

Despite defeat of pot measure in 2015, proponents at it again



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The saga of marijuana use in Ohio seems to never end. It appears a group, somewhat akin to the 2015 firmly defeated monopoly group, wants to try and again change Ohio’s constitution to allow for recreational use of marijuana.

To refresh your memory: In November 2015, Ohioans overwhelmingly defeated a constitutional amendment, with 64 percent against and 34 percent for – almost 2 to 1 against – that would have allowed an incredibly ill-conceived and poorly

thought-out plan that would have drastically altered how Ohioans and Ohio employers would have had to contend with recreational use and cultivation of marijuana.

One of the many ill-conceived red herrings was that it was for medicinal use under the new law. But Ohio’s Legislature decided in June 2016 in HB 523 that the law would be changed to allow for medicinal use. Granted, we are still working on how that would be implemented, but one of the major hurdles in that the law allowed for local cities and communities to decide if they wanted local cultivation and dispensaries.

To date, most communities don’t want the hassle, stigma or problems associated with overseeing and policing the sites and “just

said no.” Some screwed up and missed the moratorium deadline.

We have done a great deal of pre- and post-research since 2015 and know the idea is fraught with problems. Just ask Coloradans. If they had the chance, they would beg for a “do over.” This is a policing nightmare and a “cash only” business because it is still against federal law as a Schedule 2 drug – one that is defined as having “a high (no pun intended) level of abuse.”

The marijuana group learned little from its 2015 experience at the ballot, but still wants to try again in either 2019 or during the next big election in 2020. In the meantime, local cities are deciding the current fate of the law. Some smart ones are holding their ground; others

are succumbing to pressures to allow for local dispensaries.

For the latter, that is a mistake that could be difficult to reverse. Employers don’t want workers to have access to abuse, and neighborhoods don’t want abusers on their local streets.

I applaud those who truly understand the misgivings of this proliferation of marijuana usage and worry that those politicians who are voting for this just don’t understand the safety and workforce issues our Ohio employers face with the acceptance and use of this drug.

The marijuana debate continues, but hopefully Ohioans will recognize it for what it is – an issue they have already decided and a mandated decision they need not expect to have to repeat.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for all events at DaytonChamber.org.

SAFETY GROUP RATING “HOT TOPIC”
Date: Thursday
Time: 8 to 10 a.m.
Location: Crowne Plaza Dayton, 33 E. Fifth St., Dayton
Topic: Health hazard update
Speaker: HAZCOM/GHS, Silica and Confined Space

FRIENDS OFFICE RIBBON CUTTING

Date: Thursday
Time: 4 to 6 p.m.
Location: FriendsOffice, 1927 W. Dorothy Lane, Moraine

DIGESTIVE SPECIALISTS GRAND OPENING/ RIBBON CUTTING
Date: Thursday
Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Location: Digestive Specialists, 5697 Shull Road, Huber Heights

10 MEGA TRENDS IN

SUPPLY CHAIN
Date: Friday
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Montgomery County Business Solutions Center, 1435 Cincinnati St., Suite 300, Dayton. Speaker: Dan Gilmore, Supply Chain Digest

SAFETY BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS
Date: July 19
Time: 8 to 9 a.m.
Location: Crowne Plaza Dayton, 33 E. Fifth St.,

Dayton
Topic: Who You Gonna Call? The Fire Department
Speaker: Brian Shaw, firefighter

GENERATION DAYTON SPEAKER SERIES
Date: July 19
Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Location: 444 Building, Wright Brothers Institute, 444 E. Second St., Dayton
Speaker: Co-founders, Third Wave Water

