

# OHS alum has hand in revitalizing Dayton Arcade

Dave Williams is old enough to remember the Dayton Arcade as a lunchtime destination when he was working in the Gem City in the 1980s. Now, nearly 40 years later, the Oakwood High School alum is playing a leading role in saving one of Dayton's architectural gems.

Williams, a 1980 OHS graduate, is Senior Director of Development with Cross Street Partners, one of the companies in a consortium of public and private entities undertaking the restoration and revitalization of the Arcade.

Williams was involved from the outset of the Arcade renovation effort, co-chairing a task force with Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley to reassess redevelopment opportunities at the once-thriving Arcade. "We had the task of deciding whether to redevelop it or knock down the buildings," he recalls.

Holding a degree in construction management from Bowling Green State University, Williams brought a wealth of real-world, practical experience to the decision-making process, along with a resume versed in historical preservation having served on the boards of Heritage Ohio and Preservation Action, as well as the Downtown Dayton Partnership.

And he brings a visionary perspective to the project, hoping to recapture the architectural glory days of the former downtown marketplace. "Historic preservation is the basis for the development strategy. We brought that concept into how we approached



arts and innovation for the Arcade. We are resetting the Arcade as it was originally intended in 1902 – with a 2020 twist," Williams says of the project. "We refer to this as the most emotional building in Dayton, because of the amount of memories that Daytonians have in the building and the integral role it played as Dayton's marketplace in the past. I hope to see the Arcade thriving again, along with other downtown businesses."

The first phase of the project, the South Arcade, encompasses approximately 500,000 square feet of space, including 100,000 square feet dedicated to The Hub, a joint venture between the University of Dayton and The Entrepreneurs Center. The South Arcade also will include 110 units of



low-income residential housing and market-rate space for artists and creative entrepreneurs, as well as two major event spaces, restaurants, and an art gallery. The second phase of the project, the North Arcade, will include a shared commercial kitchen program, a marketplace retail and restaurant environment, and micro-lofts or hospi-



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tality user space, Williams notes. Despite its age, Williams says the Arcade was structurally sound, but in need of some obvious renovations and upgrades. "The Arcade's structure was mostly well-intact but there were a lot of repairs that needed to be made. The exterior facades have been restored and transformed. We have renovated

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# Oakwood Teachers' Association addresses backto-school concerns, urges parents follow protocols

#### By Jay Lane Oakwood Teachers' Association President

In prior editions of *The Oakwood Register*, two editorials asked to hear from teachers. As president of the Oakwood Teachers' Association, I am writing this response on behalf of teachers in Oakwood schools. Since June, I have been meeting with our teachers via video conferences on a weekly basis to discuss elements of the plans for returning to work this fall. I believe all of us are experiencing some degree of anxiety or fear, some more significant than others. So, we are wrestling with what the right thing to do is, like everyone else.

We are experiencing a conflict of emotions because we know that opening the buildings and teaching our students face-to-face is better than online instruction, it provides a better structure for student learning, and it provides better support for students' mental and emotional health. On the other hand, many of us fall into the "high risk" category due to age, personal or family health conditions, or See OTA on page 29 ►

#### District delays school opening

To allow time for staff, students and community to be prepared as possible, Oakwood Schools is moving the start of the school year for all students, those who have selected Option 1 or Option 2, to Aug. 24.

District officials said moving the first day for students to Aug. 24 would not affect Holiday Break, Winter Break or Spring Break.
Student appointments and freshman orientation, originally planned for the week of Aug. 10, will be moved to the week of Aug.
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# To Anonymous who cowardly left a flyer in our door You have our sympathies. It must But you are correct about one thing: welcomed in Oakwood, and every-

be very disconcerting for you that hundreds of your Oakwood neighbors are displaying "Black Lives Matter" signs in their front yards. We are proud to join them.

No, we will not, as you admonish, Google "BLM" to discover that it is a ruse for socialism, communism and Marxism. Everyone should know by now you can find anything on the internet to validate what you already believe. Clearly, you have an extraordinarily paranoid view of us and our Oakwood BLM compatriots.

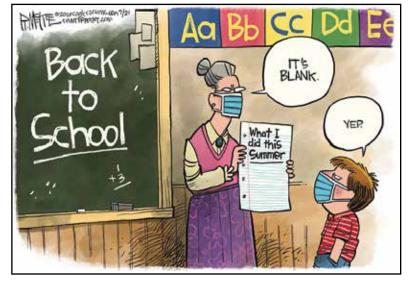
we are aiming at changing life as you know it. What we stand for is anti-racism, the abolishment of the systemic racism that has held Black people back economically, socially, and psychologically. That Black people die in disproportionate numbers from COVID-19 is no accident, but a tragic result of centuries of exclusion from real opportunity.

So, yes, it is our most fervent hope that life as we know it WILL change, and that our Black neighbors and friends will be increasingly genuinely

welcomed in Oakwood, and everywhere, to live fulfilling lives without fear and oppression. Because, you see, Black lives matter ALSO.

After all, does the Declaration of Independence not read "that all men are created equal" and are endowed with "certain unalienable Rights" among which "are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness"? These are the quintessential American ideals in which we believe.

Madeline Iseli and **Robb** Drumheller



# How are we making Oakwood racially welcoming?

As a participant in the "Bridging the Gap" march mentioned in last week's Register, I felt moved to add my thoughts to this paper's coverage of the event. The article stated that the march, which was intended to "highlight economic and racial divisions in the Dayton community" did "little to ease tensions.'

I believe the goal of this march was not to "ease tensions" but to highlight tensions, so that we can then take action to ease them.

How could a doctor "ease" your pain if she was never willing to look at that painful cut or bruise? Similarly, we will never have a racially welcoming Oakwood until we are willing to look at the racism that is regularly projected-overtly and covertly-from our city.

The article quoted event organizer Asia Gibbs, who expressed her perception of Oakwood as a place that is unsafe and unwelcoming to Black people. It then quoted a response from Police Chief Alan Hill, who said "racial profiling does not occur within the Oakwod Public Safety Department."

I'm glad our officers are certified in Bias Free Policing. But how do we reconcile this with the *feeling*, by many people of color, that they aren't safe in our community?

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And I'd have to disagree with Chief Hill that racial profiling doesn't happen in Oakwood. One small example... Several years ago we hired a babysitter from Colombia to watch our young children. One day she was stopped by Oakwood police for failing to stop at a red light. When the officer came to her window, he asked for her height and weight. She responded in meters and kilograms, as Colombia uses the metric system. He demanded to know her height in feet and inches and her weight in pounds. When she didn't know, he told her she was "in America now" and needed to know her height in feet and inches and her weight in pounds.

We didn't pursue a complaint against the officer. She paid her fine and we all moved on. Something I regret.

Yes, this is just one incident. But I can't imagine I have knowledge of the only time an Oakwood police officer racially discriminated against a person of color. (And yes, I'm calling this racial discrimination as I doubt she would have been harassed had she been from a mostly white European country that also uses the metric system.)

And while I'm angered by incidents like this, I don't think Asia's charge of Oakwood being a racially unwel-

coming city lies solely at the feet of the police. It's tempting to blame the police for all the racism in our city - and our country - but that's not the whole picture. And it's not honest, as it's an attempt to absolve ourselves from taking personal responsibility for creating a more welcoming community.

SoImustask, fellow Oakwoodians ... how are we taking personal responsibility for creating a racially welcoming Oakwood? Are we putting Black Lives Matter signs in our yards and calling it a day? Are we talking to our kids about racism? Are we showing up at rallies and marches to show support for the ideas of justice and equality that we say we believe in? Are we supporting Black-owned businesses with our dollars? Are we doing the hard internal work of uncovering our own racist conditioning?

I'm not here to blame or shame. I'm trying to do the work of creating a more racially just world for my kids and grandkids. It's hard and it's uncomfortable. And I often feel like I'm not doing it well.

But I must try.

Because if our city is perceived as unwelcoming to people of color ... well, that's on all of us.

Rose Lounsburv

#### Bridging the Gap on race

I read the lead article from the July 29, 2020 edition regarding "minorities not welcome in Oakwood" through a different lens than I might have even 6 months ago. Formerly an Oakwood resident for almost 50 years, I am always sensitive to comments about Oakwood or Dayton not being welcoming. And I definitely was made uncomfortable when reading this march "did little to ease tensions " due to the "charge" the City constantly profiles minorities.

This time however I read the article as a person who is increasingly aware of her white privilege and what it means to be always in the majority. Always considered normal. Never being treated differently just because of the color of my skin. I read this article and was dismayed by the defensive tone and annoyed at how little it said about the march and its intention of bridging the gap. I also attended the march last Saturday, and my perceptions and reflections are much different than the reporter's.

Yes, The Solution Movement's Executive Director and march organizer Ms. Asia Gibbs challenged the City on racial profiling. And probably as any activist seeking good trouble would do, her statements were fairly inflammatory and indeed uncomfortable to listen to and consider. But, this

was perhaps five minutes of conversation over two hours' time where 40-50 people gathered peacefully, marched from the corner of Stewart and Main up Brown Street and Oakwood Avenue, looped at Five Points and returned. We heard only affirmations and shout outs of thanks from passing motorists and pedestrians.

Most important to this gathering were all the comments not reported. Gibbs acknowledged the Oakwood and South Dayton suburbs for all the Black Lives Matters yard signs. She recognized the Black Lives Matters gathering in Oakwood earlier this summer. And, she asked the important question - why weren't more people gathering that day? What more were people doing to show up and address issues of racial inequality and injustice?

We did a roll call of systemic injustice - redlining, racial profiling, workplace discrimination, urban blight, food deserts, voter suppression, unequal education, mass incarceration, police brutality and more. These are the issues; these are the uncomfortable facts; these are the results of years and years of unfair and unequal treatment. This reality needs to be of concern to us all. Yes, we are complicit when we tolerate injustice.

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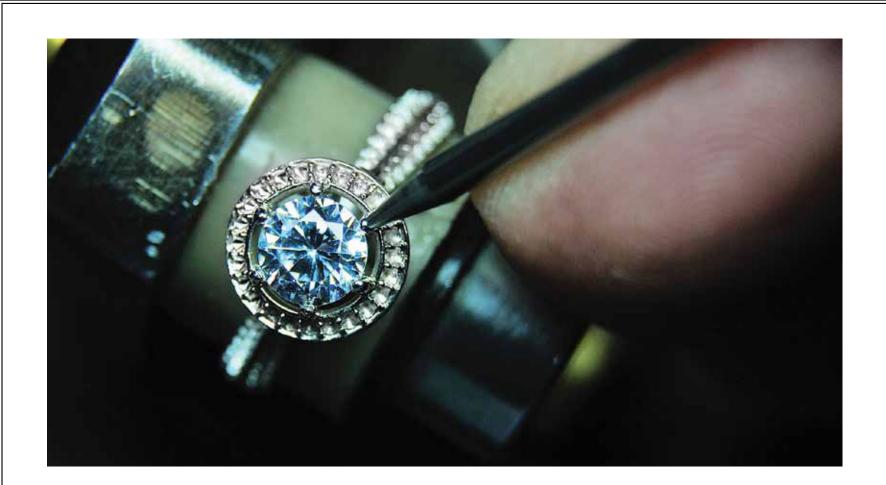
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# 'Round Town

# The Plaque Class

By Gary Mitchner

We knew it was not a good idea to park our car on Patterson Road, but our workers who were restoring the stucco needed to park in the driveway. Sure enough, someone plowed into the back of the Sequoia. No one was seriously hurt, I think, since they took the two passengers away in the ambulance for safety's sake. Officer Damian **Baggett** was on the scene and handled everything humanely and efficiently. Thanks, Officer.

This week we were able to visit with friends in the backvard, with masks and social distancing outdoors. Our friends, Joy and Mike Schwab came for some intellectual conversation, and Nolan Long and Nelson Harper, both musicians, talked about everything from bodily ailments to shrubs, but not music (though I did mention Wagner's Ring Cycle in Seattle.)

