Group. Recognized in *Essence* magazine as a thought leader in the wealth and finance industry, Siedah collaborates with professionals and business owners to build, grow, and safeguard their wealth, leaving a lasting legacy.

Her commitment to financial education is evident through her founding of *Young & Financially Lit*, a company dedicated to providing unbiased financial knowledge to underserved communities. Having guided over 2000+ business owners, families, and individuals, her impact is both extensive and tangible, transcending borders and inspiring audiences globally.

Veronica Rodgers: Bridging Generations and Creating a Legacy of Prosperity

Veronica J. Rodgers focuses on empowering women, especially those in black and brown communities, to navigate the unique challenges of the sandwich generation. As a passionate financial advisor, speaker, and educator, she is dedicated to helping clients manage the financial intricacies of caring for aging parents while

building a strong foundation for generational wealth.

Through her work at Carnelian Wealth Solutions, LLC, Veronica fosters open conversations and breaks down barriers to create a legacy of prosperity. Her mission is to empower women to face financial realities, overcome fears, and establish solid financial plans that benefit future generations. Join the Movement, Celebrating Women in Wealth Management

Financial Trendsetters is more than a book; it's a movement. It showcases how women are not only participating in the financial industry but are leading transformative changes. Each co-author brings a unique perspective, making this book a vital resource for anyone looking to understand the future of finance through the eyes of trailblazing women.

This book is a call to action for women everywhere to become engaged and empowered with their money, breaking free from traditional roles and paving the way for a new financial future. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.

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Black-Owned Kids Education Company Launches 9 New Children's Books For Free



Dahlia & Friends

Nationwide -- Dahlia & Friends, a Black-owned children's education company founded by Jacques and Dahcia Bastien, is excited to announce the launch of nine new children's books, available for free digital download. This initiative is a testament to the couple's dedication to making high-quality, culturally resonant content accessible to Black families and beyond.

Based in Tampa, Florida, Dahlia & Friends was created with a clear vision: to help develop emotionally intelligent children by providing caregivers with the tools and resources necessary to guide them. The company's mission is to ensure that every child feels seen and valued through content that is relatable, educational, and infused with cultural richness. The latest book series covers important themes such as autism, Black hair, American Sign Language, different family structures, kindness, and more.

"Our stories are crafted to go beyond surface-level representation," says Jacques Bastien. "We dive deep into the experiences of our characters to authentically represent diverse groups and celebrate the unique journeys of every indi-

vidual. By offering these books for free in digital format, we're breaking down barriers to access and ensuring that more families can benefit from our content."

While the digital versions of these books are available at no cost, printed editions can be ordered online through major retailers, including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Walmart, and Target. This accessibility ensures that every family, regardless of their preferred reading format, can enjoy the stories that Dahlia & Friends has to offer. Plus, with the purchase of any book, learners will receive a free audiobook and a coloring sheet.

Dahlia & Friends distinguishes itself with Caribbean-infused storytelling, beautiful branding, and

high-quality production. As an independent company, Dahlia & Friends retains full creative control, allowing them to consistently uphold their core values of integrity, representation, and excellence in every product they create.

Parents who practice gentle, intentional parenting will find these stories to be powerful tools in instilling important values in their children. In addition to books, Dahlia & Friends also offers a range of educational products and music that blends hip-hop, reggae, Afro-beats, and R&B to create an engaging, modern experience for young listeners.

For more information or to download the digital books, visit DahliaAndFriends.com

RTA Offers Free Rides on Labor Day

To celebrate America's workforce, the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is offering free rides systemwide on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2, 2024.

To further the celebration, the RTA's "Proudly Serving" Kettering bus will be in Kettering's Holiday at Home parade, which takes place on Labor Day from 9:55 a.m. to noon. The bus design fea-

tures places in the Kettering community where the RTA can take you. It also includes Bart Simpson, who is voiced by Kettering native Nancy Cartwright.

Due to the parade, Far Hills Avenue will be closed from Dorothy Lane to Stroop Road from 9:30 a.m. to noon. That means RTA's Route 6 will need to be temporarily rerouted from approximately 9 a.m. to noon.

The temporary southbound reroute from Far Hills Avenue is as follows: the bus will turn left onto Dorothy Lane, right onto Shroyer Road and then left onto Far Hills Avenue to continue its regular route. The northbound reroute will be in reverse order.

You can plan your trip online at www.irderta.org or via the Transit app.



Arts & Entertainment

The Puerto Rican, American and Caribbean Organization (PACO)
and Five Rivers Metroparks present:

Hispanic Heritage Festival 2024

Saturday, 21 September 2024 11 am - 11 pm
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK - 111 E. MONUMENT AVE. DAYTON, OHIO

Moncho Rivera
Salsa Singer From Puerto Rico

Dayton Salsa Project



Grupo Fuego



The Luv Locz Experiment



Mariachi Azteca



Daglio



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Festival Parade
Que Lindo Es Panama
Grupo Sueño (Ecuador)
Zumba Fitness
URS Rubber Duck Regatta

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Lots of Food
Merchandise Vendors

www.pacodayton.com
PACO is a non-profit organization that provides charitable services, promotes awareness and educates the Dayton community about the Hispanic culture.

