



Trotwood Mayor Reunites With Heroes Behind Her Cardiac Arrest Emergency

A public event on May 22 quickly turned into a life or death emergency for Trotwood Mayor Yvette Page.

On Thursday, Page, along with Premier Health, honored people who helped save her life. The chain of survival story is an opportunity to recognize out of hospital cardiac arrest. Premier Health EMS Coordinator Paula Balcom says cardiac arrest survival in the out of hospital

situation typically has a 10% chance with a good neurological outcome. With bystander intervention that increases to 13 %.

"Today we're celebrating 13th," said Balcom.

Alyssa Morgan of Amanda, Ohio was attending another event nearby, and saw that Mayor Page was in a state of emergency situation. She quickly organized people around her. Her actions were part of the "chain of survival" — early recognition, having someone call 911, AED use, first-responder

care, and then hospital treatment.

"I think it's just a testament to people willing to step up. It's also a testament with advances in medicine that we can have these outstanding outcomes when people do step into those first moments," Balcom said.

Premier Health presenting Cardiac Save Awards. The ceremony brought together Mayor Page, and the people who stepped in to help in the crucial moments.

Those being recognized

include:

- Rhonda Minniefield, who contacted 911
- Alyssa Morgan, who provided bystander CPR and used an AED
- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Deputy John Ashworth, who assisted with CPR
- Jefferson Township Fire Department first responders
- Trotwood Fire Department, which transported Mayor Page for continued care

Trotwood Mayor Page

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Dolly Parton Passes at the Age of 80



Dolly Parton gave a statement four days before her death -Credit:Getty

Dolly Parton died at the age of 80 after sharing updates on her health.

The beloved singer-songwriter has been open about her previous health issues and earlier this month, she canceled an appearance at her Dollywood theme park after a doctor ordered that she not travel due to ongoing "health issues." Four days before her death, Dolly seemed optimistic about her future, sharing a statement about her hopes for the future that included, "I still have so many things I want to achieve."

In the statement to People, she acknowledged that she paid more attention to taking care of her

husband in the last years of his life. Her husband, Carl Thomas Dean, died in March 2025. Dolly died about a year and a half later. It comes as Dolly's final wish, and the unusual manner in which she wants to be buried has been revealed.

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The Jolene singer also mentioned in the statement that this isn't the first time that she battled

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Thurgood Marshall Wins 2026 Alumni Tournament Championship

Cougars' Defense, Depth and Star Power Fuel First-Ever Alumni Tournament Title

By Deon Cash

The Thurgood Marshall Cougars entered the 2026 Alumni Tournament as the last entry.

They registered right before the final deadline.

Joe Thomasson Jr. and Mark Alstork met, planned, coordinated and then put the final team together.

Once they assembled the roster, it was all gas and no brakes as the Cougars steam-rolled to their first-ever Alumni Tournament championship, defeating Anna 80-55

at Wooden Gymnasium in Xenia, Ohio.

While The Alumni Tournament was electric from start to finish, the Cougars matched that same energy from the moment they entered the fray.

The practices were intense. The players were invested. The mission was simple.

Win.

Once the roster was released, Thurgood quickly became one of the favorites around the city to win it all.

"Once we decided to put a team in, there was no question what we was going to do," Thomasson

said.

"We knew we had the best team in the tournament. But you have to go and prove it."

And that they did.

The Cougars shut down Xenia, Springfield and Anna en route to the title and the \$20,000 championship pot.

While elite programs including Dunbar, Trotwood, Wayne, Westerville South and Portsmouth lost early, Thurgood kept dominating throughout the tournament.

"This was about the brotherhood. We did this for the Cougars, our fami-

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Cardiac Arrest Survivor Empowers Next Generation of First Responders at Sinclair Community College



From surviving sudden cardiac arrest to empowering the next generation of lifesavers. In August 2017, Springboro resident Jim Westendorf

went for a routine run after work.

He suffered sudden cardiac arrest. Thanks to swift action from bystanders and the incredible Clearcreek Township first responders, Jim survived a life-threatening crisis.

Grateful for a second chance at life, Jim and his wife, Lisa Dennison, turned their gratitude into action. Though neither attended nor had any prior connection to Sinclair Community College, they established the Westendorf Have a Heart Foundation

Scholarship at the Sinclair Foundation in 2021 to annually support local first responders learning their trade right here in our community.

So far, the impact has been tremendous - \$12,500 awarded in scholarships since 2021 with fifteen (15) student recipients supported on their path to becoming EMTs and first responders.

This week, as a new cohort of Sinclair EMT students step into Sinclair's Health Sciences Center (Building 14) for their

very first CPR and AED lab, Jim and Lisa are visiting campus to share their story, kick off the semester, and remind these future heroes just how vital their training truly is for those in our community.

Sinclair Community College would like to thank both Jim and Lisa for paying it forward each year and helping Sinclair train the lifesavers of tomorrow

Red Cross, Hello Kitty® and Friends Inspire Blood Donations

Heading into September, the blood supply remains vulnerable, and the American Red Cross is teaming up with Hello Kitty® and Friends to show the power of kindness.

All who come to give blood or platelets Sept. 1-20, 2026, will receive an exclusive Red Cross x Hello Kitty plush mascot clip and surprise sticker pack, while supplies last.

See RedCrossBlood.org/HelloKitty for details. It's a partnership that's already inspiring action and excitement: More than 17,000 new potential donors have signed up to learn more and nearly 3,000 appointments were booked in the first week after this exclusive collectible was announced.



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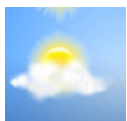


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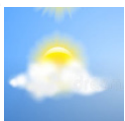
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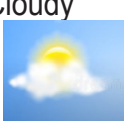
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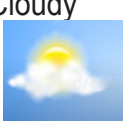
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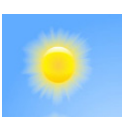
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says she feels good, and its not over yet because she's getting better with each day.