Having a good neighbor like Jen Copus who brings us blueberry and lemon cake, rhubarb custard, and waters our tomatoes (plus other favors) makes this sheltering-at-home more enjoyable. She even allowed me to take over a few items for her garage sale this past weekend. During that time, I also participated in a "I Love West Dayton" clean-up of South Roosevelt Memorial Park with Oakwood High School's UniDay Club members Amea Bretz and Sara Joly and members of Dayton Leadership Academies, Tess Asinjo and Tess Patton. I mostly clipped away invasive honeysuckle. Everyone wore masks! The young boy on his miniature John Deere had the best job, though.

This summer I have been "face timing" with a U.D. graduate student from India - Badri Krishnamoorthy Naravanan Venkataramani. He visited on Sunday.



I know that we are currently in what has been called "Cancel Culture" - how ironic that all my "culture vulture" activities have been cancelled and that "the plague class" has become all of us, though in reading Lawrence Wright in The New Yorker on how pandemics across history have wreaked havoc but also opened minds. I am sure that you have also heard this time

called "The King Lear" period but Wright has many different classes in mind: The Middle Ages and the Black Death leading to the Renaissance. The Influenza Epidemic, AIDS, 1918 Spanish Flu, the Bubonic plague -all were followed by needed changes and important innovations. So let's abide by John Lewis' hope and move forward.

## Becker graduates cum laude from Auburn

Oakwood class of 2016 graduate ed cum laude from the College of Katharine 'Katie' Becker graduat-Human Sciences at Auburn University

in May. Becker was included on the dean's list for four semesters.

Boulevard band will resume performances Aug. 16

Oakwood's "quarantet," Six Feet Apart, is taking a week off from giving mini-concerts.

The next performance will be at p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16, at the intersection of Shafor Boulevard

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# Girl Scout Award



Lillian Rich, an incoming eighth-grader at Oakwood Junior High School, she earned her Silver Award, which is the highest honor a Girl Scout Cadette can obtain. Rich volunteered over 50 hours organizing and sewing 74 face masks for the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association and St. Vincent's DePaul. Rich has been a Girl Scout since kindergarten and is part of Girl Scout Troop 40624.

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# Obituary

#### Marian Dorsey Crawford

age 99, passed away on July 28 at Village on the Green Nursing Home in Longwood, Florida. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio and was a longtime resident of Oakwood and Orlando, Florida. Marian was a graduate of Denison University, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was a member of the Junior League of Dayton, the First Regular Baptist Church, the Dayton Woman's Club, Dayton Country Club, and the Bay Hill Club of Orlando. Marian was preceded in death by her loving husband of 59 years, Charles 'Bud' Shafor Crawford. She is survived by two children: Barbara Crawford Harding (Dr. Warren G. III) of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Charles Shafor Crawford of Orlando. She was grandmother to Warren Harding IV, James Harding, Andrew Harding, Charles Crawford, and Michael Crawford. Great grandchildren include Warren Harding V, Matthew Harding, Claire Harding, Mackenzie Harding, and Crawford Harding. Donations may be directed to Denison University.

# Baseball, softball registration opens at Patterson Park, player evaluations are slated for Aug. 17-19

Patterson Park Youth Baseball and Softball, located just east of the University of Dayton campus, is accepting registrations for 2020 Fall Baseball and Softball season.

League age is as of April 30. All registered players will be placed on teams. Skill evaluations for players 9-11 years of age will be held at 7 p.m.

Aug. 19 at the Lower Fields at 1013 Irving Ave. Skill evaluations for players 12-13 years of age will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Upper Fields at 824 Jesse St. Skill evaluations for 14-18 year old players will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Upper Fields. Softball skill evaluations for ages 9-13 will be Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Upper Fields. Games will run through Oct. 12. Players may request to be placed on a team with up to four friends. PPYB will be following state and local public health guidelines to minimize risk to players. For more information and registration materials visit www.pattersonparkbaseball.com or call Jim Murphy at (937) 298-8473.

# Library hosts Tiger-iffic exhibit

Wright Memorial Public Library invites young readers to join in a special event inspired by Tiger! Tiger!, a conservation-themed panel exhibit on display now. The panels are on display in the library through Aug. 19. Pickup supply packs for the craft at the library's curbside pickup. Visit wrightlibrary.org for hours and to view the exhibit online.

Detail from the Paly Foundation Tiger! Tiger! exhibit on display at Wright Library through Aug. 19.



It's not too late to count your summer reading



Didn't register yet? No problem. Just visit **wrightlibrary.org/src** to register and turn in your reading estimates based on the books you've read or listened to this summer. The last day to turn in reading is Aug. 8. Prizes must be claimed by Aug. 15.

Kids birth to age 18 earn books of their very own to keep. Adults are entered into a prize drawing.

Coming soon ... Wright Memorial Public Library's virtual programs continue into the fall. The Far Hills Speaker Series kicks off on Aug. 23. Visit wrightlibrary.org/calendar for a full list of upcoming programs.

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built for automobile magnate Henry a Ford II in 1960 is arguably the resort region's most expensive summer get-

away, recently valued at \$175 million. Located on Jule Pond in Southampton and boasting the largest

ocean frontage in the celebrity-infused Hamptons, when it went on the mar-See **Ford** on page 9 ►



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► **Ford** from page 8 ket in 2018 it was listed as the most expensive home in New York state.

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Henry Ford was the grandson of the famous automaker and was responsible for reviving the failing company

in the late 1950s and growing it into far-reaching international markets. Towards the end of the 19th century when rail lines opened the connection between the Hamptons and New York City, the monied class began flooding

the Hamptons' villages and beaches in the summer months. Every year, See **Ford** on page 10 ►



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#### Ford from page 9

more of America's elite celebrities, business leaders and families made the Hamptons their home from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The grand event in the summer of 1940 was the marriage of Henry Ford II, the eldest son of Edsel Ford and eldest grandson of Henry Ford, to Southampton socialite Anne McDonnell.

Along with the Hamptons' ideal beaches and growing reputation as the summer place to be seen, the wealthy began building their trophy vacation homes here - sometimes nicer than their main residence. The Fords would

soon have their own summer home, one of the original Victorian homes on the island - Halcyon Lodge. In 1951, they commissioned Modernist architect Philip Johnson, famous for his Glass House in Connecticut and the Seagram Building in Manhattan, to add a contemporary glass addition to traditional Halcyon. It was quite possibly the most extreme example of home-design yin and yang in North America.

By the late 1950s, the Fords decided to build a larger home on 235 Southampton acres, which they named Fordune, that was completed

in 1960. After their divorce in 1964, sections of the Fordune acreage were sold off, reducing the estate's size to 42 acres.

With nearly a quarter mile of Atlantic Ocean frontage - 1,286 linear feet of ocean front, to be exact and access to three ponds and Mecox Bay, Fordune underwent a major renovation in 2008. Now known as Jule Pond, great care was taken to preserve Fordune's exceptional original details such as distinctive ceilings with moldings and traditional chandeliers, Italian marble fireplaces, French parquet floors, and antique bathroom fixtures, most of which were imported from Europe.

Entering through a gated entrance down the long, tree-lined driveway, the white stucco mansion of approximately 20,000 square feet was intentionally designed with a modest entrance so that the interior elegance and layout would delightfully surprise visitors.

From the dramatic foyer with its sweeping staircase, the view ahead takes in the southern view of the grounds. There are three wings - one with a chef's kitchen, the next a library and the third and longest wing includes staff and guest rooms with an outside entrance. There are 12 bedrooms and 12 baths, a 48-foot living room, an outdoor kitchen, 20-foot pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, spa, greenhouse, a carriage house and four-car garage facing the servant's quarters.

Today, Southampton is one of the wealthiest zip codes in the country and attracts what's left of old money as well as celebrities from actors to designers, writers, musicians, Wall Street wizards and more. Celebrity residents include Jimmy Buffett (a long way from Margaritaville), Paul Simon, Jerry Seinfeld, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jon Bon Jovi and Steven Spielberg.





#### Keeping an eye on the neighbors: Hampton home has observation tower

owned by self-described "surfer girl" Christie Brinkley, Tower Hill is named in 1891. With commanding views of

One of two Hampton homes once for the century-old observation tower the surrounding land and seascape, that was built as part of the main house Tower Hill is sited on more than 20 private open and wooded acres.

The three-story traditional main ist's studio add another five bedrooms house has four bedrooms and five and seven baths totaling 11,000 square baths, while the guest house and art-

and seven baths totaling 11,000 square See **Tower** on page 12 ▶

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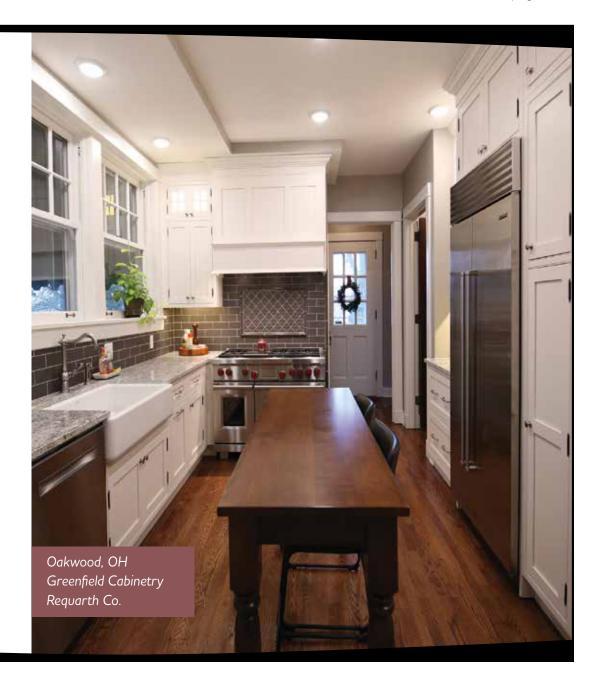
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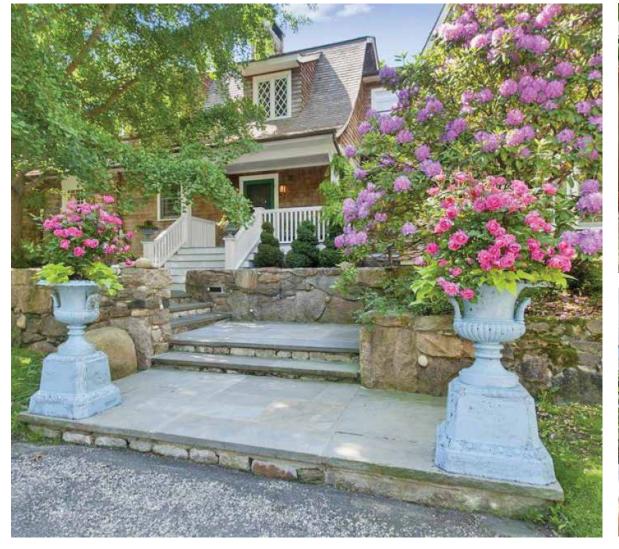
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► **Tower** from page 11 feet of living space. Amenities include a large country kitchen and family room, gym, office, four fireplaces, multiple stone terraces and a four-car, heated garage. Grounds with rolling lawns, flower and organic vegetable gardens and walking trails also include a tennis court, pond and heated swimming pool.

The home was totally restored in

1998 by Brinkley and then husband architect Peter Cook. Since the acreage is 200 feet above sea level, from the observation tower, visitors to the tower can see the Atlantic Ocean, the south shore of Connecticut, Gardiner's Island, and the North Fork Peninsula. See **Tower** on page 21 ►





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# The 'new normal': How local businesses are coping with the coronavirus pandemic

The coronavirus pandemic is being felt not just at hospitals, but in everyday businesses across the Miami Valley. To see how local small shopkeepers are coping with the "new normal" of social distancing, customer capacity limitations and face masks requirements, The Oakwood Register surveyed a range of local business owners across the economic spectrum, from restaurants to toy stores and florists to fashion boutiques.

