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## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR VIRGIL BORUSKE

Over the past year, our city's Economic Incentive Program has been working very well and I have no doubt that our city's new Main Street Coordinator and Community Development Director, Ms. Tina Neyer, will continue that momentum and take the program to the next level.

Many of you may already know Tina, as she has been the Program Director of the Tharp Dayton Heritage Museum since its inception. Tina is a graduate of Xavier University and has a Master's Degree in Education. She is currently a self-employed writer and an academic tutor at Xavier University.

Tina previously served as Vice-President of Neyer Construction, and has worked as a professional mediator in the Campbell County, Hamilton and Clermont County, court systems. Tina has been awarded for her work in the community with a Campbell County Preservation Award and a Northern Kentucky Heritage League Presentation Award. She brings to our city her investment, knowledge and experience, and vast professional skills to bring out the very best of our Main Street Program. Please join me in welcoming Tina to her new position with our city.

Let's not forget about the *Beyond the Curb* event, as nine featured properties will be available to tour. The event will be held on April 24 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, beginning with registration at Manhattan Harbour and proceeding to the eight other featured properties. For details and/or tickets: [BeyondTheCurb.org](http://BeyondTheCurb.org)

In closing, the due date for Occupational Licenses will be April 15. This includes all businesses located or anyone working in the City of Dayton. If you have any questions, call the Clerk's Office at 859-491-1600.

Until next month,  
Virgil Boruske

## Public Forum on Transportation for Dayton Independent Schools Students

On Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM the Dayton Independent School District will host a public forum on providing school bus transportation for students to and from school. The state of Kentucky has reduced funding for transportation from funding 96% of this expense in 2005 to funding 61% of this expense in 2016. We welcome you to attend this forum to learn more about this issue. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to call Jay Brewer at 859-292-3982 or email: [jay.brewer@dayton.kyschools.us](mailto:jay.brewer@dayton.kyschools.us).

## New Main Street Coordinator and Community Development Director



The City of Dayton is excited to announce the hiring of Tina Neyer as our new Main Street Coordinator and Community Development Director. The position will consist of a variety of administrative, technical, and professional work. The primary role of this position is to develop, implement and maintain plans, policies, and programs to promote residential and commercial activity in the city of Dayton.

"We are excited to bring Tina on board to continue the momentum we have created within Dayton over the last year," said

Mayor Virgil Boruske. "Our Economic Incentive Program [CCAP] is doing very well and we are confident that Tina will be able to take the program to the next level. She has been extremely invested in the community for a long time and we are eager for her to get started."

Neyer graduated with a Master's in Education from Xavier University, where she also attended undergrad. She is currently a self-employed writer and an academic tutor at Xavier University. Prior to working as a writer and tutor, Neyer served as partner and Vice President at Neyer Construction Inc. She has also worked as a professional mediator for Hamilton and Clermont County Courts in Ohio and for Campbell County Court in Kentucky.

Neyer has been involved with the Tharp Dayton Heritage Museum as a program director where she dedicated her time to the citizens of Dayton. She was awarded with the Preservation Award for Campbell County and the Northern Kentucky Heritage League Presentation Award. During her time at Neyer Construction, she was named one of the 100 Wise Women of Cincinnati for her contribution to the growth of the community.

Submitted by: Michael Giffen  
City Administrator

## FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT JAY BREWER

Serve and Return...It is How We Grow!

All children need and deserve high level interaction with a caring, supporting, and trusting adult. In this process they also need someone to "serve and return" with them. Serve and return interactions shape brain architecture. When an infant or young child babbles, gestures, or cries and an adult responds appropriately with eye contact, words, or a hug, neural connections are built and strengthened in the child's brain that support the development of communication and social skills. Much like a lively game of tennis, volleyball, or Ping-Pong this back-and-forth is both fun and capacity-building. When caregivers are sensitive and responsive to a young child's signals and needs, they provide an environment rich in serve and return experiences.

When it comes to emotional development, serve and return interactions can help children:

- Develop self-confidence
- Cope with stress in a healthy way
- Learn the difference between right and wrong
- Develop compassion
- Form friendships

Serve and return does not end in the early years. Our elementary children need this same support when we engage them in conversations about their day, their friends, and their activities. Our middle and high school kids may want to run and hide from conversations with parents, but they too, desperately need someone to serve and return with them. Conversations about school, work, sports, friendships, relationships, and future goals are all critical in the process of growing our children.

So, my question to you: Are you "serving and returning" with your children? Let's continue to GROW together!

Respectfully,

Jay Brewer

Proudly Serving as Superintendent of Dayton Independent Schools

## Lincoln Chess Club Excels at Queen City Classic Chess Tournament.



On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Lincoln Elementary School Chess Club travelled to Paul Brown Stadium, home of the Cincinnati Bengals, to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen City Classic Chess Tournament. Forty "Little Green Devils" in grade levels 2-6 matched their chess prowess with 750 other students from states as far away as Michigan to the north and Tennessee to the south.