"To actually see them and to touch them, and know that they touched me with their kindness, but that's something that they do. It wasn't just me. They do this on a day-to-day basis," Page said.

Alyssa Morgan says seeing Page getting better is especially meaningful because bystanders often don't get to see the outcome after an emergency.

"You stand back and go. Yes, this is why we do what we do because most of the time you just don't see that. You don't know what comes out on the back end of things, and to see that from her is absolutely amazing," Morgan said.

Page says cardiac arrest is a "silent killer" that can happen to anyone. She urges anyone to learn CPR, AED use, and use of emergency resources.

"You need to know

the resources and to really get into that aspect, because it may be you that may be a bystander that could help someone live," Page said. I want everybody to take a CPR course, if you can. I know they offer it free. Go out there and just do it at your spare time. Make sure you know your emergency contacts".

For more information visit the American Heart Association's website .

September is Library Card Sign-up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and to celebrate, Dayton Metro Library has named the winners of its second annual Library Card Design Contest:

- Kids, up to age 12: Felicity Grobmyer
- Teens, ages 13-17: Sophia Gomes
- Adults, 18+: Mica

Stahl

The winning designs can be found at DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Library-Card-Design-Contest and will be available throughout September for new patrons who sign up for a Library card. Ohio residents can apply for a free DML Library card either in person at a

Branch with a photo ID and proof of address to receive a physical card or online for an eCard.

For more information about getting a free DML Library card, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/ecard or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

RTA Announces 'Art on the Move' Student Winners

The Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA) has selected the winners of its inaugural "Art on the Move" contest.

The program invited students in grades K-12 to create original bus designs inspired by one of four themes: safety, environment, community and friendship. RTA will turn these winning designs into full-size wraps on buses traveling along fixed-route service in Montgomery County.

The first bus made its

debut in the Art in the City kickoff event on Aug. 1. Additional winning designs will be unveiled one at a time between now and the spring of 2027.

Art on the Move winners include:

- Liana, 17, Springboro High School
- Anaweza, 9, St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School
- Bridget, 8, St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School
- Catie, 17, Miami Valley Career Technology Center

- Henry, 8, Main Elementary
- Marie, 17, Beaver-creek High School
- Dieme, 8, St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School
- Mary, 11, Harman Elementary

As each bus is unveiled, RTA will highlight the student artists and their winning designs through photos, videos and social media content. Follow the Greater Dayton RTA on Facebook and Instagram page at iriderta.

Community Invited to 26th Annual African American Wellness Walk

All are welcome to register for and attend the free African American Wellness Walk (AAWW), presented by Premier Health on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Island MetroPark, located at 101 East Helena Street in Dayton.

Now in its 26th year, participants can walk virtually or attend the in-person event. A brief recognition program will begin at 7:30 a.m., followed by the 5k walk at 8 a.m. Throughout the morning, more than 20 organizations will be in the Vendor Village providing health education, preventive care resources, and health screenings, such as blood pressure, blood sugar, and more.

For 2026, AAWW is proud to partner with

the Miami Valley Urban League to deepen community engagement and increase participation in wellness initiatives across the region. Through trusted community partnerships, individuals and families will be connected to resources while expanding access in underserved communities.

The African American Wellness Walk's mission is to raise awareness about health disparities that continue to disproportionately affect African American individuals and families while connecting community members with resources, screenings, education, and pathways to better health.

Research shows that more than 30 percent of black men and women are not getting the amount of regular physical activity recommended for good health. Research also shows that obesity and low levels of physical activity can increase the risk of diseases that disproportionately affect the African American community, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and stroke.

The walk serves as a trusted platform to educate, engage, and empower individuals to take proactive steps toward better health while strengthening connections between healthcare providers, community organizations, and residents.

The walk is free and

open to the public. To register for the virtual or in-person walk, please visit <https://runsignup.com/2026AAWW>

About Premier Health
Based in Dayton, Ohio, Premier Health (www.premierhealth.com) is committed to supporting the community through its mission: To Care. To Teach. To Innovate. To Serve. Home to the region's only adult Level I trauma center and the largest locally based clinical laboratory, Premier Health continues to build upon a more than 130-year legacy of providing clinical excellence and compassionate care to friends and neighbors across Southwest Ohio. The academic health system offers award-winning care at five hospital sites: Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton with additional inpatient sites at Miami Valley Hospital South in Centerville and Miami Valley Hospital North in Englewood; Atrium Medical Center in Middletown; and Upper Valley Medical Center in Miami County. In addition, Premier Health provides a comprehensive range of care choices at its eight emergency departments, nine Urgent Care locations, and more than 130 outpatient locations and affiliated primary care and specialty physician offices, as well as home health, mental health, and substance abuse services.

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Black Veteran and Award-Winning Drone Innovator Launches Southern Drone Academy



Nationwide -- Meet DeMarius Simmons, an award-winning drone innovator, military veteran, and the founder of Southern Drone Company and Southern Drone Academy. After transitioning from military drone operations to precision agriculture technology and securing over six figures in grant funding, Simmons has launched Southern Drone Academy to expand access to professional drone education, entrepreneurship, and emerging technology careers within the Black and other underserved communities.

He first gained recognition in agriculture and forestry technology after developing an algorithm to count containerized pine seedlings using drone data. This innovation won the Winston Starts Grant Program and helped establish him as an emerging leader in precision agriculture. Building on this success, Simmons expanded into commercial applications including real estate, infrastructure inspection, GIS mapping, and public

safety.