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In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? The biggest change has been the need to limit the class size to allow for social distancing. We have also had to trim many of the class times from 75min to 60min in order to give the instructors time to clean and sanitize between classes.

Have you found new ways of doing business?

One of the new things we have done is to offer online classes both prerecorded for on-demand viewing and live classes through our software provider. These have allowed students to practice at home if they don't feel comfortable coming into the studio. It's turned out to be a good option for students who may simply not have the time to drive in or want to stay in that day.

What has been your biggest challenge during this time? One of the biggest struggles is as parents, with the schools closed it means our kids have needed extra attention from us at the same time as we've been working twice as hard to keep the business going. Having a four year old and no daycare has been especially challenging! What would you like to say to your customers and the community? Thank you for your patience and understanding as we are working with new technology! Online classes are

such a great option to practice but are dependent on lots of little things all working. We're currently investing in a major upgrade to increase reliability and add more classes so please stay tuned! And as always thank you for allowing us to share in this practice together.

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Have you found new ways of doing business?

For customers that aren't ready to shop inside, curbside pickup, delivery or shipping is available. We can work by phone and or email to help select the perfect something! Just a reminder that we are cleaning, sanitizing, and requiring masks, doing the best for our customer safety, and ours!

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? Get Dressed is grateful for all of our customer support. A "Big" thank you to all of you that shop with us, you are amazing!

#### **RE/MAX Ultimate**

Allison Adams, Creative Director 2331 Far Hills Ave. (937) 266-8223 allison@christinagentry.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? Besides the implementation of additional safety precautions like

hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, and more, much of the home buying and selling process has remained the same thanks to the power of technology. For years, when a client has been out of state or country, we've been able to guide them through the process with the help of technology. Consultations can take place via Zoom, virtual tours are available for those who are not comfortable visiting homes in person, and documents are able to be signed electronically from your phone or computer. For nearly every step of the process, there is a virtual option to make things easier for the client.

Have you found new ways of doing business?

It has been less about finding "new ways to do business" and more about utilizing and appreciating the technology we have been using for years! Social media has been a great way to stay connected with clients and share the latest info on what's happening in the Miami Valley real estate market.

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What would you like to say to your customers and the community? The Dayton real estate market is still moving! In June, the solds, volume, and median price increased, and for the first time in the Dayton region's history, the average sale price climbed over \$200,000. As a business located in the heart of the Shops of Oakwood, it has been wonderful to see our community still safely supporting the amazing local businesses here!

#### Jaffe Jewelers Larry Jaffe 2419 Far Hills Ave. (937) 461-9450 infor@jaffejewelry.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? We are now offering curbside pick-up, home delivery, shipping items and selling items thru face time or video calls.

Have you found new ways of doing business?

We have been cleaning our store several times a day and staying connected thru social media. We have also placed hand sanitizer thru out the store.

What has been your biggest challenge during this time? The worst part was waiting months for our new store to be ready only to have the lock down keeping us from opening the doors.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? Our owner is a third generation jeweler who grew up in North Dayton and has been in business for 41 years. We are happy to be a part of the Oakwood community. Everyone has been very kind and supportive.

Siebenthaler's Garden Center Laura K. Siebenthaler Fanning 6000 Far Hills Ave. (937) 434-1326 lauriefanning@siebenthaler.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? We simply can't 'social distance' with lot of customers in the store. Seems rather odd to us to be discouraging lots of customers!

Have you found new ways of doing business?

We have never before offered curbside services and we are beefing up our online shopping so our customers can shop in the comfort of their home. We are also emphasizing the idea that we offer fresh air shopping and outside checkout, so people don't need to be in any confined spaces.

What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

Coming up with a system that keeps customers content and happy with us. There are so many definite ideas 'out there' about wearing masks, not wearing masks it is hard to keep people happy and safe.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? Thank You! Thank you for your support of Siebenthaler's and small business in general. I know the community is trying hard to keep so many local businesses strong and the efforts are truly appreciated! Hanson Audio Greg Hanson 3140 Far Hills Ave. (937) 304-4924 Greg.Hanson@hansonav.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? The obvious steps of masks, sanitation, safe distancing etc. We've added on-line sales capabilities along with pickup and delivery options for our basic TV and Hi-Fi equipment sales. Our on-site visits require additional planning to communicate and be assured that collectively we maintain a safe and secure environment for our customers along with our employee team members so there is an understanding of how this is to be done prior to the visit. We have been also been doing a lot of Zoom meetings as a way of doing business during this time as well.

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Yes, more on-line and curb side services early on but we are slowly returning to our normal environment based on the current safety guidelines. We work with home builders, remodel firms and multiple trade personnel on job sites and have been coordinating those efforts to remain safe and reduce possible conflicts. We are following most of our proved practices already in place prior to COVID-19 but added additional emphasis to them along with improved sanitation, coordination and communication to assure max safety when doing our work. We've done email communication to our customers along with social media utilizing Facebook, Instagram etc. along with personal outreach to many of our existing and pending customers.

# What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

Making sure our team members and their families are getting through this with minimal disruption financially. We have continued to keep all employees employed and to pay all employees their full pay regardless of stay-at-home, day care issues, and any health issues that could potentially be impacted by the virus causing someone to stay home. These are factors that hurt financially, but is the right thing to do for our team and the long term health of our business.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? We're here for you. With more at home time it's more important than ever to keep the family engaged and happy. Hanson can help by improving your home environment in a safe, secure manner during this crisis. Our improvements for whole house internet access to work at home, school from home and the multiple elements of home entertainment (gaming, TV, movies, music, golf simulators, etc.), home automation (security, lighting, blinds, etc.) and outdoor entertainment (music, tv) are just a few of the things we can do to make your time at home much more enjoyable.

Shafer Design John Shafer (937) 603-9504 john@shaferdesign.net

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? A large part of my design/build process is getting to know my clients and building strong relationships with them. Reviewing design ideas, material selection, budgets, and the construction process is typically done in face-to-face meetings to develop this relationship. Since that is not as easy anymore, I am currently doing distanced meetings outdoors with the help of screenshare technology to share sketches and documents with clients. This can be used throughout the design and construction process from start to finish.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

Typically, 95 percent of my new business comes from referrals from past clients, so now we are transitioning to having more of an online presence to reach new customers when in-person meetings are challenging.

# What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

Talking through design challenges and solutions with clients is a large part of the design process. Wearing a mask often makes it difficult to read people's facial expressions and can become a bit of a barrier for communication. So we are working on creative ways to maintain this process with our clients in safe ways.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? Many people are spending more time in their kitchens now in new ways. We are here to help make changes to their spaces to be more functional, comfortable, and beautiful. I want to assure my clients and my community that my team and I will be there for them, with safety as a top priority, from start to finish of their project. We are here to help homeowners realize their dreams.



Figlio's Peter & Laurie Danis 424 East Stroop Rd. (937) 534-0494 peter@figliopizza.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? The entire world has changed. We decided early on that the only way to survive would be to adapt to "the new normal" as quickly as possible with an emphasis on the safety of our staff and our guests. Our comprehensive health and safety plan carefully follows all state orders and public health directives. Masks, gloves, hand sanitizing, social distancing of tables, reduction in seating, contactless curbside carryout. We have gone above and beyond the requirements and as a result it allows us to sleep at night knowing that we are doing everything we can do to keep people safe and allow them to continue to have Figlio in their lives.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

We have found a "we're all in this together" spirit pervasive in the community. (I think that has always been part of the culture in Dayton.) As such, our Landlord has given us the exclusive right to use parking spaces in front of our restaurant to make carryout more convenient and safe for our guests. Everyone is trying to do their part to allow us to succeed! Carryout sales have been the lifeline for our business. To show our appreciation to our guests, we have reduced prices on carryout bottles of wine and cocktails that are sold with our pizza and pasta. (Plus the little bottles that the cocktails are sold in are just so darn cute!)

# What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

Staying positive is a daily struggle. But we've taken the position that it doesn't do anyone any good to complain about where we are as a country or a community. So we do what we do best - try to give our guests a reprieve while enjoying a nice meal in our restaurant or in their own dining rooms until such time and we can see everyone mingling, laughing and smiling once again.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? Laurie and I would like to thank our guests who have returned to dine at Figlio! And to those who we miss, please consider stopping by for curbside carryout. That Chicken Diablo tastes just as good in your dining room as it does in ours! Your support over the next few months will be critical to those restaurants who you would like to keep viable until a solution (read: vaccine!) is found. Hang in there folks!

#### **Stephens Insurance**

Rob Stephens 31 Park Ave. (937) 293-6760 rob@stephensinsuranceagency.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? We haven't had to change much physically in the office. We have space to social distance and we simply wear masks when customers visit our office. We have continued to work at the office and never had to work from home as we were deemed essential from the beginning.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

We continue to stay in contact with our clients via phone, email, and social media. We have also not changed office hours or restricted visitors.

What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

It can be difficult at times to not work with a client one on one, however, we simply process transactions over the phone or electronically. We also miss having our company reps visit along with occasional visits from our very important customer base.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? We are still here for you and hope to see you here in our office as soon as you feel comfortable getting out in the community. We continue to assist our clients with their insurance needs. We will also hold an Open House for our new office located at 51 Park Ave in Oakwood as soon as it becomes acceptable to do so.

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#### Space Three Lindsey Deck 39 South St. Clair St. (702) 493-2487 spacethreedayton@gmail.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? Space Three is a boutique fitness studio located in downtown Dayton. Back in March we were forced to close down during the stay at home orders. During that time we adjusted our business model to offer online fitness programming through a private group of Facebook. It wasn't exactly what we had planned for our first year in business, but it was actually really great because we continued to stay connected virtually while being physically apart. In June we were permitted to reopen and have been back in business since. We have a reduced number of classes in order to accommodate adequate sanitization between classes and we've also reduced our class size by about 50% in order to ensure adequate social distancing. We also require masks anytime when not actively exercising. Business looks different but we are managing.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

I already mentioned some of things we've done to "pivot" during this time. In addition we created a custom "Stronger Together" t-shirt campaign. Proceeds from those sales went to our ongoing operating expenses that did not go away during our closure. We also offered sales on our retail offerings. Both of those were well received. We have a really supportive community. We've also been very fortunate to benefit from all of the efforts of the Downtown Dayton Partnership. They have run two successful gift card programs, directly benefitting downtown businesses and have also organized a grant program that has been immensely helpful to many of us.

# What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

Our closure for 2.5 months after only having been open since November 2019 was the hardest part. We really had to get creative in order to pay our bills. We did this by offering online classes, t-shirt and retail sales. We're fortunate those efforts, along with the DDP's initiatives, helped us get by. Now our struggle is trying to get back to where we were pre-COVID. While we have an incredibly loyal and supportive clientele base, not everyone feels comfortable coming back into an indoor facility for exercise. So we're working hard to follow all of the guidelines to ensure our space is safe for everyone.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? Thank You! Honestly from the bottom of our hearts. We've been so honored that so many of our clients have stuck by us even as we navigated the ins and outs of virtual workouts and modifying our schedules. It's been such a joy to see so many return to the studio. For a lot of us, working out is our "me time" and that's become even more important during these past few months when it seems like we don't get very much time for ourselves.

#### Blue Turtle Toys

Cathy Tapogna 2314 Far Hills Ave. (937) 294-6900 blueturtletoys@yahoo.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? We had an e-commerce site in place before the shutdown happened but not all the products were listed. During the shutdown, I added most of our in-stock products and promoted the site via weekly email blasts, frequent Facebook posts and a large banner in the front window. I provided curbside pick-up and shipping during the 8-weeks closure.

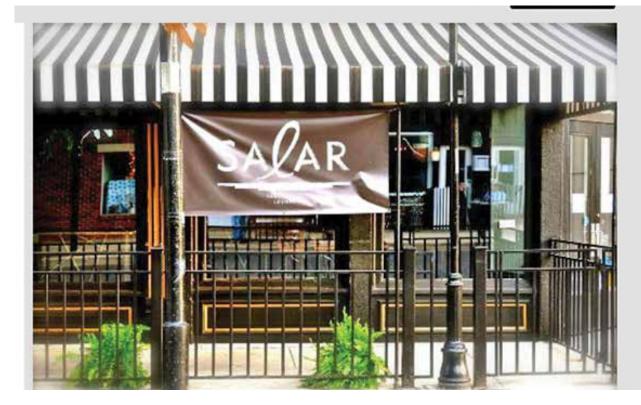
# Have you found new ways of doing business?