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Sales Tax Collections

County	Current Rate	Feb 2018	Feb 2017	12 Mos Change	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Change
Butler	0.75%	\$ 3,141,985	\$ 3,617,288	-13.14%	\$ 7,205,892	\$ 7,736,712	-6.86%
Clark	1.50%	\$ 1,705,655	\$ 1,871,257	-8.85%	\$ 3,933,075	\$ 4,519,415	-12.97%
Darke	1.50%	\$ 619,876	\$ 671,741	-7.72%	\$ 1,420,982	\$ 1,513,996	-6.14%
Greene	1.00%	\$ 1,896,466	\$ 1,925,609	-1.51%	\$ 4,698,047	\$ 4,986,608	-5.79%
Miami	1.25%	\$ 1,324,843	\$ 1,336,418	-0.87%	\$ 3,091,725	\$ 3,187,186	-3.00%
Montgomery	1.00%	\$ 5,464,187	\$ 5,990,142	-8.78%	\$ 13,323,530	\$ 14,172,831	-5.99%
Preble	1.50%	\$ 412,784	\$ 446,023	-7.45%	\$ 910,873	\$ 1,031,001	-11.65%
Warren	1.00%	\$ 3,542,680	\$ 2,828,936	25.23%	\$ 7,504,359	\$ 6,805,276	10.27%
Region Total		\$ 18,108,477	\$ 18,687,414	-3.10%	\$ 42,088,482	\$ 43,953,025	-4.24%

Source: [http://www.tax.ohio.gov/tax_analysis/tax_data_series/sales_and_use/publications_tds_sales/\\$1M0116.aspx](http://www.tax.ohio.gov/tax_analysis/tax_data_series/sales_and_use/publications_tds_sales/$1M0116.aspx)

Residential Home Sales

	Feb '18	Feb '17	%Change	YTD '18	YTD '17	%Change
Number of Homes Sold	882	855	3.16%	1732	1705	1.58%
Total Home Sales	\$135,760,485	\$121,789,011	11.47%	\$259,371,850	\$240,748,221	7.74%
Average Sale Price (\$)	\$153,923	\$142,443	8.06%	\$149,753	\$141,201	6.06%

Source: Dayton Area Board of Realtors, Dayton Area Home Sales for February 2018

BUSINESS AWARDS

Tiffani Jackson of Cincinnati recently became a *certified financial educator* through the National Foundation for Credit Counseling. Jackson has been a financial education counselor with LifeSpan since January 2015.

She is also a certified consumer credit counselor and one of 138 nationwide certified student loan counselor.

Mary Day, coaching and financial wellness manager, said, “As a financial counselor and educator for LifeSpan’s Coaching and Financial Wellness program, Tiffani Jackson works with every client to determine the best available options for their unique situation. From there, Jackson reviews the client’s entire financial state; housing, income, debt, to recognize where more money can be found to pay down debts, establish savings or whatever goal the

client has set for himself.”

The Presidents Club of Dayton has announced that **Jenell R. Ross** is the 68th recipient of the region’s *2018 Citizen Legion of Honor award*. The award, given every year since 1951, is the oldest, most continuous and prestigious recognition of volunteer servant leadership in the Dayton region.

Ross is the president of Bob Ross Auto Group, a second-generation leader of the area’s 44-year business where she accepted that role in 1997.

Ross has successfully guided that multiple-franchise dealership where she has also served as a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association; the National Association of Minority Automobile Dealers; General Motors and Chrysler Minority Dealers Associations.

She was the 2013 chairwoman of The American International Automobile Dealers Association (AIADA), the first African-American woman to hold that office.

Ross established the Norma J. Ross Youth Foundation in honor of her mother who lost her battle with breast cancer in 2010.

She has continued to volunteer, work and support education awareness of breast cancer and has been an ardent fundraiser for the American Cancer Society for many years.

The Presidents Club of Dayton is honored to recognize Ross at its annual luncheon event from 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Oct. 4 at the Dayton Convention Center. Sponsorships and tables are available by contacting Marcia Bostick at 937-226-8225 or emailing at mbostick@dacc.org. The proceeds from this event go toward sustaining the scholarships at Sinclair Community College for active student volunteer leaders in our community.

The Trotwood Police Department recently received accreditation renewal by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

(CALEA) and was awarded the *Accreditation with Excellence and the Meritorious Award for having 15 continuous years of accreditation* – the gold standard in public safety.