"Drone technology changed the direction of my life, and I want other people to understand that it can create opportunities for them as well," said Simmons. "With the right education, a drone becomes a business tool, a source of additional income, or the beginning of an entirely new career."

The academy was created in response to overwhelming interest from a county-wide children's drone camp, revealing a strong demand for accessible, career-focused drone education for teenagers and adults. With a growing demand for licensed drone pilots and the ability for students to be licensed at the age of 16, individuals are being equipped for entrepreneurship at a fast pace, with a cost-effective price. Serving students ages 15 and older, the Black- and veteran-owned online academy provides a structured pathway from FAA Part 107 exam preparation to professional application, covering aviation safety, flight planning, risk management, and

business development.

Southern Drone Academy offers online instruction, live classes, and a Virtual Learning Community, preparing students for careers across agriculture, construction, emergency response, and utility inspection. Through these offerings, Simmons aims to develop a new generation of skilled drone professionals while expanding economic opportunities for underrepresented communities.

Individuals, businesses, and organizations interested in learning more can visit SouthernDroneAcademy.com

About

Southern Drone Academy is a Black- and veteran-owned drone education platform founded by commercial drone professional DeMarius Simmons. The academy provides FAA Part 107 education, entrepreneurship training, and industry-focused instruction for students ages 15 and older, preparing individuals and organizations for responsible participation in the commercial drone industry.

Black Family Developed 5 Different Apps and is Now Inviting Other Creators to Join Their Ecosystem



From a 96-year-old grandmother and an "Esthi Bestie" to three wild Chihuahuas, Temne Hardaway is turning everyday family experiences into AI-powered products and creating new ways for creators to earn from technology.

Nationwide -- Most technology companies start with whiteboards, business plans, and investor meetings. MoR Essential Technologies started with a grandmother, a son who preferred quick answers, a sister navigating her faith, three mischievous Chihuahuas, and a family that—like many others—sometimes struggles to communicate. Founder and CEO Temne Hardaway jokes, "My family accidentally became my focus group. Every holiday dinner seems to create another app idea."

What began as solutions to everyday family problems has grown into an ecosystem of AI-powered apps spanning wellness, pet care, productivity, faith and communication.

When Hardaway's 96-year-old grandmother needed extra help navigating high blood pressure, multiple food allergies, and everyday food choices, Hardaway began building MyScanPlan, an AI-powered wellness platform designed to help users better understand patterns between what they eat, how they feel, and what they see happening with their skin.

MyScanPlan includes food, menu, label, and barcode scanning; personalized nutrition, inflammation, and bloating insights; hydration tracking; skin wellness analysis; product tracking; personalized trends; and A Creator Studio designed for food and wellness creators to instantly create content.

Along the way, Hardaway's "Esthi Bestie," a licensed aesthetician, kept reminding her, "Don't forget the skin!"

That helped inspire MyScanPlan's growing Skin Hub, which brings together skin analysis, nutrition, inflammation,

product use, and progress tracking to help users better understand their individual patterns over time.

Hardaway's blind uncle inspired a broader company-wide commitment to accessibility, with features designed to make MoR's technology more useful to people with visual impairments. Her son inspired Knowly AI, an AI-powered assistant built for people who want to understand information faster. Knowly can summarize articles, analyze documents, contracts, videos and lectures, translate text, act as a response coach, accept content shared directly from a phone for instant analysis, and help users sign and send PDFs.

Hardaway's Christian faith, alongside her sister's desire to grow spiritually, helped inspire PraysHIM, an app featuring prayer support, Bible study, sermon notes, faith vision boards, spiritual growth tools, and community features.

Then came her mother, and three energetic Chihuahuas. "Watching my mom with those barking baddies made us realize pet parents needed smarter tools too," Hardaway said.

That became MyPetScan, an AI-powered pet wellness platform featuring food analysis, mood and behavior insights, personalized pet profiles, wellness tracking, training insights, a Pet Content Creator Studio, and grief and loss support.

And because no family ecosystem would be complete without a few communication challenges, experiences across multiple generations, coworkers, teenagers, relationships, and co-parenting helped inspire Languagey, an AI communication coach designed to help people communicate more clearly and confidently across family, friendships, work, dating, and co-parenting.

Today, MoR Essential Technologies is building AI-powered products designed to help people live healthier, understand information faster, strengthen relationships, grow spiritually, and better care

for the animals they love.

But Hardaway's vision for MoR is becoming bigger than the apps themselves.

You Don't Have to Build the Technology to Earn From the Technology

As MoR's app ecosystem grows, Hardaway wants more people to have an opportunity to benefit financially from technology—not simply consume it.

That vision is taking shape through the MoR Creator Network, an initiative that allows creators, influencers, and community builders to partner with MoR's growing portfolio of AI-powered apps, choose products that genuinely fit their audiences, and earn recurring commissions on qualifying subscriptions they generate.

The idea is intentionally simple: You don't have to know how to code, build an app, or create an AI product to earn from technology.

"You hear so much about the AI economy, but a lot of people still see themselves only as users of technology," Hardaway said. "You don't have to build the technology to earn from the technology. If you've built trust with a community, that has value too."

The idea has become particularly meaningful after conversations with women who were excited about AI and technology but had never considered themselves people who might build an app or make money from one. Creators don't have to become software developers. The MoR Creator Network creates another entry point.

MoR Essential Technologies is currently expanding its relationships with creators, influencers, community builders, and affiliate partners interested in becoming early participants in the MoR Creator Network.

For press inquiries, contact info@aiappeco-system.store

Editorial & Classified

Comments

I, Wanda D. Otero a.k.a. Yellow Deer, declare my Indigenous status and affirm my rights under UNDRIP and ADRIP.

Something to Consider: How Do You Define Yourself?