Currently customers are continuing to use the e-commerce site to shop online and pick-up in the store or to limit their time in the store. In addition, there have been more phone sales from people who are still not comfortable leaving their home. Adding Instagram posts has helped

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and we currently have a TV spot running. Many thanks to the UPS store for providing the highly visible "We are Open" signs.

# What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

Sales are still down about 30% overall and sales aren't strong enough to support bringing employees back, so one of the struggles is working the sales floor in addition to all the ordering, receiving, marketing and accounting. It seems like there is not enough time to do everything.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? I feel the local community has rallied around the small businesses and want us to succeed. I truly appreciate all the wonderful customers who have come in, ordered online or over the phone and have kept Blue Turtle Toys afloat during this challenging time. Thank You! I don't want this store to be another victim of Covid-19 and will work the best I can to get through this.

#### The Little Exchange Cathy Brown

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In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? The immediate concern was to reduce expenses. Our shop was shut down for 2 months and we are still only open limited hours. We are fortunate to have strong partnerships with the brands we do business with and they were very willing to work with us on shifting orders around and offering us buying incentives. We also are a shop run by 85 volunteers, along with 2 paid employees. Many of our volunteers take care of their elderly parents or have health issues themselves. Until the virus has passed or a vac-

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cine, around 20% of our volunteers had to, understandably, take a leave of absence.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

We used the time that our shop was shut down to redo our website to make it more user friendly for our customers to shop. We had that on our to do list for awhile, so if you are looking for silver linings during a pandemic, this was one of them! We also greatly expanded our social media platform to include Facebook, Instagram, as well as trying to connect with our customer through videos about future promotions and new products. We now do at least 5 posts a week to keep The Little Exchange in the public eye. We also continue to offer curbside pickup and free delivery within certain zip codes, as well as FaceTiming if a customer wants to shop without coming in the shop.

# What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

Aside from trying to recover from the loss of sales during the months we were not open, it's the unknown. No one really knows when things will return to "normal", but we must continue to plan and strategize for the fall season, and especially Christmas!

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? The Little Exchange has been in business for 70 years. We are fortunate to have served loyal customers spanning 3 generations. We are a non-profit shop with all of our proceeds benefiting Dayton Children's Hospital, and more specifically, their Family Resource Connection. Their mission is to screen patient families for unmet social needs like food and housing and connect them to community resources. These uncertain times have made that mission even more important. We are so grateful that our customers continue to support us and

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in a larger sense, the children in our community.

#### Wild Poppy Lisa Nueslein 2426 Far Hills Ave. (937) 298-6078

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What would you like to say to your customers and the community? We would just like to say to the community thank you for your continued support!

#### **Tropical Smoothie Café**

Chris Becker 2307 Far Hills Ave. (937) 395-3525 smoothiedude@att.net

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? Our Tropical Smoothie Cafe must first thank our loyal customers who come back often and refer us to their friends. Although operating in an environment that welcomes our guests in a traditional manner has changed, I have found by allowing customers to call ahead, recommend the use of the APP and curbside service have all attributed to what I believe is a mutually satisfying food experience.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

The other Tropical Smoothie Cafe owners and I got together (via Zoom) and decided to aggressively use our cooperative advertising pooled funds for the benefit of all locations. Governor DeWine designated businesses like the "Trop" as essential. We bought more airtime and used digital marketing to let people know about curbside and call ahead options. I was reminded of an article I read in school which addressed why W.W. Wrigley advertised during World War II, even though they could not

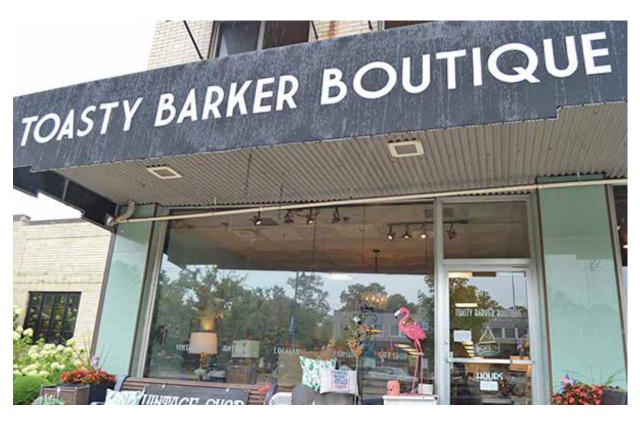
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get what was needed to make gum because of war shortages, they knew the war would eventually end and they wanted to keep the brand in their customers mind.

What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

When the pandemic was first announced. I saw our sales drop by 2/3rds daily. The day "crew" and I had a meeting and I told them I would try to maintain everyone's hours, but, I had had a number in my head of how much in losses I was going to incur before we shut things down. I applied to Huntington Bank for PPP money, but they must have been overwhelmed because they never returned my calls or emails and I was worried I was going to quickly approach my threshold of financial pain. As our customers started to venture out from sheltering-in-place, the business started to come back. We miss our UD students and the summer relationships we had with UD Volleyball and Men's & Women's Basketball and hope to rekindle those relationship once again.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? I am thankful for my crew, our community and God's grace for making us survivors.

Lula Bell Art and Designs Amy Gantt 23 Park Ave. (937) 294-3000 amy@lulabellart.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? At Lula Bell we have made several changes including: Curbside Pick-Up, Virtual Shopping for customers who want to shop from home, Private Shopping times by appointment and free shipping on greeting cards. We frequently clean and sanitize, hand sanitizer is available at the front door and check out and masks are worn by staff and customers. Our adjusted hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Have you found new ways of doing business?

We are holding Art Classes outside on the front lawn of the city building to ensure social distancing and still have fun art classes. We also offer take home art projects. We are inviting local artist to exhibit their art in our shop with a visiting artist display. The Visiting Artist will display and have their art for sale for two weeks in our shop starting in August. With many of the art shows being cancelled, it's our way to support our local artists. We also have lots of window shopping for customers. They can call or email if they want to purchase something from our window. We ship daily! We have also done a few collaborating specials and activities with Ashley's Pastry Shop. We love to collaborate with other businesses. We continue to offer our cards and products on our website. We offer free shipping on all greeting cards online. We share what's new through Facebook, Instagram and email updates (you can sign up on our website).

What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

Honestly, it's been a roller coaster ride, as for all of us. I remind my staff to respect that everyone is coming from a different place as far as comfort level being out and about. I believe together we will get through this.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? We are so grateful for our customers who continue to support us and the local shops. We are here, we are open with our top priority being the safety and health of our community.

**Jimmie's Ladder 11** Sue Brandell 936 Brown St. (937) 424-1784 suebrandell@gmail.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? We added online ordering so our customers can place their Carryout or Curbside Pick-up and pay with a touch-less payment source. Socially distanced all tables and bar stools. We have had to bring in a lot of new faces employee wise since some of our former staff was unable to return to work since they had immune compromised family members or had to take on bigger loads at their other jobs.

Have you found new ways of doing business?

Online ordering, offering electronic food and bar menus from QR codes on our tables. Collaborations with Warped Wing, Pizza Bandit and Belle of Dayton to cross promote each other and help build the downtown business community. Curbside Carryout has been a great way of doing carryout business, it allows our customers to receive their food without getting out of their car. It is a great resource for the immune compromised and those not comfortable with going out yet. We also offer online gift cards, shirts, beer and wine to go.

What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

Our biggest challenge is the same that everyone else who owns a business downtown has had to face, reopening for in person business. With business being uncertain it makes it hard to forecast how much labor and inventory we will need. But things seem to be trending in a good direction.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? We would like to thank our customers for their continued support.

#### **Toasty Barker**

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In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? We had to cut all overhead costs as much as possible. Reduce staff, cancel any new inventory orders...etc...

Have you found new ways of doing business?

When we were closed, we switched our focus to online only sales. We sell through our Etsy shop online, through Facebook and Instagram. We use social media daily, keeping our customers updated of any changes. The biggest and most exciting change for the shop is coming later this year. We are buying the old Treasure Barn property on Dorothy Lane in Kettering. The shop will remain in our Oakwood location through Dec 31st, then we will move to the new location in January. While we will miss being in Oakwood, this change is very exciting for us! This gives us room to grow.

What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

It has been very humbling to not be able to plan for anything. Also, the fear of not knowing if our shop would survive the shutdown.

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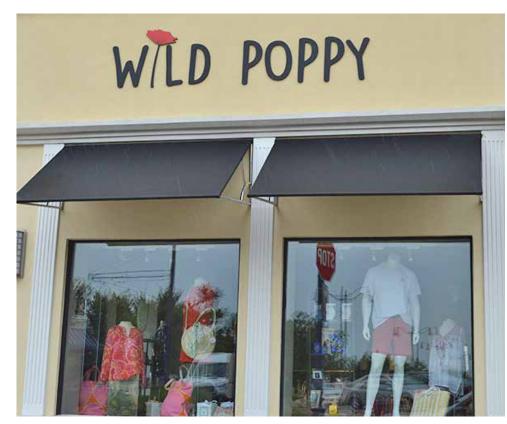
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Carlyle House Bryan Nelson 3490 Far Hills Ave. (937) 293-3490 bnelson@carlylehouseassistedliving. com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? Well, being in Healthcare and taking care of the people who are the most vulnerable to COVID-19 we have had to make many adjustments within our community. We have been taking temperatures at least twice a day on everyone who works or lives here; daily assessments and questionnaires are completed; masks must be worn at all times; everyone social distances; all surface areas are sanitized several times a day; outside visitations only, outside business partners and special entertainment are not allowed into the community; all deliveries have to be dropped outside of the building and inspected; these are just a few items we have had to adjust.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

We have continued to market in the same way, but are not allowed to have tours or people come through our community unless it is a medical need for one of our residents. We are giving virtual tours through FaceTime or other apps to give prospective families an idea of how our community looks and feels. However, this is not the same as having an actual tour. Unfortunately, at this time we are very limited in collaborating with other business.

# What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

There have been many challenges, but I would say the most important issue we are faced with everyday all day is keeping our residents and staff safe and spirits up. What would you like to say to your customers and the community? We would like thank our families and the community for their understanding of the issues we are facing daily to keep everyone safe. We understand their frustrations and wanting to get life back to normal, but appreciate all of the support you have given our community.

#### Eye 1

David Brown 2319 Far Hills Ave. (937) 294-1010 eye1unique@aol.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? We have implemented many new safety procedures. Each day we sanitize and clean all surfaces, front door, etc., after each customer. We are concerned for your safety and the safety of our staff. We strive to keep up with the latest safety protocols.



Have you found new ways of doing business?

We have invested in state of the art UV sanitizing equipment to sanitize all eyewear that is handled by all customers. We will be installing electrostatic spraying equipment to be used during the day with a virus kill rate of 99 percent. We offer private appointments, special hours, pick-up and delivery. We continue to bring in the best and finest eyewear from around the world. At this point in time we utilize Zoom type of meetings to view the newest and best styles for our customers.

#### Salar Restaurant and Lounge Brandi Perrine 400 East 5<sup>th</sup> St. (937) 203-3999

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In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? We've definitely had to shift focus while also downsizing dramatically. Our capacity has gone down by about half so the amount of guests

We offer our guests a beautiful atmosphere, with delicious food and amazing service

we can accommodate on a given night is much less. We've also had to shift our focus from dine-in to carry-out, which we had never really done. Our goal is always to give our guests the best possible experience and to create something special for them. So we're doing our best to make that "something special" carry-out friendly.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

We are offering carry out and delivery on a number of platforms, which is much different for us. We are offering family style meals and packages so guests can hopefully start to enjoy some normalcy in the comfort of their own home. We've also been looking at ways that we could start doing some of our more popular events, such as our monthly Wine Dinners, again. We know everyone is longing to return to a time before COVID, and we want to help facilitate that in the safest and smartest way possible.