DML and DPAA Partner for Free Ticket Performances

For the third year in a row, Dayton Metro Library and Dayton Performing Arts Alliance (DPAA) are partnering to provide free tickets to patrons and community members for a variety of performances.

A list of shows and registration instructions to obtain free tickets can be found by visiting <https://bit.ly/dml-dpaa-tickets>.

Tickets become available on Tuesday, September 3, for the following performances:

Masterworks Series
Dvořák, Stravinsky, and Brahms

Show dates and time:
Friday, September 13 and Saturday, September 14, 7:30-8:30 pm

Location:
Schuster Performing Arts Center, 1 West 2nd Street, Dayton, 45402

Program:
Antonín Dvořák: Carnival Overture, Op. 92

Igor Stravinsky: Violin Concerto in D
Johannes Brahms: Symphony No. 4 in E minor, Op. 98

About the program:
Chad Hoopes, violin
Neal Gittleman, conductor

Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra

Acclaimed worldwide for his exceptional tal-

ent and magnificent tone, Chad Hoopes has wowed DPO audiences since he was 15. He returns to perform Igor Stravinsky's joyful Violin Concerto in D—a spectacular start to Neal Gittleman's 30th anniversary season! Dvořák's bold and brilliant Carnival Overture opens the concert, while Brahms's melodic Symphony No. 4 adds energy and passion.

Opera
Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific

Show dates and time:
Saturday, September 21, 7:30-8:30 pm and Sunday, September 22, 2:30-3:30 pm

Location:
Schuster Performing Arts Center, 1 West 2nd Street, Dayton, 45402

About the program:

Presented in collaboration with Wright State University's School of Fine and Performing Arts and in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical, South Pacific, Dayton Opera and Wright State University present this award-winning classic. A favorite among opera and musical theatre fans alike, South Pacific features Dayton Opera artists alongside an ensemble from

Wright State, with the Philharmonic performing its lush and beautiful score. Don't miss beloved tunes such as "Bali Ha'i," "Some Enchanted Evening," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair," and many more!

Additional Information:

Accessibility accommodations can be requested at time of registration. Upon registering, your tickets will be reserved, but you must show your Dayton Metro Library card upon receipt of tickets. A limited number of tickets are available for each performance and will be available first come, first serve. Tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded for cash value. Cancellations will need to be handled through the Box Office.

Additional information about these performances can be found at daytonperformingarts.org. For more information about DML and DPAA's partnership, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

American Idol

"Idol Across America" Visits Ohio Via Zoom!

Open call virtual Zoom auditions for 'AMERICAN IDOL' in OHIO

• During this season's first round of 'American Idol,' hopefuls can sign up to audition face-to-face in front of producers and receive real-time feedback for a chance at making Idol history and being crowned the next 'American Idol' as we enter season eight on ABC.

• For the fifth year in a row, "Idol Across

America," the live virtual nationwide search for the next superstar, features audition days for all 50 states, plus Washington, D.C., making auditions easier than ever.

• American Idol' alums, Jayna Elise and Mia Matthews will be featured during the Ohio auditions joining hopefuls in the waiting room for Q&A, audition tips and more.

Custom-built Zoom technology.

AUDITIONS – Monday, September 9

If interested in 'American Idol' interview opportunities or if you have any questions, please email Rebecca Taustine at Rebecca.Taustine@freemantle.com by Wednesday, September 4 to confirm.

Please visit www.americanidol.com/auditions for more information on "Idol Across America" and specific audition details, locations, full eligibility requirements, submission forms, terms and conditions.

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or find a Spin Scooter along the way to rent by the minute. If you're walking, grab a DORA drink from one of the 50+ participating bars and restaurants around downtown! See participating locations, rules, and a map of the newly expanded boundaries at downtowndayton.org/dora/.

Check out the individual First Friday listings below, and remember the most up-to-date event listings can be found in the online calendar published on the Downtown Dayton Partnership's website. Subscribing to the weekly e-vents email newsletter also keeps one up to speed. For more information about First Friday, or to find business addresses, parking, upcoming activities and more, visit the DDP website at DowntownDayton.org. Invite friends and family to partake in First Friday fun! "Like" and share the First Friday Facebook page.

ART, DANCE, MUSIC, AND FILM

• The Black Box Improv, 518 E. Third St.: Take in comedy from Friday House Team "Midwestern Beef" followed by a specialty show. For tickets and other information, visit www.Dayton-BlackBoxImprov.com

• Blind Bob's, 430 E. Fifth St.: Come and rock with Place Position, Teeth Marks, and The Invisible Strings. 8 p.m. doors. Show is \$10 at the door and 21+.

• The Contemporary Dayton, 25 W. Fourth St.: Join the opening reception from 6-8 p.m. for "Curtis Mann: Precious Blood" and "Sean Wilkinson: Flora." Exhibitions run through December 21.

