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Redistricting impacts the region



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Protecting Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) and ensuring it is strategically positioned for future growth and investment is a responsibility all of us own in the business community, as well as local, state and federal governments.

In recent weeks, the Ohio legislature made a commitment to WPAFB by ensuring that Montgomery and Greene counties remained together in Ohio Congressional District 10, in the new redistricted map. The pres-

ervation and advancement of Ohio's largest single site employer, WPAFB, helps our region support over 32,000 employees and a \$16.5 billion annual economic impact on our community. The strategic alignment of these two counties in this congressional district is vitally important to our economy and the future of Ohio.

Our region's success strategy for WPAFB is contingent on Ohio having the right advocates in place to deliver real economic investments to WPAFB that result in economic growth for Ohio. The recent redistricting process in Ohio is an example of how important and critical this process is to the Dayton region and it showcased a strong commitment from our state leaders to preserving Ohio's No. 1 federal asset.

Ohio is well positioned with U.S. Congressman Mike Turner as a senior

ranking member of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee. This position, combined with a statewide commitment from Ohio's Congressional delegation, state government leaders and local advocates gives the Dayton region and Ohio a competitive advantage in supporting our largest economic engine and ensuring federal defense investments for Ohio are at the forefront of ongoing and new department of defense opportunities. Department of Defense investments, Base Realignment and Closure Act efforts and federal defense legislation is extremely competitive and other states and their representatives are "eyeing" what we have. We MUST have a seat at this table and we MUST be aligned as private and public leaders to preserve and grow our federal investments.

The Dayton area busi-

ness community, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce's Board of Trustees, and I want to thank the state legislature and Gov. Mike DeWine for the most recent map that keeps Montgomery and Greene counties aligned together in Congressional District 10, allowing us to protect and grow Ohio's most valuable economic asset.

In four years, a new congressional district map will be considered by the state legislature. We don't have a long runway until that time, and all of us need to continue our commitment and dedication to protecting WPAFB in the redistricting process showcasing how important this federal installation is to the success of our community and Ohio. We are all in this together.

Chris Kershner is the president and CEO of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce.

DAYTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for all events at
DaytonChamber.org.

- In-person: Generation Dayton Emerging Leaders Night, Nov. 30, 4-6:30 p.m. Topic — Young Professionals Networking. Location — Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway, 777 Hollywood Blvd., Dayton
- In-person: 2021 Workplace Diversity & Inclusion Forum, Dec. 7, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Speaker — Erica Shaw, Director, Customizations Operations & North American Market Operations, Procter & Gamble. Location — Sinclair Conference Center, 444 W. Third St., Dayton
- In-person: Leadership Dayton Alumni Happy Hour, Dec. 9, 5-6:30 p.m. Location — Clothes That Work!, 1133 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Suite 392, Dayton
- In-person: Breakfast

- Briefing, Dec. 10, 8-9:15 a.m. Speaker — Jeffrey Trzeciak, Executive Director, Dayton Metro Library. Location — NCR Country Club, 4435 Dogwood Trail, Kettering
- In-person: Generation Dayton Holiday Party, Dec. 15 5:30-8:30 p.m. Location — The Dublin Pub, 300 Wayne Ave., Dayton
- Hybrid event: Safety Breakfast with the Experts, Dec. 16, 8-9 a.m. Topic — OSHA/Workers' Compensation Update. Speaker — Gary Auman, Director, Auman, Mahan + Furry. Location — The Mandalay, 2700 E. River Road, Dayton
- In-person: Government Affairs Breakfast, Jan. 11, 7:30-9 a.m. Topic — Update on the Office of Private Sector & InfraGard. Location — Marriott at the University of Dayton, 1414 South Patterson Blvd., Dayton

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Students are hired into entry level positions, working about 24 hours a week and committing to the company for one year at a time. The Work Plus employers provide an hourly wage and pay the tuition and general fees for each of their Work Plus students.

Ohio higher education officials were so impressed last year with Work Plus, they are pushing Miami's approach to colleges and universities across the state.