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What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

Our biggest struggle during this time is just how shaken up everything has been. From the menu to staffing to slow nights, everything seems to be changing on a daily basis and it's just so hard to keep up with it. Salar has a fairly small staff that we want to make sure is taken care of, that's our number 1 priority. But when you go from a busy day to a slow day to a busy day and back it makes it hard to plan for the next week, let alone the next month or year. The uncertainty of it all has been hard.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? To the customers in our community,

in the Oregon District and beyond, to our regulars that came in immediately when we opened, to the new guests we have welcomed since reopening in May, we can't thank you enough! Of course, every day is new and some days are a struggle, but having guests dine with us and allowing us to share the Salar experience with them is all we ever wanted. Chef Margot always says she loves to spoil her guests because they are family.

Wheat Penny Oven and Bar Liz Valenti 515 Wayne Ave.

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In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? The immediate pivot to carry out was one of the biggest ways. Traditionally we've only done less than 5 percent in carry out sales so this was a huge shift as overnight it became 100%. We had to rework the menu to make sure it would carry out well. After our initial layoff we only had a Skeleton crew so cross training was imperative and streamline our internal communication to focus on clarity and urgency. We also had to really up our contact with our customers via social media to let them know what we're doing in terms of safety but also to the commitment of the quality

of our food. We've had to really be creative with any opportunities to drive business and actively partner with various organizations such as the Downtown Dayton Partnership for the "Open Downtown" campaign and the pop-up patio program. We've also aligned ourselves closely to the Ohio Restaurant Association to stay on top of guidelines regarding sanitation standards, carry out liquor sales and the PPP.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

We looked at technology resources like touchless payment, on-line ordering and third party delivery to maximize sales. We're more connected that ever with independent restaurant owners. A true "we're in this together" has evolved. New services- as mentioned above, the opportunity to offer carry out cocktails has been great for us as we have a phenomenal bar program. Our customers love to still be able to enjoy a cocktail at home if they are not comfortable dining out. Keeping connected- we've really increased our communication via social media and news outlets to ensure our customers feel comfortable with our safety protocol but moreover, we miss our customers so we wanted to let them know we're here for them!

What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

Initial layoff of the majority of our staff was heart breaking for us. We were completely committed to helping them navigate their unemployment, health insurance and we even provided weekly family meals. It's been so nice to bring much of our staff back.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? We love you Dayton and we're here for you!

Leeli + Lou

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In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? We were closed for two months during the mandate. We created a visual boutique in our window so that people could see our products while on walks. Dedicating more emphasis on our Instagram to show style and fit. We also made Easter Baskets for delivery in the Dayton Area. By Mother's Day we offered last minute gift ideas, curbside and shopping by appointments.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

Our Insta sales were helpful during the mandate along with curbside and appointments. We continue to reach various areas of Dayton with our Leeli + Lou Ambassadors. Using social distancing during photo shoots. We have also partnered with our neighboring shops to have a sidewalk sale. We are in touch with Wild Poppy for planned events.

What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

The inability to connect with our customers during the closure. We so miss seeing our customers in person-our regulars as well as the new people in for the first time. Shopping needs have also varied during COVID. We will continue to meet our customers' needs during this time until we are back to our school days, work days, travelling and social events. It has also been more difficult to get inventory due to some loss of production.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? We just love being back open and seeing everyone. We have felt the support and the concern from our Leeli + Lou customers. We are truly appreciative!

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# Focus on Small Business

to adjust/change due to the virus? We have been taking every precaution possible while meeting with clients and showing homes. Things like masks, hand sanitizer and zoom meetings or facetime are quickly becoming our new norm. We are thankful that real estate was considered an essential business so the market has remained steady; even strong.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

In order to adapt, we've created digital versions of both our buyer and seller presentations so that clients can walk through it on their own from the safety of their own home. We use DotLoop which allows clients to sign all paperwork digitally. DotLoop is something we've been using for a few years, but we now have a renewed appreciation for it. We also offer 3D tours on all of our listings and the number of "virtual showings" has increased greatly. We stay connected to our community mainly through social media and other local advertising partnerships, like with The Oakwood Register.

# What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

Real estate is an extremely social field so it's been hard not being able to socialize as we normally would including as a team, with fellow Realtors, and with clients, friends and family. Throughout the past few months, the market has remained strong which has created a few struggles of its own. When a new listing hits the market, most of the time overlapping showings are not allowed, so it can be difficult to get a showing before the property goes pending; you have to be quick!

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? Hang in there. Stay safe. We're all in this together and we wish you well.

#### Walnut Creek Senior Living Campus Stephanie Miller

5070 Lamme Rd. (937) 293-7703 smiller@wcreekoh.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? The Suites at Walnut Creek had to make necessary adjustment with mode of operation for our most vulnerable population by reducing the risk of exposure to our residents and staff by screening temperatures daily, assessing for any signs/symptoms of upper respiratory infections, cancelling all group activities, field trips and initially communal dining however social distancing in our dining rooms is currently practiced. Creativity with communication between residents and families includes, window visits, "Face Time", motivating messages to families from residents . Our determination as a campus has kept us "COVID Free" during this pandemic. The Suites at Walnut Creek has been educating our resident's and staff more frequently on Infection Control, importance of hand washing and maintaining social distancing along with ever changing guidelines from CMS/CDC daily.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

Yes. With each inquiry calls about our beautiful campus, The Suites at Walnut Creek has provided information to the community with phone dialogue of our" Levels of Care". providing disc of facility, or directing callers to view our "Virtual Tour" on our website. This will allow potential customers to see firsthand of the beautiful decor of wide hallways, hardwood flooring, spacious rooms, beautiful dining room, theater room, gym with plentiful exercise equipment and delightful ice cream parlor. Alternative methods of visitation such as Skype and Face Time has been instrumental in keeping communication with loved ones as well as outside visitation with social distancing. (Weather permitting).

# What has been your biggest challenge *during this time?*

The Suites at Walnut Creek has been fortunate with support and understanding by residents, families and staff during this pandemic. Ensuring safety for the clients we serve is ultimate goal from all. Our biggest struggle during this time is the awareness that each resident needs to be hugged and touched and cared for and the need to focus on their spiritual and emotional wellbeing for their mental health.

# What would you like to say to your customers and the community?

The Suites at Walnut Creek is committed to and concerned with the care and satisfaction of each resident and their loved ones in an environment which promotes independence, individual creativity and growth. Through employee pride, each resident will receive the superior care that is so richly deserved. Walnut Creek Campus is committed to provide the very best service possible to ensure that our customer receives the highest quality care. "Setting the standard of excellence in healthcare". We pride ourselves on the longevity of our staff as they are true heroes.

#### Oakwood Florist

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In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? We have not had to make too many adjustments to our daily business. One of the main adjustments is that we do no contact delivery. We make sure that someone is home and leave at their front door, weather permitting.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

Our main way of keeping in contact with our customers is through Facebook and our website which has been our biggest asset. We have always had a great connection with the community and the other businesses in Oakwood. Our best collaborator in Oakwood has been with Central Perc which has been right next door to us for the last 24 years. On Mother's Day we teamed up with Central Perc to send a beautiful violet with their Mother's Day "Brit-ina-Box" with was a great success! The Oakwood Florist has been serving the community for 70 years and couldn't



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# What has been your biggest challenge during this time

Our only struggle was at the beginning when our suppliers were not getting shipments which meant our supply was limited. The product was still fresh and beautiful.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? We have always loved living and working in Oakwood because even in time of uncertainty we come together!

#### Bahar & Reza

2308 Far Hills Ave. (937) 294-1039 contactus@baharreza.com

In what ways has your business had to adjust/change due to the virus? Like other businesses, we have to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer all the time at work. We have to close the doors and have clients only by appointment and also put a sign up that says "don't touch" so customers use sanitizer before touching things.

Have you found new ways of doing business?

Since weddings are still going on and brides, grooms and guests have to wear a mask at the wedding, we are offering nice looking masks that are suitable for an evening gown or wedding gown. We also have a Tuxedo mask for the groom, best men and fathers of groom and brides. We do matching color or fabric masks for bridesmaids or their moms. So this is the new service that we have never done before.

# What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

We don't know how many customers to expect. We had a lot of customer's weddings be canceled and that is still happening. So providing enough work for employees and running the business is the hardest part.

What would you like to say to your customers and the community? We are here to help you and we try our best to keep our store sanitized and be able to work with you and appreciate everyone who comes in with a mask.

#### Zig Zag Gallery

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In what ways has your business had

to adjust/change due to the virus? This has obviously been a difficult year for all of us, but I think it has also given us the opportunity to reevaluate many aspects of our business. We have reduced our hour's slightly and looked at ways that we can be more efficient and effective. We've also explored other ways that we can connect with our customer friends and vendors. Our hours are: 11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Sunday. Closed on Mondays.

# Have you found new ways of doing business?

Our website gives viewers a sampling of the ever-changing inventory that we carry. We can be found on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest and have an email newsletter that goes out once or twice a month (sign up on our Facebook page). Since re-opening in early June, we have also had Zoom Happy Hour Style Shows and Facebook Live trunk shows. I believe applications like Zoom, FaceTime, email and social media are a wonderful opportunity to continue to connect with our customers as we all try to navigate our way through this crazy time.

What has been your biggest challenge during this time?

I've worked at my shop for about 30 years (and owned it for almost 17). I've done this for a long time, however it is still very difficult to know exactly what this fall and holiday season will look like. Wholesale shows have been cancelled, which makes buying more difficult. Working with reps by Zoom has helped tremendously, but it is not the same as seeing things in person. That being said, we will continue to be well stocked with exciting inventory so that we are prepared for whatever our customers may need.

# What would you like to say to your customers and the community?

That we are not going anywhere! Our primary focus has always been Made in America, working with studio artists and small production vendors, and we look forward to celebrating 40 years in the Dayton community this November. 2019 and 2020 have brought unbelievable challenges to our Davton community, but we believe that we really will come through this stronger together and we are excited to see what the future holds. I know that we are tremendously grateful for the love and support that we have experienced personally over the past several months. I am convinced that ZIG ZAG customer/ friends are the most positive, supportive group that you could hope for. Thank you all!



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Charmingly eclectic, the home is subtly sophisticated and at the same time whimsical. Three-time Sports Illustrated cover girl and supermodel made the Bridgehampton home her family residence of 15 years before listing the property with an asking price of \$29.5 million.

Brinkley, who owned two homes in the Hamptons - the other being a fouracre waterfront home in North Haven purchased in 2004, actually listed both properties at the same,

The second property line, a 5,500-square-foot home dating back to 1843, has five bedrooms, five and a half bathrooms, three stories of living space, period details, wide-plank hardwood floors, and multiple fireplaces.



The master suite on the second level includes a private sitting room and a terrace with water views over Sag Harbor Bay. A gunite pool and specimen trees can be found outside, as well

as 327 feet of water frontage. When both homes went on the market in 2018, Brinkley said that she was planning on "living in whichever one





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# East of Eden recalls Bar Harbor's Gilded Age

the late 1700s that the super rich

decided Bar Harbor, originally known

One of Maine's last Gilded Age mansions, or "summer cottages" as the wealthy called them, still stands watch over the rocky New England seaside.

as Eden, would be perfect for their summer retreats. It was the summer stomping ground of the elites - John D. Rockefeller, Jr., J. P. Morgan, With its picturesque New England Cornelius Vanderbilt, the Astor coastline, it wasn't too many years family, and President William Taft after the British settled the area in

who enjoyed his golf there. Nelson Rockefeller was born in Bar Harbor and kept a home in nearby Seal Harbor for many years. Today, the resort town's summer season is filled with film and television celebrities, writers, artists, and ordinary people enjoying the scenery, lobster rolls, water sports

and laid-back atmosphere.