• Corner Kitchen, 613 E. Fifth St.: Enjoy live music on the patio 8-10 p.m. every First Friday! Parking validated with \$20 purchase.

• Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North: Visit the latest exhibitions, "Hand-Colored Photographs," "Captivating Clay: Contemporary Japanese Ceramics from

the Horvitz Collection," "Those Who Care," "Riveting: Women Artists from the Sara M. and Michelle Vance Waddell Collection," and "The Quiet World of Edward Hopper." Open until 5 p.m. on Friday.

• Dublin Pub, 300 Wayne Ave., 937-224-7822: Live music at the Dublin Pub! Stop by for Free Juke Box Friday from 6-7 followed by Miami Valley Pipes & Drums at 7pm, and more music at 9pm

• Edward A. Dixon Gallery, 222 N. St. Clair St.: It's Nonprofit Night featuring local organizations such as Miami Valley Meals, The Ohio CDC Association, and the Dayton Metro Library defining their work and providing information on how to get involved. The event is also a chance to view the We're Doing It ALL Wrong® - 4th Annual Art Exhibition. Light refreshments provided. Free on-street parking.

• Front Street, 1001 E. Second St.: Urban Sketchers Dayton, a local chapter of artists who

Dayton Live Announces New Name for Stage in the Wintergarden of the Schuster Center

Dayton Live is thrilled to announce that the Wintergarden stage in the Benjamin & Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center has been officially named the Charles D Berry Foundation Stage. This naming honors the more than 20 years of dedicated service and support Charles "Chuck" Berry has provided to the arts community.

Chuck Berry has been a steadfast supporter and friend to the arts community, starting through his role as a Trustee at the Berry Family Foundation. In 2018, with the encouragement and support of his brother John Berry, Chairman of the Berry Family Foundation, Chuck established the Charles D Berry Foundation. One of the foundation's four key giving areas is performing and visual arts.

Chuck Berry expressed his gratitude for this recognition:

"I am deeply honored and proud to have the Wintergarden stage in the Schuster Performing Arts Center named the Charles D Berry Foundation Stage. Our foundation, since its inception in 2018, has been committed to enriching our community through the arts, and this dedication underscores that commit-

ment. As both a Trustee of the Berry Family Foundation and Founder and Chairman of the Charles D Berry Foundation, it has been a privilege to support Dayton Live. I look forward to continuing our partnership and witnessing the transformative power of the arts in our community."

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Dayton Live's Board Chair, Erin Davis, commented on the dedication:

"We are delighted to recognize Chuck Berry's unwavering support and lasting impact on our arts community by naming the Wintergarden stage in his honor. Chuck's contributions have been instrumental in fostering a vibrant cultural environment in Dayton. This dedication is a testament to his generosity and vision, and it will inspire future generations to engage with the arts."

The Schuster Performing Arts Center, a cornerstone of Dayton's cultural landscape, has been a hub for artistic excellence and community engagement. The newly named Charles D Berry Foundation Stage will continue to host a variety of performances, events, and educational programs, reflecting the foundation's mission to enhance the cultural vitality of Dayton.

About Dayton Live:

draw on location, capturing what they see from direct observation is taking over the Front Street Gallery this September! Enjoy an evening of live music, food trucks, studio and gallery hopping, shopping, and more! With artwork and handmade goods from more than 250 artists, you're going to want to get here early!

• The International Peace Museum, 10 N. Ludlow St.: Selman, a design studio out of NYC, presents the opening night

As a not-for-profit arts organization, Dayton Live is the region's home for arts, culture, and entertainment. Its mission is to strengthen community engagement in the arts through inspiring performances, educational opportunities, and world-class venues: the Benjamin & Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center, Victoria Theatre, The Loft Theatre (at the Metropolitan Arts Center), and the PNC Arts Annex. Dayton Live presents a wide variety of arts and entertainment events, including the best in touring Broadway, family shows, concerts, comedians, and so much more. An extensive Education & Engagement program reaches more than 100,000 individuals annually with the Dayton Live Creative Academy, the Discovery Series, Background on Broadway, Bagels & Broadway, and other initiatives. In addition, Dayton Live operates The Arts Garage. The official ticketing source for all performances presented in Dayton Live venues is daytonlive.org.

of "PeacePost: Portraits of Peace From Every Country Around the World" from 5-8 p.m. Light appetizers and drinks available. This event is free, but dona-

Education

Brown's Legacy Lives On with DML Series

Dayton Metro Library continues celebrating the 70th anniversary of historic Civil Rights court case *Brown v. Board of Education* with a series of commemorative discussions - the first being Historical Context & Local Impact. This program will be held on Tuesday, September 10, from 6-7:30 pm in the Main Library's Eichelberger Forum.

In the early 1950's, Reverend Oliver L. Brown, along with a team of attorneys for the NAACP and 12 other parents, along with cases from several other states, filed a suit on behalf of their children against local boards of education for segregating public schools, which became known as *Brown v. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*. The Supreme Court eventually ruled that separating children in public schools on the basis of race was in violation of the 14th Amendment, making the act unconstitutional.