Waye, who is from Mason and studying business management at both Miami regional campuses in Middletown and Hamilton, is grateful for the program, which is being duplicated by post-secondary schools around Ohio.

When he first learned of the program while enrolling for his first year at Miami he thought "this is too good to be true."

Waye works for now in the company's steel slitting department, where the metal



Miami University's second-year Work Plus tuition work program added Worthington Industries, a steel processing company in Monroe. Also new to the program is Miami regional freshman Carter Waye. MICHAEL D. CLARK/STAFF

is cut to order for industries around the nation. He has others package the wrapped steel sheets for shipping.

He is one of six other Miami regional students working at Worthington and he makes \$16.50 on top of the company covering his tuition costs.

"It's exciting. And you can

be ahead of the game when you get out of college instead of having to pay off debt so I can be ahead in my life," Waye said.

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battery technology and its Hydrotec hydrogen fuel cell system to power locomotives. Wabtec provides equipment and other services to the freight and rail industry.

Also in June, GM said it was partnering with Liebherr-Aerospace, an on-board aircraft system supplier, to develop ways to use hydrogen fuel cell power genera-

tion on an aircraft.

Pure Watercraft said its outboard motors boost a boat's performance while reducing pollution and providing a lower operating cost and maintenance than traditional marine propulsion systems.

"Our mission is to enable a new era in boating," said Andy Rebele, founder and CEO of Pure Watercraft. "This joint effort with GM is expected to enable us to make significant technolog-

ical advancements in range and charging, while achieving volume production."

GM said the collaboration will leverage Pure Watercraft's innovative marine motor technology with GM's engineering, supply chain and manufacturing capabilities.

Lubin said the specific product offerings that occur from the collaboration will be disclosed at a later date.



General Motors headquarters at the Renaissance Center in Detroit show the updated logo representing the company's future in electric vehicles.

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UD professor elected

The Organization of American States elected University of Dayton School of Law Professor **Carlos Bernal** to its **Inter-American Commission on Human Rights**.

As part of the seven-member body, Bernal, a native of Colombia, will help members of the Organization of American States promote the protection of human rights, investigate alleged human rights violations by nations in the Americas, and present cases to the Inter-American Court. The commission also publishes reports on issues and meets with government representatives, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations and others to promote an understanding of the inter-American human rights system.

Bernal, who stepped down as a sitting justice on the Colombian Constitutional Court to join the University of Dayton School of Law in August of 2020, has held visiting professorships in Colombia, Australia, France, Denmark, Israel, Spain and Germany. His area of research is the interpretation of constitutional rights and comparative constitutional change, and he teaches courses in Constitutional law and torts.

In addition to being a highly accomplished legal scholar, he's highly decorated in Colombia. Bernal has been awarded Colombia's Order of Boyaca and the Medal Jose Maria Cordova. The Order of Boyaca is Colombia's highest honorary distinction for eminent citizens and for nationals of

friendly countries of Colombia; Queen Elizabeth II of England and U.S. President Joe Biden are recipients. The Medal Jose Maria Cordova goes to members of the Colombian army who have excelled in discipline and military virtue, provided eminent services and fellowship, or for acts of courage.

Dayton Freight honored

Dayton Freight was named a 2021 LTL U.S. Regional Carrier Award Winner for the sixth time. DFL was one of 22 recipients honored at the Penske Logistics Freight Management Carrier virtual awards program.

Category winners were selected from among Penske's expansive base of trucking carriers operating within its freight management operations. There were several award qualifications: A Penske Logistics enterprise scorecard combined with customer, operations and sourcing feedback.

"Congratulations to Dayton Freight for receiving a 2021 LTL U.S. Regional Carrier Award from Penske Logistics," said LeAnne Coulter, vice president of freight management for Penske Logistics. "Dayton Freight is a key part of our industry-leading freight management network, and we are very pleased to rely on DFL to service our customers during these challenging times."

Founded in 1981, Dayton Freight is a private, union-free, less-than truckload

(LTL) freight carrier headquartered in Dayton.