After 5 rounds of intense playing, the finals results were as follows:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - 7<sup>th</sup> Place
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (1<sup>st</sup> Overall School)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (1<sup>st</sup> Overall School)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

### Individual Awards

- Nelleh Buschle - 5<sup>th</sup> Place Overall
- Audin Combs - 9<sup>th</sup> Place Overall
- Samuel Garcia - 12<sup>th</sup> Place Overall
- Owen Overman - 13<sup>th</sup> Place Overall
- Kevin Buemi - 18<sup>th</sup> Place Overall

Coaches Ed Long and Tyler Mobarrry were extremely proud of the effort and sportsmanship of all the students. Special thanks to the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund for their support of the Lincoln Elementary School Chess Program.

## A Trip to the Principal's Office

So much excitement is surrounding Dayton High School right now! We appear to have more than 20 students applying to take dual credit classes next year with Gateway Community and Technical College. We've had a great year and we look forward to finishing it out strong. Speaking of finishing strong: our juniors took the ACT examination for college readiness on March 1, and we have received the preliminary results. It's looking like we will have the highest ACT composite in the history of Dayton High School! We are waiting on 4 more test scores to confirm this accolade. Great things are happening on our campus!

Students and teachers have been extremely busy in their classes, sports, and club related activities and we continue to push students academically as we head into KPREP testing season. Please continue to encourage our students to do their best. The middle and high school also received some good news from a diagnostic review performed by the Kentucky Department of Education. The agency came in to our school to assess and review our progress toward proficiency. That visit began on a Sunday night where Mr. Meyers and Mr. Dodd had the opportunity to "tell our story" through a one hour power point presentation detailing where our school was, where we are now, and where we are going in the future. Over the next three days, the audit team visited our building where they went to classes, interviewed teachers as well as students and parents. As the team of auditors was leaving we received many positive comments, affirming the great work being done at Dayton Middle/High School.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all students, staff, community members, and parents who took time out of their busy schedules to participate in this process. We, as a school, are grateful for your support! The results are back from that audit and I am pleased to report that we did well, showing growth in every area from our previous audit.

We, of course, still have areas for improvement but we have come a long way. The auditors left us some specific areas to continue focusing our work. They would like to see a stronger system in place to support new teachers. They want us to continue focusing on making decisions using data. They requested that we develop a better tool for classroom walkthroughs and providing feedback to teachers, and they suggested we continue to focus on a challenging curriculum. The good news is that these activities are already in our plans.

### Some important dates to remember in April:

- April 4-8 = Spring Break
- April 14 = ASVAB for juniors and seniors
- April 19 = KYOTE testing for seniors
- April 22 = Progress reports will be sent home with students
- April 29 = College Signing Day Assembly

Thank you for your continued support of Dayton Middle and High School.

Jeremy Dodd  
Principal DMS/DHS

Scott Myers  
Assistant Principal DMS/DHS

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## First Baptist Dayton News

Submitted by: Gail Myers

### Citywide youth rally at first Baptist Dayton on April 20, 6:30 p.m.

Dee Florence and Dustin Clark are coordinating a citywide youth rally for Dayton-Bellevue on Saturday, April 20. The rally will meet at First Baptist Dayton, 501 Dayton Avenue. Most of the churches in Dayton and Bellevue are participating. Dustin Clark, the new pastor at Dayton Nazarene Church, is quarterbacking the citywide gathering of youth. Fabulous music and a totally fun time are planned for the youth in our area. The citywide youth rally will meet in the gym at First Baptist Dayton at 6:30 p.m., April 20.

### Dayton Neighborhood Watch meeting set for April 25, 7 p.m.

Under the leadership of the Dayton Police Department and our Police Chief David Halfhill, a large group of concerned citizens gathers regularly at First Baptist to discuss problems facing the city. The purpose of the Dayton Neighborhood Watch is to encourage residents of Dayton to participate with the Dayton Police Department in reducing crime in our community, including drug use and sales, property destruction and theft. If you want to get involved, come to the next meeting on Monday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m. and Chief Halfhill will tell you how you can help.

### Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Dayton, June 19-24

"Submerged: Finding Truth Below the Surface" is the theme for Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Dayton. Dates are June 19-24, 6:15-8:30 p.m. VBS is for ages 4 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Watch for more details in future editions.



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### City Administrator's Report

April brings forth warmer weather and lots of exciting things are happening in our community. On April 24th Dayton is proud to be hosting the spring *Beyond the Curb* event, presented by the Catalytic Fund. Along with Bellevue, we will be showcasing some of our beautiful and diverse properties as part of an urban walking tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Check in and registration for *Beyond the Curb* will be at one of the new homes in Manhattan Harbour and a few of those homes will be showcased on the tour. If you weren't able to see them this past fall at the Home Show, you will have another opportunity. Tickets will be available for pre-sale and at a discount at [beyondthecurb.org](http://beyondthecurb.org) and we will post the media on our website. In preparation for this event and for the general well-being of our community, I encourage everyone to get out and ensure your properties get the springtime care and maintenance that they deserve to make our community shine.