By: Brenda Cochran
Contributing Writer

I wonder how many individuals have ever asked him/herself this question? Defining our own personal identity can take a considerable amount of time, plus our identity changes throughout that time. It could be whether we consciously undertake a process of personal development or not.

I think that everyone struggles to determine who people really are. Many get tired, when they define themselves, they focus on the negative or how they compare to other people. The fact is that you are the only one that can define who you really are. This identity could be concerning our personality or examining our circumstances or even our gender.

There are some people that define themselves according to their career or job. Others use their relationships or other affiliations; still others use their personal belief system and a few define themselves by their success or the amount of money they have or earn.

For many individuals, defining themselves is equating money and power with how they determine success or determine how they find a definition for the person they are. Basically, suc-



Brenda Cochran

cess is a very personal thing. The one thing that drives one entrepreneur may be different for another and understanding how others measure success can often help you better able to understand your own definition of who you are.

Sometimes a person may feel that they have no purpose in life. Finding out who you are just takes time of sitting down and remembering and thinking of the importance in your life. The question is are you willing to examine one of the most important parts of who you are?

Perhaps you could think about writing your own life story. This story should not only describe your life; it should define it. Be sure that your story includes some of the losses and hurts. Also remember that your life story simply tells you who you are which will

have a profound effect on how you live your life.

You can write your story in a short paragraph. Ask yourself – how have you lived and who are you really? After a few days, you could read it aloud and see if it captures your spirit.

We understand that you cannot change the past, but your life story would be more than a list of those details in the past. It is just an interpretation of those details.

Valuing others also helps to make your self-value increase. It also brings about a substantial social reward. The more we value others including not only people, but things, the stronger our self-value becomes.

Remember that your life story does not only describe your life, it defines them. Your story will do more than re-tell what happened to you, it will also set the stage for what will happen to you in your future.

It may be difficult to achieve, but you should never allow other people's perceptions of you to define you.

According to Hillary Clinton, Former Presidential Candidate, *"I think the world would be a lot better off if more people were to define themselves in terms of their own standards and values and not what other people said or thought about them."*



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Direct questions to mcollier@greaterdaytonrta.org.

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Direct questions to pnath@greaterdaytonrta.org.

Priyanka Nath, Purchasing Agent

Beyond Being Seen: Why Building Trust with Black Men Is an American Imperative

What the HIT Strategies Report Gets Right—and Where We Go from Here

By Dr. Okey K. Enyia

Where Purpose Meets Policy with Dr. Enyia

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"If institutions want to earn Black men's trust, they must move beyond asking how to communicate with Black men and begin asking how to govern with them."

Introduction

The newly released Seen, Not Spoken To report by HIT Strategies is one of the most important studies published this year on young Black men and civic engagement. It challenges long-held assumptions about why many Black men have become increasingly skeptical of institutions and political leaders, demonstrating that the issue is not ideology as much as it is trust.

The report deserves recognition because it reframes the conversation. Rather than asking why Black men are disengaging, it asks what institutions have failed to understand about them.

That is an important shift.

Yet I believe the next question is even more important.

What happens after understanding?

Communication alone cannot solve structural problems.

Through my work with Enyia Strategies, I partner with healthcare organizations, nonprofits, philanthropy, associations, academic institutions, and public sector leaders to translate evidence into actionable policy and systems change.

Through The John Henry Institute for Black Men's Health and Policy Innovation, I work to build the broader infrastructure needed to advance research, civic engagement, and cross-sector collaboration for Black men and boys.

Institutions must earn trust through sustained investment, accountability, shared governance, and measurable improvements in people's lives.

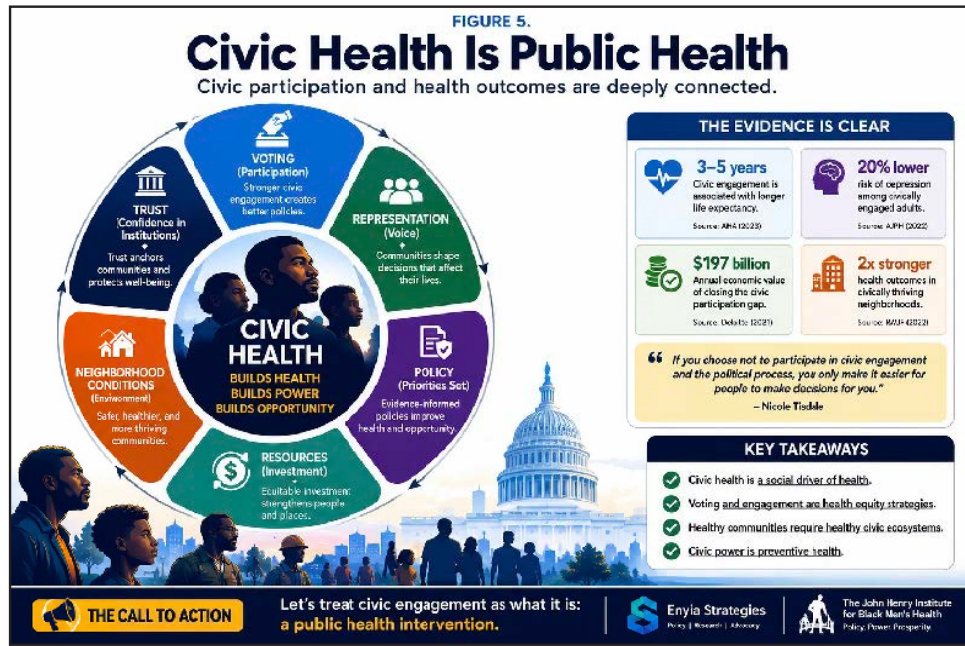
That is where my work begins.

The Trust-to-Prosperity Framework

The framework illustrates a simple but powerful proposition.

Investment creates trust.