The renewal was accompanied by the commission’s praise for the department’s “excellence in addressing the intent of CALEA standards beyond compliance.”

CALEA accreditation is verified by a team of independent CALEA assessors, who carefully examined the department’s policies and procedures, management, operations, and administrative services for compliance with 484 CALEA standards.

Chief Erik Wilson believes that CALEA compliance sets the benchmark for public safety professionalism, and commends all members of the Trotwood Police Department for their role in maintaining a high-level of professionalism.

This is the department’s sixth accreditation award since its initial award on March 22, 2003.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

Rachel Sidwell, MD, has joined Northwest Dayton Pediatrics, in Englewood. Prior to joining PriMed Physicians, Sidwell cared for patients at a pediatric practice in Piqua, Ohio.

Sidwell earned her medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and completed her residency at the Cohen’s Children’s Medical Center in New York.

She is a board-certified pediatrician and accepting patients at the office in Englewood, 120 W. Wenger Road. Contact the office at 937-836-9921 to schedule an appointment. More information at primedphysicians.com.

PriMed Physicians welcomes **Stephanie Morrison, MD**, to our offices in Kettering and Wright Dunbar. As a board-certified pediatrician, Morrison has served in the Air Force, most recently as a pediatrician at Wright-Patterson AFB.

Morrison is accepting new patients. Contact the Wright Dunbar office at 937-268-3483 and Kettering office at 937-433-7991. Go to primedphysicians.com for more information.

abled systems allowing service improvements and efficiencies.

Keith Steeber, PE, is promoted to the position of city engineer (manager of the Division of Civil Engineering). Steeber is a career city employee, starting as a municipal inspector in 1982 and serving as engineer, senior engineer, and chief engineer. His accomplishments include design, construction management and supervision of public improvement projects such as streets, Dayton International Airport runways, and neighborhood improvements. He most recently served as acting manager of the division of civil engineering. He earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering at the University of Dayton.

Katie Wahl recently joined the firm of Pickrel, Schaeffer & Ebeling Co., LPA.

In her practice, Wahl focuses on business and corporate law, as well as estate planning, probate

(including estate administration and guardianships) and Medicaid planning. After serving as a complex business litigator for eight years, she transitioned her practice to her current focus. As a corporate and business lawyer, she has experience in forming new entities and assisting clients with the sale or purchase of a business, as well as drafting terms and conditions, contracts and other agreements. She also has extensive experience in working with nonprofit entities to obtain and maintain their nonprofit status.

Wahl is a 2003 honors graduate of the Notre Dame Law School. She also earned a masters in economics from the University of Notre Dame and was the first in the school’s history to combine the two curricula into one program.

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BUSINESS OPENINGS

HER Realtors, the country’s largest agent-owned real estate firm, officially opened a new Dayton area office on Thursday at 1024 W. Third St. in the region’s historic Wright Dunbar Business District. Renovation of this circa-1890 building was led by local HER Realtor and avid historian Shannon Jackson.

Jackson has long been interested in the revitalization efforts taking place in the Wright Dunbar region, so when the opportunity arose to purchase a piece of history on West Third Street, she jumped. This historically significant corridor on the western edge of Dayton is where Wilbur and Orville Wright designed the world’s first powered airplane, and African-American poet Paul Laurence Dunbar penned his renowned poetry. On the National Register of Historical Places, it is also home to the Dayton Aviation heri-

tage National Historical Park, National Aviation Heritage Alliance and the Dayton Region’s Walk of Fame.

With support from the City of Dayton and the HER Realtors development team, Jackson began a several month renovation of the property aimed at preserving and showcasing its original charm.


“When clients walk in, we want them to feel as though they have traveled back in time, complete with antique furnishings and collections,” Jackson said. “We want to create a memorable experience and an agency that is truly community centered.”

Jackson and her husband, Kurt, will be two of several HER agents working from this new office in downtown Dayton and serving the greater Miami Valley region. Recruiting efforts are attracting some talented agents that are excited to be a part of this historical office, she said.

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