Rev. Brown passed away in 1961 before knowing the impact this case would have on the nation. In May, Rev. Brown's daughter, Cheryl Brown Henderson, visited DML as part of its Social Justice Speaker Series to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*. DML continues honoring the legacy of Rev. Brown and others involved in this landmark case by hosting this special series.

Historical Context & Local Impact will host a panel discussion with guests providing their perspectives, anecdotes, and historical insights into the importance of this case in Civil Rights history. Panel guests include Charlotte McGuire, Ohio State Board of Education Representative, District 3; Dr. David Lawrence, Dayton Public Schools Superintendent; and Mattie White, 1st Vice President NAACP and President of National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

DML's Karen D. Brame of Special Collections will moderate the conversation.

This is a free event for adults, and registration is not required. For more information, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

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Mother, Daughter Continue to Grow Lemonade Stand in Dayton... Continued from Page 1

puree when it comes to flavors such as strawberry mango.

"I think our lemonade is more on the... sweeter side," Johnson said. It's like the perfect pinch of sour."

Customers can get lemonade in 16 oz. pouches for \$7 or the recently launched 32 oz. cartons for \$10 at events.

Zs Lemonade Stand can also be found at:

Dayton Barbecue Company (5474 N. State Route 48 in Lebanon)

The Munchin' Buddha (100 N. James H. McGee Blvd. in Dayton)

Lounge 43 (2339 N. Gettysburg Ave. in Dayton)

Johnson said they re-

stock the businesses weekly.

She's proud of how far they've come with their business and said they couldn't do it without her mom, Tanya Johnson. In the future, their goal is longevity. They hope to have a food truck by next summer and to offer treats such as funnel cake fries, deep fried Oreos and deep fried cookie dough, along with the lemonade.

MORE DETAILS

Zs Lemonade Stand will be at Taste of Dayton from 2 to 8 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Kettering Field, located at 444 N. Bend Blvd. in Dayton.

For more information and updates, visit the busi-

ness's Facebook or Instagram (@zs_lemonade) pages.

About the Author

Natalie Jones is an All Media Journalist with Dayton.com focusing on food and dining, pop culture and lifestyle. She is a Wright State University graduate with over seven years of experience in the media field. business and said they couldn't do it without her mom, Tanya Johnson. In the future, their goal is longevity. They hope to have a food truck by next summer and to offer treats such as funnel cake fries, deep fried Oreos and deep fried cookie dough, along with the lemonade.

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Celebrate Yaa Gyasi's book *Homegoing* during the 2024 National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Kickoff! This epic historical novel follows the paths of two Ghanaian half-sisters and their descendants, spanning generations and continents, and explores the lasting effects of slavery and colonialism on individual lives and family legacies.

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- Cultural food experience presented by London Coe of Peace on Fifth.
- Complimentary copies of *Homegoing* available.

The **Big Read** is a year-long, event series centered around the theme of *Where We Live*, inviting audiences of all ages to engage with and reflect upon *Homegoing's* dialogue on memory and legacy, power and privilege, and freedom and captivity.

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Editorial & Comments

Something to Consider:

Persistence In Prayer

By: Brenda Cochran
Contributing Writer

Prayer is not a "Spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.

Persistence in Prayer is that God is the blessing. He is not only to provide, but He desires to do so in His own timing. Because of this knowledge, we should remain steadfast in our prayer life because the God whom we serve deserves all the Glory.

In Luke 11:5, a story is told about a man who was in need of bread for his visitors. Having none, he went to his neighbors although it was very late, to ask for some loaves of bread for them. Since it was very late, he proceeded to keep knocking on the door.

It seems true that since the neighbor was anxious to ask for the bread he needed, he did not stop his knocking, he seems to be knocking constantly.

The neighbor could have stopped with one knock, but just as we can do in our prayer life, we may not see all of our prayers answered, and we may not stay steadfast in our prayer. The question is why should we persist? Is being persistent a



Brenda Cochran

blessing?

In Luke 11:5 Jesus addressed this issue head-on. He gave His disciples a parable to the asses that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said this:

"In a certain city, there was a judge who neither feared God, nor respected man and there was a widow who kept coming to a judge and saying: "Give me justice against my adversaries." While he refused, afterwards, the judge said to himself,

"While I neither fear God nor respect man, this widow keeps bothering me. I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down and continue to come to me."

The Lord said this against the unrighteous judge: "And will not God give justice to His elect?" We do know that God does answer prayer and walks through difficult situations with us. Just as Jesus said,

"And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; speak, and you will find; knock, and it will be open to you."

Persistence prayer does provide peace, but it is a peace that is not natural,

It is supernatural. This is not a peace that we can get anywhere other than from God. It is not a peace that we can manufacture on our own; but by praying and casting our anxieties on the Lord, He can provide it.

Persisting in prayer doesn't just change things, it changes us. It is an ongoing process. It can provide peace, it can change your heart, and it can protect you from dangerous self-reliant pride.

Persistent Prayer doesn't give up. It's praying for something until God either answer our prayer or asks us to stop praying. It is standing in faith that God will answer your prayer.