Medical Center honored

IBM Watson Health has named **Kettering Medical Center** as one of the 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals in the country, making it the only hospital in the Dayton region and one of three hospitals in Ohio to earn this award.

This year's 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals study evaluated nearly 1,000 hospitals with cardiovascular services to identify top-performing cardiovascular health hospitals in the United States, based on clinical outcomes, operational efficiency, financial performance and patient experience.

This is the fifth time Kettering Medical Center has earned this achievement.

Hospitals included in the 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals had better outcomes while operating more efficiently and at a lower cost.

For more information, visit ketteringhealth.org.

Videographer awarded Emmy

United States Air Force Civilian and National Museum of the U.S. Air Force Public Affairs Specialist **Kenneth LaRock** was recently awarded a regional Emmy® for his contributions to the film "Memphis Belle: Her Final Mission."

The documentary, produced by Dayton Public Broadcasting Station (PBS)

ThinkTV Senior Producer Richard Wonderling in Dayton marks the first time a museum employee received such an award.

The Boeing B-17F Memphis Belle™ aircraft and its crew became timeless symbols of the service and sacrifice of the heavy bomber crews and support personnel who helped defeat Nazi Germany during WWII. This famed aircraft was the first U.S. Army Air Forces heavy bomber to return to the United States after completing a record 25 missions over Europe.

In 2005, the Memphis Belle began its final mission, arriving at the Air Force's national museum for a 13-year restoration. According to LaRock, restoration crews were exacting in the attention to detail required to replicate the Memphis Belle's appearance when it completed its 25th mission.

A special inspiration for LaRock was the 1944 documentary, "The Memphis Belle: A Story of a Flying Fortress," directed by William Wyler, which was included, in part, in the film.

"I documented the project by taking video and photos beginning in 2007, even before I joined the museum staff, and it was such a fantastic journey to see the aircraft transform from a pile of parts to a 'must see exhibit' in our WWII Gallery," LaRock said. "I simply just wanted to help carry on Wyler's story."

Wonderling wrote, produced and directed the documentary, featuring combat diaries with unflinching first-hand accounts of some of

the crew's most dangerous missions, along with curator and restoration crew interviews, and LaRock's footage. Footage from "Memphis Belle: Her Final Mission" can be viewed at <https://thinktv.org/memphis-belle-the-final-mission/>.

The Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences is a professional service organization dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television and related media and to the promotion of creative leadership for artistic, educational and technical achievements within the television industry. For more information, visit <https://ohiovalleyemmy.org/>.

Award launched

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce has launched a new award recognizing the entrepreneurial spirit alive and well in the region's business leadership.

The first Winsupply Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence were awarded to **Errin Siske** and **Andrew Banks** during a ceremony and cocktail reception at the Winsupply Center for Leadership at Carillon Park on Nov. 16.

These recipients were chosen because they exemplify the American entrepreneurial spirit. By their creativity and determination, they have established and nurtured successful business ventures in the Dayton region.

■ Errin Siske - Spark Space Creative: Spark Space Creative is a branding and

design studio that partners with nonprofit organizations to build their brands, and tell their stories. Errin turned what started as a freelance job into blossoming business with a full staff. She was chosen to be one of the 40 participants for the Goldman Sachs Small Businesses program which help participants develop a business network and benefit from support services. She actively chooses clients who are non-profit and who need her help.

■ Andrew Banks II - Performance Wraps: Performance Wraps is an award-winning vehicle wrap company in Miamisburg. Andrew purchased the company in 2017 and turned it into a highly successful provider of many advertising and decorative stick-on coverings for the business community. He's recognized as a leader in his field, and an excellent B2B networker.

The award is powered by Winsupply, a leading supplier of plumbing supplies, HVAC equipment, pipe, tubing, water heaters, and more located in Dayton.

The Winsupply Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence is part of a larger celebration of entrepreneurs for National Entrepreneur Month (November), during which the chamber highlighted area entrepreneurs throughout its event programming, social media accounts, and other communication channels.