Trust increases civic participation.



Civic participation influences public policy.

Public policy shapes health outcomes.

Health creates human capital.

Human capital fuels economic mobility.

Economic mobility creates market power.

And market power strengthens national prosperity.

This systems perspective extends beyond campaign messaging into long-term governance.

The Wrong Question
For years the national conversation has focused on one question:

"How do we persuade Black men?"

The HIT report suggests

a different question:

"How do we rebuild trust?"

I would go one step further.

How do institutions become worthy of Black men's trust?

That distinction matters.

Trust cannot be marketed.

It must be earned.

Moving Beyond Messaging Toward Systems Change

Communication matters.

Representation matters.

But governance matters more.

Institutions ultimately earn legitimacy through outcomes rather than slogans.

That includes healthcare systems, employers, schools, philanthropy, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

This transition from messaging to systems change is the work I increasingly help organizations navigate. Whether advising executive leadership, facilitating strategy sessions, or designing policy frameworks, the challenge is rarely a lack of ideas. More often, it is translating evidence into implementation.

Civic Health Is Public Health

This framework demonstrates the reinforcing cycle between:

- Trust

- Representation
- Policy
- Resources
- Community conditions

- Health outcomes

Healthy democracies create healthier communities.

The John Henry Institute was created to help fill this gap by developing practical resources, fostering civic leadership, and supporting community-informed approaches that strengthen both civic participation and health equity. The goal is not simply to increase engagement during election years, but to build long-term civic infrastructure that improves community well-being.

Black Men's Health Is an Economic Strategy

One reason I increasingly describe this work through the lens of market power is because health is not simply a moral issue.

It is an economic one. Research estimates that racial and ethnic health inequities cost the U.S. economy more than \$421 billion annually, while inequities associated with educational disparities approach

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For in Your presence my soul finds rest.

I speak Your name when laughter fills my day,
I speak Your name when blessings come my way.
I speak Your name when my pockets are bare,
For I know Your loving hand is there.

I speak Your name when riches overflow,
For every good gift comes from You alone.
I speak Your name in the warm sunshine,
I speak Your name when storm clouds align.

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My hope is found in Jesus' name.
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Forever, Lord, I'll speak Your name.

By Martel Kelly
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Featured Speaker: Phil Johnson

We are honored to welcome Phil Johnson of Grace to You Ministries and Grace Community Church in California as our featured speaker.

Phil Johnson served alongside the late Pastor John MacArthur for decades and has devoted much of his ministry to biblical teaching, Christian apologetics, church history, and the defense of sound doctrine.

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How One College Student Chose Taco Bell Over Law School-and Became President of Carrabba's Italian Grill



Nationwide -- In the summer of 1986, Kelia R. Bazile stood at one of the biggest crossroads of her life. After graduating from high school, what began as a summer job at Taco Bell had become something more. Now enrolled at Louisiana State University and pursuing a future in law, she faced a decision few understood. She chose Taco Bell over law school.

To many of her family, friends, and classmates, it seemed like an unbelievable mistake. She was walking away from a respected profession for a career in fast food. What no one could see was that the decision wasn't about choosing a restaurant over a court-

room. It was about discovering a purpose she never expected. Forty years later, that decision has become one of the most remarkable leadership journeys in the restaurant industry.

Today, Kelia Bazile serves as President of Carrabba's Italian Grill, leading nearly 190 restaurants and thousands of team members across the United States. Her inspiring journey is the subject of her new book, I Want a Seat at the Table: From Team Member to President, where she shares the leadership lessons, personal sacrifices, moments of doubt, and unwavering faith that transformed a summer job into a lifelong calling.

"This book isn't about how I became a presi-

dent," Bazile said. "It's about how every season of life prepared me for responsibilities I couldn't yet see. I want people to know that your starting point doesn't determine your destination."

More than a memoir, I Want a Seat at the Table challenges readers to rethink success, embrace unexpected opportunities, and understand that leadership is earned through character, service, and preparation-not titles.

Kelia Bazile's story is proof that one decision-one that others may not understand-can change the trajectory of an entire life.

For more details and/or to purchase the book, visit KeliaBazile.com



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Based on the book 180 Days of Power by Thomas

With classrooms re-opening in weeks, educator David L. Thomas says the most important back-to-school supply isn't for the students; it's for the teacher

Nationwide -- Every August, teachers stock up on supplies for everyone but themselves. This year, a Florida educator is challenging his colleagues to add one item to the list before the first bell rings: a book built to pour back into the person standing at the front of the room — one page at a time, for all 180 days of the school year. 180 Days of Power for Educators by David L. Thomas delivers exactly one page for every instructional day: an original quote, a short story straight from the schoolhouse, and a research-backed Best Practice Note. Five minutes with the morning coffee, and a teacher walks into the building carried instead of

just scheduled. "Teachers don't burn out because they stop caring — they burn out because no one is pouring back into them," said Thomas, a 17-year public educator who still works inside a large Florida high school every day. "If you're going to have your lesson plans ready before day one, have your fuel ready too. This book is the daily refill." What sets the book apart is its architecture. Instead of treating Day 47 like Day 147, it moves through six thirty-day phases that mirror the real emotional seasons of a school year — from The Opening and The Grind through The Storm, The Turn, The Push, and The Finish — so the page an educator reads always matches the season they're standing in. Every quote and story is an original composition written for educators, not recycled off the internet. The book anchors the

three-book 180 Days of Power series, with companion editions for school leaders and students — allowing entire schools to open the year on the same page, literally, from pre-planning through graduation. Districts are already adopting the series as a zero-prep, building-wide culture program. Thomas writes from inside the profession, drawing on 17 years in the classroom, MTSS, and student services. He holds degrees from Bethune-Cookman University and Nova Southeastern University, and is also the author of The Convincing and Teacher LLC. Educators can preview the series, explore the six phases, and request district pricing at 180daysofpower.com All three books are available now in paperback, hardcover, and Kindle editions

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Arts & Entertainment

Dolly Parton Passes at the Age of 80...
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health issues, citing a difficult time in the early 1980s where she was "down for several months with female issues." Her statement continued, "But I think because we live in a 24/7 world with social media, everything gets magnified in ways it wasn't years ago.