Perhaps you have given up too soon. Maybe you were trying to learn to play the piano. You work on it for a few months, but soon gave up. Maybe you tried to learn a new skill, lose weight or get in shape, but for what-ever-reason, you gave up before you saw the results.

Persistent is about staying on a course of action in spite of difficulties or opposition. Persistent is an important part of success we desire.

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- 3rd Saturday of the month – Starting September 21, 2024 - June 21, 2025
- Parent/Student Meet & Greet—Saturday, September 7, 2024

Program Benefits:

- Participate in year-long Leaders of Tomorrow Program
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- Location: Sinclair College, Building 13, Room 404 unless otherwise informed


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Religion

Prayer is not a "Spare wheel"
 You pull out when in trouble,
 but it is a "steering wheel"
 that directs the right path throughout the journey

So why is a car's windshield
 So large & the rear View Mirror so small?
 Because our PAST is not as important as
 Our FUTURE So look ahead not Move on

Friendship is like a BOOK! It takes
 a few minutes to burn, but it takes
 years to write.

All things in life are temporary
 If going well - enjoy it, they will not
 Last forever
 If going wrong, don't worry, they
 can't last either

Old friends are Gold! New friends
 Are Diamond!
 If you get a diamond, don't forget
 the Gold
 Because to hold a Diamond, you
 always need a Base of Gold

Often when we lose hope and think
 this is the end,
 God smiles from above and says
 "Relax, sweetheart", it's just a bend
 not the end!

When God solves your problems
 you have faith in HIS abilities;
 when God doesn't solve your
 problems He has faith in your
 abilities

A blind person asked St. Anthony
 "Can there be anything worse than
 Losing eye sight?
 He replied, "Yes losing your vision!"

When you pray for others, God
 listens to you and blesses them,
 and sometimes, when you are safe
 and happy, remember that someone
 has prayed for you

WORRYING does not take away
 Tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes
 Away
 Today's PEACE

Labor Day Black History: Honoring A.Philip Randolph and Black Labor Unions... Continued from Page 1

ing principles of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

Randolph's work also included leading mass protests against the segregation of the nation's military following the passage of the Selective Service Act of 1947. His leadership and influence made its way to the White House a year later on July 26, 1948 as President Harry Truman, who was up for reelection at the time and needed the votes of young Black men, signed an executive order to end racial discrimination in the armed forces.

In a nod of reverence, the next generation of civil rights leaders made Randolph the chair of the 1963 March on Washington where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr made his famous "I Have A Dream Speech."

Randolph continued his life's work throughout the 60s, becoming a founder of the Negro American Labor Council and serving as its president from 1960 to 1966. In 1968, Randolph retired as the BSCP president and continued working to bring fair labor practices to Black Americans at the A. Philip Randolph Institute.

Randolph passed away at the age of 90 on May 16, 1979.

To learn more about the BSCP, and the work of A. Philip Randolph, click here.

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102-year-old Dayton woman: 'I Read Every Day and Exercise When I Can' ... Continued from Page 1

in 1957.

"I still worked and took care of my children," Dawson said. "I worked there (at WPAFB) for 35 years."

Not content to sit back and relax, Dawson did what many people did at her age did after retirement. She got another job - as a secretary at the House of Wheat Funeral Home. It was there that she discovered a new passion - flower arranging.

"I watched them bring in flowers for funerals," Dawson said. "And I really enjoyed looking at all the arrangements."

Dawson's son Bobby encouraged her to find something she liked to do. He took her to Sinclair Community College and together they looked for classes in which she had an interest. Dawson decided on a flower arranging class and that class helped inspire her to take her life on yet another path. She then took a class at Rogers Funeral Home to learn how to run a business. She had decided she wanted to own her own flower shop.

Her dream became reality when she opened Colonial Flowers and Gifts on Siebenthaler Avenue in Dayton.

"I really liked arranging flowers," Dawson said. "I love putting the colors together to see how pretty I can make them."

Her son Bobby helped her purchase the shop and everyone in Dawson's family worked there at one time or another over the years.

"Good help is hard to find," Dawson joked. "That's why I had the whole family work there."

Dawson kept the shop for seven years before closing it and during that time she met and befriended her customers. She learned about people while ensuring they got the flowers they needed at the time they needed them.

"When you are talking to people, sometimes you just know that making them a pretty flower arrangement will help them feel better," Dawson said. "It helps you that you are helping them."

Dawson's oldest daughter Barbara agreed. She has watched her mother in action throughout her entire life.

"God has mom here for a reason," Barbara said. "It was hard raising us kids and working. And she always made sure we went to church every Sunday."

And it was at that church - Summit Christian Church in Trotwood - that Dawson also volunteered for many years. In addition to serving as a church elder, she has served as president of the Gospel Chorus, chair of the Christian Women's Fellowship and Dorcas Group, chair of the Senior Network, and president of the congregation among other leadership roles.

Church Elder Joann Bankston said Dawson also started the fund for the PA system and "basically has done it all."