East of Eden, formerly Eegonos (the name of the first home on the site spelled backwards - Sonogee), sits majestically on Bar Harbor's Frenchman Bay. Designed by Guy Lowell, the mansion is a blend of Beaux Arts and Mediterranean Revival

style, with the 15,000-square-foot manse construction completed in 1909. It was one of the few Gilded Age mansions in Bar Harbor that survived a devastating fire in 1947 that destroyed most of the town. The mansion was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.



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Contemporary, see-through fireplaces that warm multiple rooms. Prefabricated gas fireplaces that mount directly to the wall. Electric fireplaces that look realistic and can really put out the heat. No, these are not the fireplaces you knew when growing up in your parent's home. Today's fireplaces are designed for visual excitement, two-sided exposure, and installation in locations previously unconsidered.

"The conventional fireplace has all but been reinvented in recent years," says Jack Goldman, president and CEO of the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association (HPBA). "Today's fireplaces cater to the specific needs and wants of homeowners.'

Goldman says that a decade ago, generally only the extremely wealthy would have considered having more than one fireplace in the house. "There are so many new products on the market today that can fit any budget and style," he adds.

While your parents may have had a wood-burning fireplace, the chances are that it wasn't outfitted with an insert. "Fireplace inserts with glass doors have become the standard, retaining the heat generated by the fire when in use, and limiting draft when not," says Goldman. "Woodstove design has also been updated in recent years allowing for a wide array of designs ranging from traditional to ultra-contemporary.'

Goldman says that gas and electric fireplaces are now installed for aesthetics and mood as well as heating purposes. "Architects have embraced the long, sleek horizontal fireplace surrounds and are incorporating them into their contemporary interior designs." Equally exciting, he says are two-sided fireplaces that are increasingly being

used in home designs. "When you consider the visual impact and benefits of a two-sided fireplace, the extra expense associated with it seems relatively low."

Goldman says that second and third fireplaces are being installed in existing homes - sometimes for the calming effect they evoke. Specifically, he refers to gas and electric fireplaces that can be mounted directly to the

wall, which in many cases do not require vent-"Because ing. of this, fireplaces are making appearances in kitchens, baths and other private rooms of the house.

Goldman says that hearth-related innovations are not limited to home inte-Outdoor riors. fireplace kits using traditional masonry or pre-engineered

majestic. The gas-fueled fire pit has also been given a new stage with its integration into the design of patio furniture and other outdoor architectural features.

Many new forms of media, such as the simulated gemstones, have been developed for use in gas applications both in and outside the house. Other products include large river-worn stones and sophisticated metal sculptures



Innovative new products, which include gas fireplaces that mount directly to the wall; see-through electric fireplaces that warm multiple rooms; and outdoor fire features that are incorporated into the design of patio furniture are reimagining fireplaces in the home.





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# County auditor reports Oakwood residential property values climb by 4.41 percent

On Tuesday July 28, Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith released a detailed breakdown of the results of the county's 2020 Property Reappraisal, announcing a 4.41 percent increase of residential property values in Oakwood.

During the presentation to more than 80 local public officials, Keith said the county was experiencing "a robust real estate market in uncertain times."

The results of the reappraisal show that property values have increased in all jurisdictions in the county but one – Phillipsburg, which saw a 2 percent decline in residential home value.

In addition to increases in residential property values, this year's reappraisal also shows widespread growth in commercial values. Oakwood will see a commercial value increase of 8.55 percent.

Regionally, Keith said that most of the growth in the county has been in the southern suburbs, including subdivisions such as Kettering, Washington Township, Miami Township, and Centerville. Overall, the southern suburbs accounted for 56 percent of the county's growth in property value. Montgomery County's northern suburbs experienced the next greatest share of total growth with 19 percent, followed by the county's urban core and rural west with 18 and 7 percent, respectively.

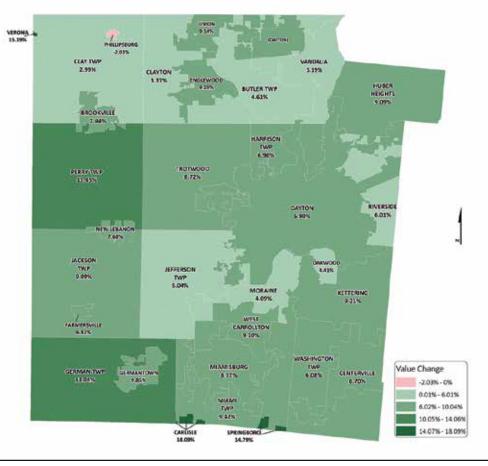
Montgomery County has experienced a 7 percent increase in property values, a total increase of \$1.8 billion. Residential values in the county have increased 7.4 percent, while commercial values increased 5.9 percent. Data shows the local real estate economy is continuing to improve and is indicative of strong growth in the county, according to Keith.

"The 2017 property value update showed the real estate market in Montgomery County starting to rebound from the Great Recession", Keith said. "This year's reappraisal reveals a robust market that is almost back to the level it was before the Recession."

These changes are based on a total of more than 25,000 valid residential real estate sales in Montgomery County between 2017 and 2019, more sales than any other three-year cycle in recent history. Nearly 78 percent of these properties sold for more than their current taxable value.

Since the kickoff of the 2020 Property

Reappraisal in September 2018, Montgomery County has been struck by two major crises: the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes and the economic uncertainty of this year's COVID-19 pandemic.



The Auditor's Office estimates that last year's tornados resulted in \$81.4 million of property damage across Montgomery County. Outreach efforts last year by the auditor's office brought property tax relief to more than 1,200 owners of tornado damaged properties, resulting in a \$46 million value reduction in tornado-impacted areas. An additional \$35.1 million in damage will be removed from the county's value sheets this year as a part of Keith's reappraisal.

Since COVID-19 reached Ohio in early 2020, the health crisis will not impact the property reappraisal, which is based on the years 2017 to 2019. Earlier this summer, Keith requested a one-year delay of the reappraisal in an effort to consider the 2020 pandemic when setting the new property values. That request was denied by the Ohio Tax Commissioner. The future impact of the virus on the county's real estate market is uncertain, according to Keith.

Property owners will receive a notice of their tentative new value in the mail in August. Property owners are able to meet with a representative from the Auditor's Office if they feel that their new value should be adjusted. These meetings will take place remotely via Zoom, by video conference or telephone.

"While property values change over time, our commitment to serving the public does not," said Keith. "If you

feel we missed the mark on your value, we are here to help."

To schedule an informal review meeting, property owners should call (937) 225-5096 or visit MCReval.org.



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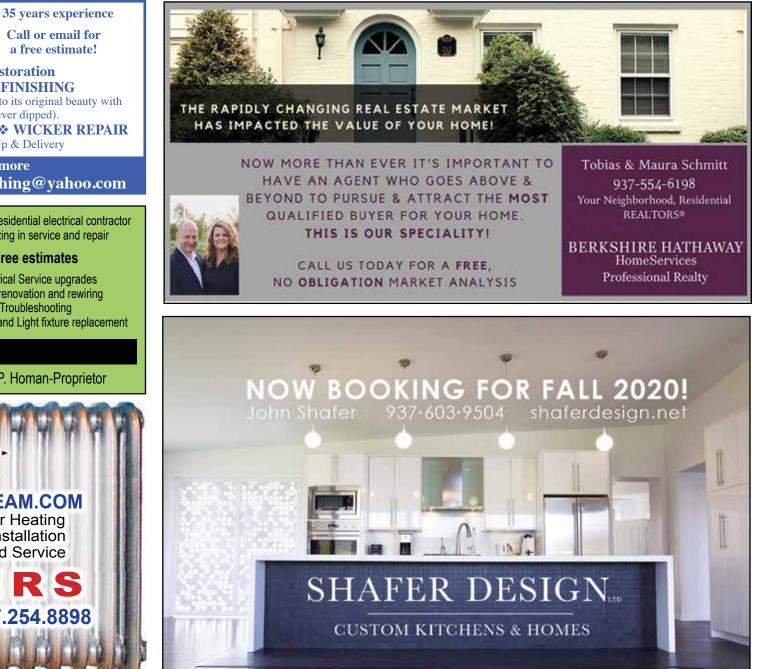
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# We are in this for a very long haul



Somehow, an arts quarantine seems very different from a quarantine against the Covid 19 virus that is playing havoc with our lives. For several months, many follow the lead of science scholars and learned doctors. They state the only way, short of a perfect vaccine and an effective treatment protocol, to eliminate this killer pandemic is by starving it of bodies to infect. Without breeding grounds, the virus dies of malnutrition.

Since April, Alice and I have hopefully created a safe cocoon. Favorite restaurants became carry outs. We are masked, and even gloved against the virulent invasion. The quiet streets, empty of activity during our daily long walks, became customary. We greeted others mindful of social distancing. Our active social life ground to a halt.

What else was lost? My readers

know that we revel in our wonderful arts community. We have many season tickets here in Dayton, Add Cincinnati Opera and trips to New York, Cleveland and Chicago for fine arts events and family.

It was a slice of heaven. As your arts writer, I had a plethora of subjects and loved them all, well almost all.

After the "crash," we were offered a multi-colored pallet of events to enjoy "virtually." The Dayton Performing Arts Alliance contributed marvelously as we are able to enjoy past performances of the Philharmonic and even see our Ballet, Opera and Orchestra perform for us.

The equivalent of an Arts Santa Claus showered us. The Metropolitan Opera began streaming a new opera every night. Amazing! The telecasts, shown in a local theater for several years as a supplement to New York performances, were now a necklace of jewels.

More was added. The Stratford, Ontario Shakespeare Festival let me revel in my favorite author. I couldn't believe that I could see *King John* and *Coriolanus*, favorites from my days of devotion to the Antioch College summer festival, were rarely available.

Using YouTube, I found even more. I have, as I write, an incredible *Faust* waiting for me. I even streamed performances of *Chorus Line* and *Candide* to add to the mix. Speaking with Maestro Neal, I shared his high hopes for a "next season." He never stops and is making plans that are "mouth- watering" for music lovers.

Sports - baseball, basketball, tennis reappeared in a strange form – without spectators. I have watched the first few games of the Reds and, predictably, they won one and lost four straight. Now, after only a week, it looks as if the season may be cancelled due to teams with multiple positive infection results.

Pro basketball has a creative answer. My grandson, Oliver David, is my sports expert. He has described the "bubble" that the basketball teams are under. All the teams are living in one city and games are played in two venues. Also, no fans, but for a healthy fee, you can have your life-sized photo in a seat!

Now, I am going to augment the

opportunities I have described and add quite a few. Cincinnati Opera had to sacrifice their 100th Anniversary season and celebration. Evans Mirageas has jumped into the breach with many programs to keep our opera desires fulfilled.

I suggest you go to the Cincinnatiopera.org. They have compiled a series of programs that prove that opera is one of our basic food groups.

I love the "Apartment Arias" which bring their stars to us, from their homes, performing delightful programs. I know many of the performers from their roles in Cincinnati. It is a delight to see them in their own surroundings doing so much to enrich our performance-less life.

Thanks to Zoom, we have celebrated family events in many cities, countries and continents. I enjoy virtually watching many concerts. I have an opportunity to visit concert halls I will probably never see personally.

As a podium maker, my major opus is the Dayton Philharmonic podium I made for the dedication of the Schuster. It has six cousins I have created for a variety of orchestras. I always compare the podia in the TV venues with my own creations.

I also have created a wonderful library in our new downtown home. As I see the homes of newscasters, politicians, etc. I use my same standard to critique the bookcases of the rich and famous.

Yes, I am prejudiced. My woodworking continues, even in the smaller confines of our townhouse. I'm going to keep it up and try to be more accepting of less glorious efforts of others.

Now, we must prepare for the "long haul." Our country has resisted having the discipline vital to stop the virus. There are actually anti-mask advocates proclaiming it violates their rights by wearing a protective mask. Are they are exercising their right to live and be healthy?