"I used to joke that I was the Queen of the Tabloids, but now I guess I can say I'm the Queen of Social Media AI! Seriously, though, even though I'm still healin', I'm still workin'."

Before her death, the 9 to 5 singer revealed that she was exploring a new way to tour, working with companies that create "avatar performances," but admitted at the time that the project was in its early stages.

Dolly is the best-selling female country music artist of all time and started her career with her first album, Hello, I'm Dolly, in 1967. The star was born in Pittman Center, Tennessee, in 1946.

The singer's nephew shared the news of Dolly's death on Tuesday, August 25, in a video on Instagram. "My name is Brin Seaver, son of Cassie Parton, and I'm representing the Parton and Owens family today, announcing the passing of my aunt, Dolly Rebecca Parton Dean, Sister, Sis, and Granny to one generation and Gigi to the next," he said, revealing that the country music legend had arranged for him to be the one to publicly announce her passing.

"This video announcement is something Dolly asked of me years ago, before I fully absorbed it as a future reality," he continued. "As her head of security

for more than two decades, a role my father Larry held before me, I have imagined the heaviness of this moment but haven't truly felt it til now."

Dolly Parton's sister Stella reveals sweet nickname in emotional tribute

Dolly Parton's younger sister Stella Parton opened up about the last days of the legendary "Jolene" singer, who died on Aug. 25 at age 80.

"My big sister Dolly got her wings this past Tuesday," the 77-year-old wrote. "If anyone gets to heaven I'm sure she made it right on time. I know she's showing out big time, in all her sparkles and shine. That was my sister's way."

Stella said she and the "Jolene" singer – who had been battling cancer before her death, USA TODAY confirmed – had a peaceful morning ritual.

"Every Tuesday about this time, before the sun came up and the world was still asleep, she and I for many years had our coffee together over the phone," the singer-songwriter wrote. "Being little farm girls we've continued to be early risers.

"As she liked to say; 'shoot Tedda we get more work done before the sun comes up than most folks do all day long!'" Stella continued, adding, "We would catch up on gossip, as sisters do, and drink coffee and make plans as it has always been our way."

The "I Want to Hold You in My Dreams Tonight" star also described her older sister as "one of the most generous, thoughtful and kind people," saying Dolly's warm essence and generosity were no different in her personal life than they were as the Queen of Country.

Stella later opened up about the final days of the "I Will Always Love You" songbird, who was transparent about her health

issues but whose cancer diagnosis was unknown to the public until she died.

"What the world saw is exactly who she was, so much so, she told me recently that if there was no hope for her, she would still allow her medical team to try experimental drugs in the hope of helping others in the future," Stella wrote.

"My sister was always thinking of others and if you want to honor her legacy, show more kindness, lift others up and give more of your time and resources as she continued to do to the very end," she added. "Dolly loved the world and everyone in it."

Stella said when she complained about the state of the world, Dolly would remind her, "Shoot Tedda, we've got more important things to do than worry about their silly asses.

"She left the world a better place by being in it so let's follow her example," she concluded.

Dolly Parton siblings: Who were her brothers ad sisters?

She had six brothers and six sisters: Her older siblings were Willadeene, David and Coy, and her younger siblings were Bobby (Robert Jr.), Stella, Cassie, Randy, Larry, Floyd, Freida and Rachel.

The "9 to 5" star's death came 16 months after the loss of Dean, who died in March 2025 at age 82.

Her nephew Bryan Seaver, who is the son of the singer's sister Cassie, delivered the news of her death via video announcement on social media, per her wishes.

"As her head of security for more than two decades, a role my father Larry held before me, I have imagined the heaviness of this moment, but haven't truly felt it until now," Seaver said. "It is an honor, an honor that is mixed with absolute pride and great sadness."

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the Dayton area.

For those who would like to represent their local nonprofit, call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665. Additional information can also be found at DaytonMetroLibrary.org.

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DML Holiday Closing

All Dayton Metro Library locations will be closed on Sunday, September 6, and Monday, September 7, in obser-

vance of Labor Day, but will return to normal hours of 9:30 am-7 pm on Tuesday, September 8.

For more information,

visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

Four 'Home Alone 2' Cast Members Have Died in 2026

Tim Curry, who played concierge Mr. Hector in the 1992 holiday classic, is the latest cast member to have passed away this year.

Tim Curry's death earlier this week makes him the fourth cast member of Home Alone 2: Lost in New York to have died this year.

Curry passed away peacefully at his Toluca Lake home in Los Angeles on Tuesday (August 25) at 80 years old. His longtime manager

and friend Marcia Hurwitz confirmed the news, and publicist Sean Katz released a formal statement.

"Tim Curry, the iconic actor and entertainer globally beloved for his dynamic contributions to the stage and screen, passed away peacefully at his home in Toluca Lake, Los Angeles, on Aug. 25, 2026," the statement read.

In Home Alone 2, Curry played the Plaza Hotel's flustered concierge, Mr. Hector. He is the fourth member of that cast to die

in 2026, following Catherine O'Hara on January 30, Brenda Fricker on July 16, and Jaye P. Morgan just one day before Curry, on August 24.

Fricker played the Pigeon Lady; O'Hara played Kevin's mother, Kate McCallister; Morgan appeared as a celebrity on the in-film game show "Ding-Dang-Dong."