Now enjoying retirement as it's meant to be for any centenarian, Dawson said it means sitting at home and doing what she wants to do. She still arranges flowers at home and said her favorite thing is being with family. This now includes 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, as well as all four of her adult children. She is also grateful for her special friend Mary Ellen Young.

As for living such a long life, and still being able to do most things, including driving, Dawson said it's a mystery.

"I read every day and try to exercise when I can," Dawson said. "I think it's been my faith that has helped me get this far in life. God has been with me through it all."

Sports

Athlete & Team of the Week, Coaches Corner Back for 24-25 Season

With the new Fall season starting up, the Dayton Weekly Sports section will be bringing back the Team, Athlete of the Week and the

Coaches Corner segment featuring the prominent Coaches from Dayton Public Schools, GWOC, MVL, GCL, Trotwood, and surrounding schools

in the Dayton area. We're very excited to bring back the Coaches Corner and the "Team & Athlete of The Week." Deon Cash, journalist stat-

ed. We started it a couple years ago and now we realize how important it is to the community and athletic programs and to our newspaper."

"With fall sports on the go, now is the time to give these student athletes their flowers." Cash stated. Look for the information on the website in the

weekly articles starting next week in each of the fall sports. There will also be a weekly recap of all the games.

Week 1 High School Football Recap

By Deon Cash
Staff Writer

Week 1 High School Football Recap in the Miami Valley area:

It was a tough first week as all the DPS teams took a loss.

Ponitz, Dunbar, & Thurgood were the teams to score in their respective games with Meadowdale losing to Columbus East (30-0) and Belmont to Deer Park (40-0). Dunbar lost to Hughes 28-8 while Carroll defeated Ponitz 36-8 on opening night.

Thurgood lost a close one 14-6 to Dohn Prep

Trotwood falls despite giving up only 6 points to Cleveland Heights on the road in a defensive battle 6-0.

GWOC (Greater Western Ohio Conference)

Wayne grabs big win on the road in Fairfield

Centerville knocks off Lakota West on the road, spoils Kitna debut

Fairmont rolls past Alter on Thursday night lights for 4th straight year

Springboro opens with a big win

Springfield falls despite giving up only 150 yards

Northmont, Miamisburg blitzed in losses

Beavercreek loses to Xenia in backyard battle

GCL (Greater Catholic League)

Alter smacked by Fairmont on Thursday night lights

Chaminade powers past Vikings behind rushing attack

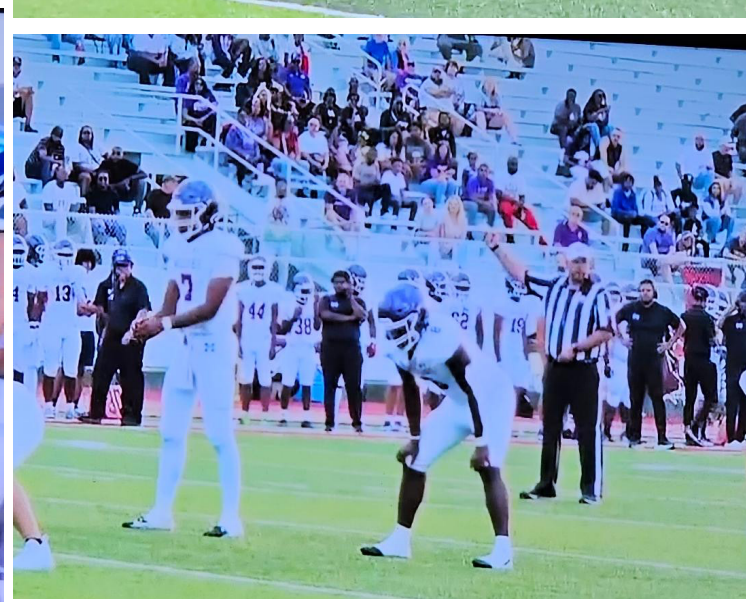
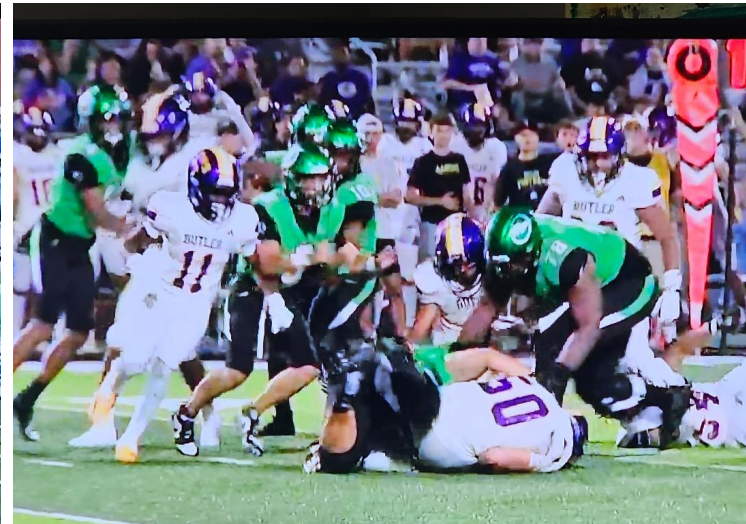
Badin, Fenwick both fall in surprising losses