Please protect yourselves and your neighbors. And, fill your days and nights with incredible offerings of great artists. Someday, unfortunately not soon, we will be going to the Schuster, the Victoria, the Human Race and the myriad of theaters we have. They will return! But, prepare for that wonderful day by using what is ready for us at the touch of a button.

Stay well, be strong, be happy!



#### Police Report

#### **JULY 10** Incident

Domestic dispute on Fairmont Ave. Arrest Theft arrest made on Far Hills Ave.

#### Accident

Unit #2 (White 2019 Toyota Rav4) was parked facing east on the street on Triangle Ave. Unit #1 (White 200 Ford E-100) was traveling west to east on Triangle Ave. While passing Unit #2, Unit #1 side swiped Unit #2 causing nonfunctional damage

#### **JULY 16**

#### Citations Nicole Mcintire, speeding Matthew Cornett, failure to yield at stop

sign Scott Rairden, failure to stop at stop light Shalamar Thomason, driving under suspension Caitlyn Meyers, speeding

Kevin Narvaez, speeding, failure to stop at stop light

Citation Justin Collins, speeding, no driver's license

#### Incidents

Theft on the 300 block of Wonderly Ave. Criminal trespass on Oakwood Ave. Theft on Wisteria Dr. Information investigation on Thornhill Rd. Warrant arrest on Volusia Ave. and Caton Dr.

Domestic dispute on Oakwood Ave. Field interview on Shafor Blvd.

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Amanda Caudill, speeding

Theft on Far Hills Ave.

Trinity Fletcher, speeding

Yousif Abdalrazik, speeding

plates, obedience to traffic control

Blvd.

Theft on Shafor Blvd.

and Beverly Pl.

Field interview on Oakwood Ave.

Lack of operator's license on Schantz Ave.

Information investigation at Shafor Park

Mark Grooms, expired plates/30-day tag

**JULY 12** 

**JULY 13** 

John Jeffries, no driver's license, expired

**JULY 14** 

Theft on the 400 block of Greenmount

**JULY 11** 

Field interview on Lookout Dr. Information investigation on the 300 block of Dellwood Ave.

Ali Alami, failure to yield at stop sign

#### JULY 15

#### **Citation**

**JULY 17** 

Aubrey Skelton, driving under suspension, no rear license plate Sarah Moore, speeding Terry Valentine, failure to control vehicle

Black Lives Matter unrelated to theft of yard signs Oakwood police say the theft of

four Black Lives Matter signs from homes in Oakwood was not racially motivated and apparently not related to an anonymous flyer targeting the Black Lives Matter movement being circulated in some parts of the city, particularly Oakwood's south-side neighborhoods.

The unsigned, unattributed flyer claims Black Lives Matter "is a Marxist Communist organization whose goal is to destroy this nation and replace it with Socialism."

The single-page flyer also claims Black Lives Matter "is domestic terrorism that will not rest until your way of life is gone.

Oakwood police had previously investigated the theft of four Black Lives Matter yard signs from homes on Wonderly Avenue in Oakwood on July 17, and determined that the signs had been removed by neighboring homeowners. Police said the affected homeowners declined to press charges in the case and the neighbors responsible agreed to replace the signs.

"Race or hate played no factor in this incident whatsoever," Oakwood Police Chief Alan Hill said.

Hill said Oakwood police are aware of the anonymous flyers targeting the Black Lives Matter movement, and that the two incidents are not related.

# GOOGLE

IT YOURSELF BLACK LIVES MATTER ISA MARXIST COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION WHOSE GOAL IS TO DESTROY THIS NATION AND REPLACE IT WITH SOCIALISM I AM FOR RACE EQUALITY

#### BUT

BLM HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT.

IT IS DOMESTIC TERRORISM THAT WILL NOT REST UNTIL YOUR WAY OF LIFE IS GONE.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT DEFUNDING THE POLICE ? BLM WANTS TO. THEN ABOLISH THEM COMPLETELY IN 5 YEARS.

The anti-BLM flyer circulated in some Oakwood neighborhoods.

# City-sponsored shred event open to residents Sept. 26 at Oakwood Public Works Center

The City of Oakwood has contracted with Shred-It, a mobile document destruction company, to be at the J. D. Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept.

Besides paper products, Shred-It has the capability to destroy microfilm, microfiche, and other material of a secure or confidential nature. All

our communities and challenges all

of us to consider what we will each

do individually to move forward to

material will be destroyed beyond recognition on-site and, if recyclable, will be baled and shipped to paper mills to be manufactured into new paper products. Any non-recyclable material processed will be disposed of in a secure location.

If you have confidential papers or other material of a private nature being stored at your home and would like to have it destroyed by professionals in the document destruction industry.

make our community and world better. Every person will need to contemplate and consider what that looks like. For me, it starts with listening and learning and listening again. I intend to show

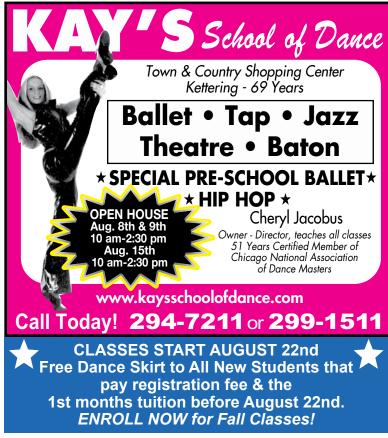
we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Due to COVID-19, the city is asking that participants remain in their vehicle at the shred event and to place all materials to be destroyed in the trunk of the vehicle. Employees will wear masks and gloves and will unload the materials and place them in the shred bins. All materials will be destroyed on-site during the event.

This event is free of charge.

up, do the work and will definitely not be silent any more. I hope to see many of you on the journey. Ellen Ireland





Weekly Astrological Forecast

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Resist the temptation to gamble something you wouldn't want to lose. You could trust your luck just when it's at its lowest point in the upcoming week. However, an unexpected change to your income could be advantageous.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You may need to tap your inner resources to deal with surprises and unpredictable people as this week unfolds. It could be that you resist authority or are faced with unintended consequences.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your assessment of people, ideas and situations could be impaired now. It may be difficult to make decisions if you are more focused on outer validation than inner satisfaction. Focus on being tolerant this week.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Hurt feelings might show up in the upcoming week. A rift may be brewing with someone you considered a BFF, or you might disagree with people in your social circle. Focus on your financial expertise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Embrace a change of heart. There may be an opening to make major business changes, so go ahead with projects that have been simmering on the back burner. Be fair and open-minded when dealing with loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your efforts to be progressive and tolerant could meet with unexpected resistance. Maintain a low profile and avoid group activities and online interactions early in the week. Focus on making joint assets more secure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do not take pillow talk to heart. You may enjoy romantic that exceed your expectations, but once you engage in the daily business of living and the week unfolds, it may be necessary to become more realistic

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Making the impossible dream come true might be entirely possible if you play your cards right. Use your insight to gain recognition and parlay an idea into a moneymaking proposition as the week goes by.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Meet yourself in the middle. Your attitude toward money can switch from careful economies and savvy budgeting strategies to extravagant spending sprees in the week ahead. Focus on long-term growth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Surrender to the present in the week ahead. It may be tempting to rehash old resentments or bring up past disputes, but you'll be happier if you focus on what's going on in the here and now. Listen to your instincts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Changes in plans are entirely possible as the week unfolds but don't let this ruffle your feathers. Things are likely to work out to your advantage in the long run. Follow your dreams and adapt to new ideas.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): In the week to come, it is in your best interests to determine which way the wind is blowing and then let it move you along. Your business sense is on the mark today, but you might overlook key details when making purchases. Tribune Content A

Miquela Morris, failure to control vehicle

**JULY 18** Citations





#### By Magi Helena

► **Race** from page 2 The march reflected on the gap in

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# WWW.OAKWOODREGISTER.COM Oakwood police say anonymous flyer attacking

#### Arcade from page 1

the rotunda dome and the architectural details that surround it. The concourse has been reset as well.'

Opened in 1902, the Arcade's age also proved to be an obstacle in that builders lacked accurate blueprints for the gilded, glass-domed facade. "The biggest challenge that we had is that we had no drawings to begin with,' he adds. "We had to go back into the buildings and understand how they were constructed. We had to load test, rework vertical circulation, and really investigate the nine buildings."

As time consuming and labor intensive as that process was, there was an upside - that fresh insight into the structure opened up new opportunities for a modern interpretation of the more-than-century-old Arcade. "We are taking advantage of spaces that had never been used before," Williams says. Reopening the Arcade is no small feat, structurally or financially. The first phase, the South Arcade, estimated to be completed at the end of 2020, has 26 sources of funding including the city of Dayton, Montgomery

County, and the State of Ohio. Other sources include PACE, New Market Tax Credits, state and federal historic tax credits, housing tax credits, JobsOhio grants, and private equity funding. Partnerships have also been formed with the University of Dayton and local arts organizations such as Culture Works and The Contemporary. Williams said the second phase of the project, the North Arcade, which is in the process of securing capital funding, is expected to conclude 12 to 18 months after work finishes on the South Arcade.

Putting a new face on the Arcade and restoring it to its former grandeur promises to be a pivotal moment in the redevelopment of downtown Dayton, Williams reflects.

"I really started to experience the Arcade when I first worked in Dayton. I walked to the Arcade to eat lunch. As I started to purchase real estate in the historic districts in the late 1980s I got involved in the historic preservation movements that were happening around the city and took on leadership roles in neighborhood development and community building. I then got involved with the Lofts on St. Clair, the Cannery, and Second Street Market. I've been a big preservation advocate for a long time. Historic buildings are our community's DNA if we let those slip away, we lose a part of our identity.

"The Arcade was the central marketplace for Dayton families. If you look at the way the Arcade was set up architecturally, it was a place where you got your groceries and bumped into your neighbors. Up until the 1970s it functioned as a mixed-use development with office, retail, and housing. In the 1980s the Arcade was renovated to be an urban mall," he recalls. "The developers closed off a lot of the street access and got rid of the central marketplace floor, turning it into a lobby or atrium. The Arcade of tomorrow will be a bit different. We are bringing back the grand event space as well as the concourse between Third and Fourth Streets. We are resetting the Arcade back to 1902, but doing so in ways that are financially viable and that create community gathering space.'

er permitting.

#### Library hosts Interactive Adventure

Wright Memorial Public Library will close its Summer Reading Club with a Choose Your Own Adventure walkable story on the library's grounds.

Replete with pirates, mermaids, gnomes and other fantastical characters, the tale was written by Wright Library Youth Services Coordinator Jacqui Taylor in the style of a classic Choose Your Own Adventure story.

Readers will move from panel to panel based on their choices throughout the story.

The display was designed for all ages to enjoy safely outdoors. Weather dependent, the panels will be on display Aug. 7 through Aug. 23. Please respect social distancing guidelines while visiting.

Wright Library's Summer Reading Club wraps up this month. Readers may turn in their reading hours online at wrightlibrary.org by Aug. 8 and pick up prizes by Aug. 15.



Wright Library's Karen Mills prepares the panels for a Choose Your Own Adventure StoryWalk. The story will be on display Aug. 7 to Aug. 23, weath-

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both. While young people may not be as susceptible to the worst symptoms from a COVID-19 infection, they can still spread it to others. Teachers have expressed their number one concern is bringing the virus home to a family member.

When students return to school faceto-face, it may not matter much what protocols exist in our school buildings; students will still be spending the

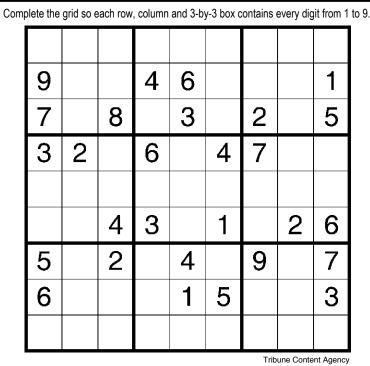
majority of their time at home. Parents and community members can support our efforts by modeling recommended behaviors - wearing a mask in public, not gathering in large groups, practicing social distancing, and washing or disinfecting hands frequently.