Macaulay Culkin, who turned 46 on Wednesday (August 26), is among the prominent surviving cast members.



(L-R) Jaye P Morgan, Catherine O’Hara, Tim Curry, and Brenda Fricker.

Sports

Thurgood Marshall Wins 2026 Alumni Tournament Championship Cougars’ Defense, Depth and Star Power Fuel First-Ever Alumni Tournament Title... Continued from Page 1

lies, and the fans who supported us,” Mark Alstork said.

Alstork was the guy who put the idea in motion.

“We wanted to finish this one. We lost in the state and we knew there was no way in hell we wasn’t gonna win the title this time,” “Jumpin Joe” Ballard said.

Bringing Back the High School Energy

While the Cougars captured the title, they also captured the hearts of Dayton, along with some of the energy of their high school days.

Cougars TAT coach and Miami University Hamilton assistant Quinton Alstork felt the nostalgia of the event.

“It was crazy to see these guys hooping again. It felt like it



was 15 years ago all over again,” Alstork said.

“It was an honor to coach these guys. The atmosphere was incredible and the team was completely locked in.”

Anna Embraces the Moment

As for Anna?

The darlings of The Alumni Tournament were classy and gracious, which was one of the beautiful things about the tournament.

The Rockets embraced the moment so much that they brought their entire community to the games

— even the Anna mascot.

“We take our hats off to Thurgood. They were a tough team and the best team in the tourney,” Anna star guard Derrick Billing said. “We battled but just came up a little short. We want to thank our city for all the support during the

tournament.”

“We’re excited to see what The Alumni Tournament will turn out to be in the next couple of years.”

A Championship — and a Challenge for 2027

Congratulations to the Cougars on winning the title in 2026.

They didn’t just win a championship. They infused some juice into the city.

They made an impact on everyone from the youngsters to the old heads who remembered and missed watching their run in high school.

And they put a lot of former hoopers on notice.

“We will see y’all in ’27. We gon’ be ready,” Thomasson said.

Thomasson averaged the most points in the Kingston Ending at 4.5 points per game and hit the fi-

nal \$20,000 shot. Alstork powered the team in scoring on multiple nights, including championship night.

“Jumpin Joe” Ballard delivered another memorable moment when he hit the Kingston Ending on a signature alley-oop against Springfield.

With teams from across Ohio competing and the winner’s pot expected to expand in 2027, one question remains:

Who will be able to challenge Thurgood as the Cougars look to repeat?

Follow **S.E.Live365 (@SELive365)** and The Alumni Tournament (@TheAlumniTournament) for more information about content, events and future tournaments.

Does Knowing 1 In 4 Deceased NFL Players Had CTE Change How You Feel About Football?

I know millions of us love our American football, and the NFL is an institution sports fans across the country hold sacred, but is it really worth it if the NFL players we rely on for entertainment are putting their lives and physical health in danger, either imminently or in the long term? Well, I suppose, for many football fans, the answer to that question lies in how serious the risk is. How likely is it that NFL players will suffer some sort of brain injury, such as the degenerative brain disease known as chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE)?

Over the last six years

of the study, researchers received 235 brains of the 878 NFL players who died. In that sample, 215 brains — 24.5 percent — were diagnosed with CTE. They estimated the prevalence of the disease could be far higher in those years as researchers were unable to analyze the other 643 brains that were not donated.

“The possible prevalence at death [of CTE] during 2016 to 2021, when brain donation was most frequent, ranged between 24.5 percent and 97.7 percent,” they wrote.

The study also noted that late-stage CTE is more prevalent in donors with dementia as research continues to

trace the exact causes of the disease.

The fact is, CTE has been central to the conversation around the NFL and its responsibility for the health of its players for years now, since the disease was linked to football about two decades ago. Deceased NFL players found all but one showed signs of CTE.

The real question is this: How much do the players, the NFL, and the fans actually care about the well-being of those who are putting their health on the line in the name of the sport and our collective entertainment? Is it all worth it, or nah?



Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Jacksonville Jaguars Joint Practice
Source: James Gilbert / Getty

Beyond Being Seen: Why Building Trust with Black Men Is an American Imperative What the HIT Strategies Report Gets Right—and Where We Go from Here... Continued from Page 4

\$940 billion each year.

Those costs affect every American.

When Black men experience preventable illness, premature mortality, unemployment, educational barriers, or underinvestment, the nation loses workers, entrepreneurs, taxpayers, caregivers, innovators, and civic leaders.

Improving Black men’s health should therefore be viewed not only as an equity strategy but as a national competitiveness strategy.

Health influences:

- Workforce participation
- Entrepreneurship
- Educational attainment
- Family stability
- Innovation
- Economic growth

The return on investment extends far beyond healthcare.

Elections Create Policy Windows

Much discussion surrounding the 2026 election understandably focuses on campaigns and candidates.

As a policy professional, I see something different.

I see a policy window.

Elections determine who governs.

Policy windows determine what becomes possible.

Regardless of which party governs, institutions must be prepared with evidence-based

solutions that improve health, strengthen communities, and build trust.

That is precisely why The John Henry Health Equity Playbook was written as a four-year policy agenda designed to be adapted across administrations. It intentionally presents a roadmap that can be tailored regardless of political leadership while emphasizing that advancing Black men’s health requires long-term, bipartisan commitment.

The Policy Window Framework

Leadership changes create opportunities.

Prepared institutions convert those opportunities into measurable outcomes.

Building Institutional Trust

Perhaps the most important lesson from the HIT report is that trust cannot be restored through better messaging alone.

Trust grows through repeated institutional behavior.

Organizations build trust when they:

- Listen before acting
- Share decision-making power
- Invest consistently
- Measure outcomes
- Remain accountable over time

This framework offers six principles for institutions seeking lasting relationships with Black men and their communities.