Carroll smacks Ponitz on Thursday night lights

MVL (Miani Vakkey League)

Xenia grabs 4th straight backyard brawl victory

Fairborn smacks opp, sends statement in shut-out win



Butler punishes Northmont on the road in big win
Stebbins wins in final minute behind kickoff return touchdown
Troy falls to tough Middletown team in "Jones" Regime
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Follow Dayton Weekly News sports report for more content every week of the fall sports season

Get Outside with DML and Five Rivers MetroParks

Dayton Metro Library and Five Rivers MetroParks have teamed up for the second year to host Get Outside Book Club programs through October. Families will be able to enjoy both nature and reading time together, along with fun activities. Each session will have a different theme. Some sessions will be held at one of Five Rivers' parks, while others will be held at DML Branches. Advance registration is required for all sessions.

Here is the book club schedule, including themes, through September:

Lessons from Wildlife
MetroParks staff will visit Branches with a few special animals such as the Box Turtle and Gray Rat Snake.

Wednesday, September 4, 4-5 pm, Burkhardt Branch

Tuesday, September 24, 4-5 pm, West Carrollton Branch

Camping
This is the best kind of quality time with family - explore camping through stories!

Thursday, September 5, 10-11 am, Englewood MetroPark - Patty Shelter

Seeds
Read stories about the journeys of seeds, then explore seeds in the park's garden.

Tuesday, September 10, 10-11 am, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark

Creek Creatures
Explore a creek and read stories about the creatures that call such water their home. Kids can dip their feet in and search for crawdads, fish, and other creek creatures.

Monday, September 16, 6-7 pm, Wesleyan MetroPark

Pondology
Read stories about pondlife, then explore the edge of a pond with dipnets to see what can be found.

Thursday, September 26, 10-11 am, Taylorsville Me-

troPark - CCC Shelter

To register for programs that take place at a MetroPark location, visit metroparks.org/bookclub. To register for a program that takes place at a DML Branch, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org and search Events for "Get Outside." Additional information or questions can also be directed to the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

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Health Summit II

SUNDAY Sept 15 @2-5PM

Theme: The Effects of Racism on the Physical /Mental Health of Black Men

Moderator

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MCPC Announces the Launch of a L.O.S.S. Team for Survivors of a Suicide Loss

The Montgomery County Prevention Coalition (MCPC) is expanding its suicide prevention efforts through a new program called Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (L.O.S.S.) Team. The L.O.S.S. Team is designed to provide resources and hope to families caught in the immediate aftermath of suicide. This trauma-responsive model involves two or more trained volunteers, who respond to the scene of a suicide to provide non-intrusive support to those impacted by this loss. At least one of these two trained volunteers is a survivor of a suicide loss. The new L.O.S.S. Team is funded by the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF), and Drug Free Communities through the CDC.

“Having a L.O.S.S. Team at the scene of suicide provides loss survivors with support, a con-

nection to resources, and most importantly, a sense of hope,” said Brittini Long, Senior Program Coordinator for Montgomery County ADAMHS.

The MCPC’s Suicide Prevention Committee began the L.O.S.S. Team planning process in July. This planning team includes partners from Montgomery County ADAMHS, Montgomery County Coroner’s Office, Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, Dayton Police Department, Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County, NAMI Montgomery County, providers, volunteers, and community members. A Stakeholders meeting will be held at 8:30 am on September 12, 2024, in the Montgomery County ADAMHS Board Room, 409 E. Monument Ave. Suite 102, Dayton, OH 45402.

The coalition is seek-

ing volunteers for the L.O.S.S. Team with empathy, listening skills, and experience with trauma who can help grieving families and loved ones. The volunteer application can be found here.

What is the MCPC? – The MCPC is comprised of community leaders with a passion to prevent substance misuse and promote positive mental health. The mission of the coalition is to mobilize Montgomery County to prevent youth substance use and promote positive mental health through the implementation of evidence-based prevention strategies and community collaboration. The vision of the coalition is a community where every individual lives a substance-free life with optimal mental health.

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tions are appreciated!

- K12 Gallery & TE-JAS, 341 S. Jefferson St.: Join in a Happy Hour Paint session!
- Moeller Brew Barn, 416 E. First St.: Hear live music at the Brew Barn from 7-10 p.m.
- The Neon movie theater, 130 E. Fifth St.: See the full schedule online: www.neonmovies.com. Also enjoy beer and cocktail specials during First Friday, and you can purchase a DORA drink at the Neon to walk around downtown Dayton’s Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area before or after the show.
- Oregon Express, 336 E. Fifth St.: Bust out your beach wear and party at Heartsiq’s Beach Party! Cover starts at 8pm, music and performance at 9pm. Tickets \$12 at the door. All ages welcome with a guardian.
- Yellow Cab Tavern, 700 E. Fourth St.: Join us for a night of hip hop with Kwaj, Dom Deshawn, Day Luster, Montana & Tyrant! \$10 cover starts at 8pm with music at 9pm