Parents should be vigilant for the appearance of illness, and keep kids home if they are sick. We believe if people in Oakwood follow the public health recommendations, we will be able return to face-to-face instruction sooner, and stay face-to-face longer, for all of our students on a daily basis. While some people may feel

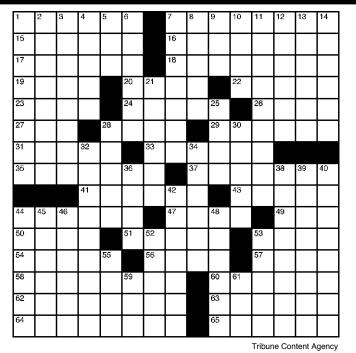
uncomfortable following the recommendations or may feel they are unnecessary, a temporary community sacrifice, choosing to abide by the recommended behaviors, will keep the incidence of the virus low, allowing teachers to provide the best education for Oakwood's students.



#### Sudoku



#### **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



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Vineyards 2 Pricey cut

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25 Bridge

30 Fund

28 High clouds

36 Craig role

34 Ottoman officials

39 Rampaging 40 Day of resolve

44 One-person boats

45 "Bewitched" role

46 Worker in a cage

48 Useful

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52 Nice school

55 S&L offering

59 Fared poorly in the wash

61 Early August arrival

38 Medium for da Vinci

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6 Loser's mistake?

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21 Peace Nobelist of 1983

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#### What's Up T **ee**

#### 8/6 Thursday

First Thursday Open Late Beginning in August, the National Museum of the Air Force will resume late hours on Thursdays until 8pm. 1100 Spaatz St., WPAFR

Tiny Thursdays at Home Each Thursday Dayton Art Institute will help children explore an art object, eniov a virtual read-along story and follow along with instructions for a project. See website for complete details. www.daytonartistitute.org Farm Stand 12-6pm Stop by and say hi to local

farmers from Stubbs Family Farm! Weekly farm stand features local corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and more available for purchase. Parking lot at Carmel's. 1025 Shrover Rd., Davton Food Trucks at RiverScape 11:30am-1:30pm Bring your lawn chair or picnic blanket to dine al fresco each Tuesday through Friday this summer. RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., Davton

#### 8/7 Friday

HVO is Corn Crazy! A weekend celebration of all things corn! Activities for kids and special menu items including sweetened, popped and cooked corn. Mexican street corn and Mexican corn cakes. Hidden Vallev Orchard, 5474 North SR 48, Lebanon Food Trucks at RiverScape 11:30am-1:30pm Bring your lawn chair or picnic blanket to dine al fresco each Tuesday through Friday this summer RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., Davton

The Dulcimer Guy 7pm National Hammer Dulcimer Champion Matthew Dickerson performs live outside on the patio stage. Call for reservations. Spinoza's Gourmet Pizza and Salads, 2727 Fairfield Commons Blvd., Beavercreek 937-426-7799 A Night Out 8pm Enjoy a night of original music Yellow Cab Tayern is committed to providing a safe environment to enjoy music. See

Oakwood Farmers' Market 9am-1pm Food trucks are back! Enjoy breakfast or lunch from 9-1 with

Yellow Cab Tavern. 700 E 4th St., Davton

Momma'z Boyz. Shop for fresh local food and artisan products. Preorder of many products is now available. Special pick-up point for at-risk shoppers is available on Orchard between 9-10am Patrons can pull up and a volunteer will do their shopping. See Oakwood Farmers' Market Facebook page for details or email: oakwoodfarmersmarket@gmail.com. 22 Orchard Dr., Oakwood

2<sup>nd</sup> Street Market 9am-2pm Open on Saturdays only as an outdoor, fresh food shopping venue. Shoppers are required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. See website for complete details on this new shopping experience. https://www. metroparks.org/places-to-go/2nd-street-market/ Cardio Dance in the Park 10am Enjoy a free workout under the pavilion. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water. RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave Davton

Concert Night with the Dayton Philharmonic 8pm Rediscover concerts from past seasons each Saturday at 8pm as Discover Classical and the Dayton Philharmonic partner to broadcast previously recorded concerts. Listen at 88.1 FM WDPR Davton or online at www.discoverclassical.org

#### 8/9 Sunday

Clodbuster Baseball 12pm The Ohio Village Muffins visit Carillon Park to play the Dayton Clodbuster vintage base ball club. Bring a folding chair and join the fun! Carillon Historical Park 1000 Carillon Blvd., Davton This Old Farmers' Market 12-3pm Eat local. Shop local Spices sauces coffee tea produce and much more! Enjoy the setting of the old farm house. This

yellowcabfoodtrucks.com for complete guidelines. Old Couch, 3930 Dayton Xenia Rd., Beavercreek

#### 8/10 Monda

Premier Health Injury Assessment 12pm Not sure what that nagging ache or pain is? Is it normal wear and tear or something more serious? Free sports injury assessments from 12-1pm every Monday. Assessments are by appointment only. Call 937-432-9210. Up and Running, 6123 Far Hills Ave., Centerville

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#### 8/11 Tuesday

Adult Butterfly Walk 4pm Take a walking adventure looking for a wide variety of butterflies. Bring binoculars, Reservation required, Aullwood Farm, 9101 Frederick Pike, Dayton 937-890-7360 Food Trucks at RiverScape 11:30am-1:30pm Bring your lawn chair or picnic blanket to dine al fresco each Tuesday through Friday this summer. *RiverScape* MetroPark. 237 E. Monument Ave., Davton Virtual Bootcamp in the Park 5:45-6:30pm Set up in your living room, backvard, or favorite MetroPark and join us! Classes will be about 45 minutes and streamed on YouTube Live, led by Ashley of Beavercreek and Kettering Fit Body Boot Camp, A link to join will be shared closer to the class date on the RiverScape MetroPark Facebook page. As always, these workouts are free!

#### 8/12 Wed

Food Trucks at RiverScape 11:30am-1:30pm Bring your lawn chair or picnic blanket to dine al fresco each Tuesday through Friday this summer. RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., Davton

Midweek Fly Fishing 4:30-7:30pm There are loads of big hungry bluegills and green sunfish on August evenings. Bring some poppers or foam beetles and hold on tight! Hosted by Miami Valley Fly Fishers Oak Grove Park, 1790 E. Social Row Rd., Centerville

#### Videoview: New releases

#### By Jay Bobbin

Tribune Content Agency

The Wretched: One of very few movies to get a theatrical release during the coronavirus pandemic, this independently made thriller fared well at the box office ... relatively speaking, given the limited number of theaters that were open to be able to show it, but it still placed at No. 1 for its first several weeks. Written and directed by siblings Brett Pierce and Drew T. Pierce, it casts John-Paul Howard as a young man drawn into supernatural doings when he goes to live with his divorcing father. A literal witch ultimately is revealed as part of the mayhem, which involves such trademarks of the genre as possession and strange disappearances. Disney Channel veteran Piper Curda (`I Didn't Do It'') plays the young hero's new friend, who also is given a personal reason to get to the bottom of the mystery. \*\*\* (Not rated: AS, P, V) (Also on Blu-ray and On Demand)

The High Note: Released to home viewers vis On Demand at the same time it opened in whatever theaters were available for it then, this com-edy drama gives Tracee Ellis Ross a showcase that has the subtext of letting her pay homage to her musicicon mother, Diana Ross. She plays a veteran singer who's been coasting on her past hits for a long time, until her personal assistant (Dakota Johnson) an aspiring music producer - inspires her to start working on new material, something their record label is skeptical about. Plenty of personal and professional complications arise for the women; Kelvin Harrison Jr. portrays a would-be musician who factors into their dealings; Bill Pullman, Ice Cube, Eddie Izzard and Melanie Griffith also are featured. \*\*\* (PG-13: AS, P) (Also on Blu-ray and On Demand)

Belgravia: Downton Abbey mentor Julian Fellowes adapted his novel also titled Belgravia into this Epix series, writing all six of the episodes of another period piece that weaves

many characters into a backdrop drawn from history ... specifically, the Battle of Quatre Bras, which preceded Waterloo. That conflict has results that play out over many years for figures including an arms dealer and his wife (played by Philip Genister and Tamsin Grieg), who eventually relocate to the privileged London area known as Belgravia. There, their earlier dealings have unexpected aftereffects, some of which set the stage for major emotional complications for others as well. Alice Eve, Tom Wilkinson, Harriet Walter, James Fleet (Four Weddings and a Funeral) and Tara Fitgerald also are in the impressive cast. \*\*\* (Not rated: AS, V)

American Masters - Mae West: Dirty Blonde: "Come up and see me sometime" isn't the typical line you hear on public television, but then again, Mae West hardly was a typical celebrity. The famously salty talent didn't hesitate to play up her sex appeal, from her time as one of the raciest movie stars of the 1930s to her tenure as an icon seen in such later films as the controversial Myra Breckinridge. Her decidedly colorful life and times are recalled in this tellingly titled profile recently broadcast by PBS, detailing how her independent approach to her career made censors and even powerful publisher William Randolph Hearst nemeses of hers. Still, she counted such popular actors as Cary Grant and James Stewart among her leading men. Executive-produced by someone else who's famously done things her way, Bette Midler, the program includes comments from Ringo Starr, Candice Bergen and actress-co-median Margaret Cho. \*\*\* (Not rated: AS)

The Phantom of the Opera: There certainly has been no shortage of screen versions of Gaston Leroux's classic tale of a disfigured man who dwells in the bowels of an opera house. This 1962 retelling produced by the renowned Hammer Films company and newly offered in a Collector's

Edition on Blu-ray - casts Herbert Lom, arguably best-known as Inspector Clouseau's ill-tempered boss Dreyfus in the Pink Panther comedies - as the Phantom, whose worshipping of a performer (Heather Sears, dubbed by Patricia Clark in the singing sequences) leads to suspense and tragedy. Michael Gough and Patrick Troughton also are in the cast. Among the special features are a longer version of the movie that was prepared for television showings, and a featurette on the horror-oriented Hammer studio's history. \*\*\* (Not rated: AS, P)

The British Invasion: Those who know the music of a certain era - and a certain country - likely will recognize the theme of this set of five documentaries. Several of them are separate profiles of three of the most prominent rock bands to hail from England during the 1960s, The Rolling Stones, The Who and (of course) The Beatles. The legend of the latter group also yields separate documentaries here on John Lennon and the Fab Four's manager. Brian Epstein. Naturally, there's plenty of musical evidence presented that attests to why the showcased acts have continued to endure in popularity over the succeeding decades. Mick Jagger and Roger Daltrey are among the other iconic talents seen in performance and interview clips. \*\*\* (Not rated)

#### Coming Soon:

Batwoman: The Complete First Season (Aug. 18).

Biography: Kenny Rogers (Aug. 18). Blue Bloods: The Tenth Season (Aug. 18).

Bad Education (Sept. 8). Outlander: Season Five (Sept. 15). Succession: The Complete Second Season (Sept. 15)

Ratings for each film begin with a star rating - one star meaning "poor," four meaning "excellent" - followed by the Motion Picture Association of America rating, and then by a family-viewing guide: AS, adult situations; N, nudity; P, profanity; V, violence; GV, particularly graphic violence.

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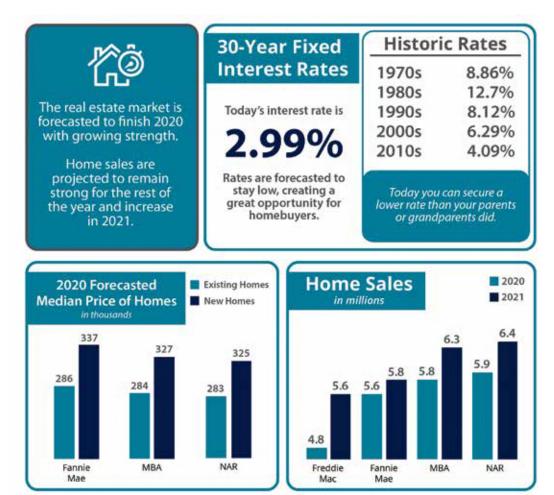




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