Trust is not communication.

Trust is institutional behavior.

At Enyia Strategies, institutional trust is not treated as an abstract concept. It is operationalized through strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, policy analysis, implementation support, and measurable accountability. Organizations increasingly recognize that trust has become a strategic asset, particularly when serving communities that have historically experienced underinvestment and exclusion.

From Investment to Market Power

For too long discussions about Black men’s health have centered almost exclusively on disparities.

Disparities describe problems.

Investment creates solutions.

Strategic investment produces healthier communities, stronger workforces, increased entrepreneurship, greater civic participation, and stronger economies.

That is market power.

This framework demonstrates how sustained investment generates:

- Human capital
- Institutional trust
- Economic strength
- Innovation
- National competitiveness

One of the central ideas I continue to advance through both Enyia Strategies and The John Henry Institute is that improving Black men’s health should be viewed as an investment strategy rather than solely a disparity reduc-

tion strategy.

Healthy communities strengthen labor markets, expand entrepreneurship, improve educational attainment, increase civic participation, and generate long-term economic returns that benefit the entire nation.

Where My Work Begins

The HIT report diagnoses a communications challenge.

My work focuses on implementation.

The John Henry Health Equity Playbook was intentionally designed as a four-year roadmap organized around three pillars—physical and mental health, economic stability, and community empowerment through civic engagement—supported by evidence, policy recommendations, implementation strategies, and evaluation metrics.

Understanding is essential.

Implementation is transformational.

This figure summarizes my approach:

- Identifying structural barriers
- Applying systems thinking
- Translating research into policy
- Partnering across sectors
- Measuring impact
- Sustaining long-term change

A Call to Action

The next chapter of Black men’s health will not be written by institutions that simply recog-

nize the problem.

It will be written by those willing to redesign systems, share power, and invest for the long term.

If you are:

- **A policymaker:** use this moment to build bipartisan, evidence-informed solutions.
- **A healthcare leader:** embed Black men’s health into your strategic priorities.
- **A philanthropist:** invest in infrastructure, not just programs.
- **A researcher:** produce knowledge that communities can use.
- **A business leader:** recognize that investing in Black men’s health is an investment in workforce resilience and economic growth.

• **A community leader:** continue building trust from the ground up.

The future of Black men’s health is not simply about being seen.

It is about being heard, valued, invested in, and empowered.

Because when Black men thrive, families thrive.

When families thrive, communities thrive.

And when communities thrive, America becomes healthier, stronger, and more prosperous.

Let’s Build the Next Generation of Black Men’s Health Leadership

If your organization is asking:

- How do we better engage Black men?
- How do we operation-

alize health equity?

- How do we build institutional trust?
- How do we translate research into policy and practice?
- How do we measure our impact?
- How do we position investments in Black men’s health as drivers of economic growth and community prosperity?

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Together, we can move beyond conversation and build systems that produce lasting change.

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Ross Education Officially Transitions to Non-Profit Status

I'm Adriana, Public Relations Coordinator for Ross Education.

I'm writing to share an update from Ross Education — a post-secondary healthcare training school here in Fairborn. Founded in Flint in 1969 and now operating 43 campuses across eight states, including Ross Medical Education Center Dayton — Ross has officially completed its conversion to a not-for-profit institution. The U.S. Department of Education granted the final required approval on July 28.

For students in our community, the change means a commitment to holding tuition flat and expanded access to state grant funding.

Ross Education Completes Conversion to Nonprofit Institution

U.S. Department of Education grants final approval, capping a seven-year effort and formalizing Ross's commitment to affordable, career-focused healthcare education

Clinton Township, Mich. — Ross Education, which has trained healthcare professionals for more than 50 years, today announced that it has completed its conversion to a not-for-profit institution. On July 28, 2026, the U.S. Department of Education granted the final approval required, formally recognizing Ross as a nonprofit institution for federal student aid purposes.

The Department's approval concludes a process Ross began in 2019. Ross's corporate parent converted to a Michigan nonprofit corporation in February 2021 and is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) public charity. The conversion has already been approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Ross's institutional and programmatic accreditors, and higher education regulators in all eight states where the organization operates its Ross College and Ross Medical Education Center campuses.

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"This is a new chapter in Ross's 50-plus-year history," said George Grayeb, Chairman, President & CEO of Ross Education. "Our resources are now fully aligned with our long-term goals: career-focused programs, affordable tuition, and reducing our students' reliance on debt. This transition is only meaningful if we live it every day — and that is exactly what we intend to do for our students, faculty, and staff."

What the change means for students

Ross has held tuition essentially flat since beginning the conversion process in 2019 and intends to maintain that commitment. Nonprofit status also expands sources of financial support available to students: Ross can now pursue institutional grants, and students in some states gain access to new or expanded state grant funding — further reducing reliance on student loans.

Reinvesting in programs and long-term stability

As a not-for-profit, Ross reinvests all resources in its educational mission. Near-term priorities include modernizing programs across the institution — with focused investment in Ross's two largest programs, Medical Assistant and Nursing — and strengthening institutional reserves so that Ross can weather future challenges without passing costs on to students.

"Our students come to Ross to pursue a career, and they should be able to do that without taking on debt that follows them for decades," said George Grayeb. "Stable, low tuition isn't a slogan for us. It's the commitment this conversion was built to protect."

About Ross College and Ross Medical Education Center

Founded in 1969 in Flint, Michigan, Ross College and Ross Medical Education Center provide career-focused training in high-demand healthcare fields — including Medical Assistant, Nursing, Dental Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, and Veterinary programs — at 43 campuses across eight states and online. Ross is institutionally accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES). Learn more at rosseducation.edu.

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