DINING AND DRINKS

- Dayton Beer Company, 41 Madison St.: Happy Hour runs 3-5 p.m.! Enjoy \$2 off all DBC beer pints.
- Lily’s Dayton, 329 E. Fifth St.: Enjoy special happy hour pricing from 4:30-6:30 p.m.. Full dinner menu available until 10pm!
- Local Cantina, 503 E. First St: Happy Hour is from 3 to 6 p.m. with \$5 Mustache Rides, \$6 Local Margaritas, \$2 Cerveza Amarilla, and \$2 off appetizers
- Mudlick Tap House, 135 E. Second St., (937) 895-4066: Join us for Happiness Hours from 4-6 p.m. with \$2 off draft beers and \$2 off shareables, ½ price bot-

- tles of wine, \$8 Old Fashioned, and \$9 Manhattans.
- Oregon Express, 336 E. Fifth St., 937-223-9205: Every First Friday join us for Happy Hour deals from 5 to 8 p.m. Stop in for some of the best pizza in Dayton. Dine in, carryout and curbside pickup available.
- Salar Restaurant and Lounge, 400 E. Fifth St., 937-203-3999: Kick off your First Friday with happy hour at Salar from 4-6 p.m. with cocktail specials, \$5 house wine pours, \$1 off of all beers, and bar bites specials. Enjoy dinner, too, available for dine in or carryout.
- Table 33 Dayton, 130 W. Second St.: Fridays are wine night at Table 33, with \$3.33 wine pairings with any entree.
- Troll Pub Dayton, 216 Wayne Ave.: Every Friday at the Troll Pub is part of W.T.F Happy Hours: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 4-7 p.m. featuring 1/2 Priced Pints & 1/2 priced apps, and \$4 Fireball Shots.
- Trolley Stop, 530 E. Fifth St., 937-461-1101: Enjoy Half-off Happy Hour every day 3-7pm! \$3 wells and half off select appetizers.
- Two Social, 123 E. Third St.: Check out the new Summer drink menu!
- Warped Wing Brewing Company, 26 Wyandot St.: Introducing the latest from our Pilot Series, a refreshing Sour Blonde Ale with vibrant notes of lemon and honeydew melon. Pair the new offering with the Sweet Heat Smash Burger!
- Winans Coffee & Chocolates, 221 N. Patterson Blvd.: Happy Hour wine is \$8 a glass from 4-7 p.m.!

SPECIAL SHOPPING DEALS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- After5, 111 E. Third St.: Mention First Friday at checkout to take 20% off of your total purchase!

- Choice Juice Boxx, 31 S. St. Clair St.: Spend \$50 at Varsity House to receive 10% off from your Choice Juice Boxx purchase.
- Club Evolution, 130 N. Patterson Blvd.: Audience applause chooses the winner of a karaoke contest and \$75! No cover. Karaoke starts at 8:30 p.m. with the contest starting at 10:30 p.m.
- Dayton Metro Library, 215 E. Third St.: ESL Classes (English Classes) take place in the Opportunity Space every Monday and Friday, from 4:30-5:30 PM. New Americans are invited to take part in this free program that is taught in 3 different levels. For more information, contact the Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665

- Gem City Tattoo Club, 436 E. Fifth St.: Tattoo flash sale! From 12:30-7:30 p.m., GCTC will offer traditional designs from our group of professional artists at a discounted price of \$80-\$100! Stop in and choose from 100s of designs. First come first serve!
- Mintha’s Boutique, 520 E. Third St.: It’s Wine Down Friday from 4-7 p.m.! Sip while you shop one of downtown’s newest boutiques.
- Omega Music, 318 E. Fifth St.: New release day! Explore the new releases on vinyl, CDs, and more. All day 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Oregon District.
- The Oregon District, Fifth Street: Visit the pedestrian promenade at Out

- on 5th! Enjoy extended outdoor seating, vendors, entertainment, and more as you visit your favorite Oregon District businesses.
- Pedal Wagon Dayton: Pedal Wagon Dayton: Hop around to some of Dayton’s best breweries on the Brewery Cruise! Seats are \$35 for adults 21+ or rent a private ride for up to 15 people for \$499! pedalwagon.com/dayton/brewery-cruise/
- Picture Perfect Paint Parties, 123 N. Ludlow St.: Come and enjoy our grape tastings of the month and a mini-paint party canvas. Register at www.pictureperfectpaintparties.com or call 937-265-0691 for more information.
- Sole Touchers, 37 S.

- St. Clair St.: Mention First Friday to receive 25% off all shoes in store!
- Talbott Tower, 131 N. Ludlow St.: Visit the businesses of Talbott Tower! Enjoy live music, food, and beer while you shop special discounts at more than 20 businesses.
- Vidia’s Closet, 27 S. St. Clair St.: Fill a bag and save! Stop in to shop the sale during September’s First Friday.

The Downtown Dayton Partnership’s website has a complete list of downtown’s arts and cultural amenities, as well as a dining guide, parking map and much more.

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