I would also like to welcome Tina Neyer to the City of Dayton staff as our new Main Street Director. Tina has a lifelong dedication to Dayton and has had a tremendous impact serving on our Museum Board. I know she will continue the momentum we have established and will be a valuable asset to Dayton.

Michael Giffen, City Administrator

### Inspire, Engage, and Grow Employee of the Month

We would like to recognize Julie Rubemeyer as our February Inspire, Engage, and Grow Employee of the Month. Julie has taught at Dayton Middle/High School for 12 years. Mrs. Rubemeyer teaches English and Reading and also serves as our Disciplinary Literacy Coach. Mrs. Rubemeyer is always positive and she is always looking for ways to GROW our students!

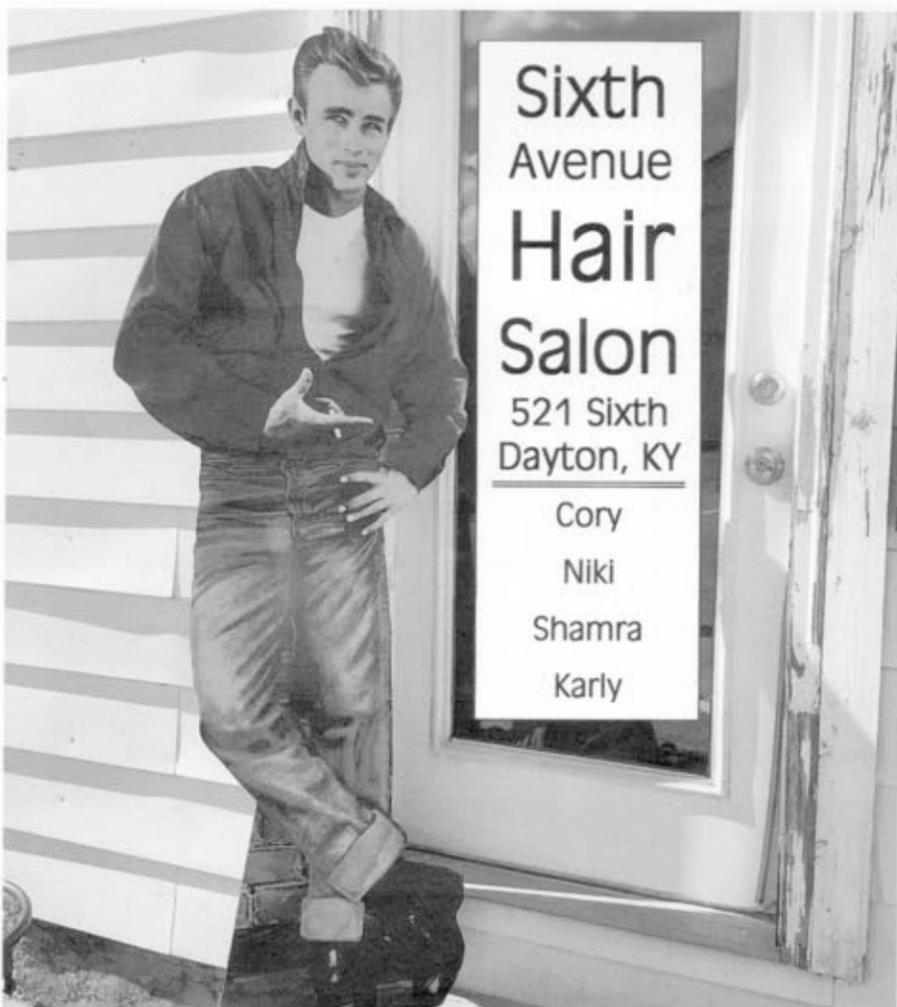
To quote one of her many nominations, "Julie Rubemeyer continually goes above and beyond to do what is best for our students. It is evident being in Julie's classroom that she genuinely cares about each of her students. Inspiring, Engaging, and Growing each of her students is something that comes naturally to Julie because of the relationships that she builds with her students and the challenges she provides them. Julie spends countless hours differentiating instruction to meet the unique needs of her students."

Another nomination stated, "Julie is dedicated to our students and it shows in the way she teaches. She works hard to make sure she knows the strengths and weaknesses of each student to help them improve their reading skills. She makes it a point to get to know the students on a personal level and always has a smile and a kind word. Our students need positive role models and I feel Julie sets a great example." We are fortunate to have Mrs. Rubemeyer working with our students and staff!

### Occupational License

The 2016 Occupational License is due on Friday, April 15, 2016. This includes all businesses located or anyone working in the City of Dayton. Any questions, call the Clerk's Office at 859-491-1600.

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Proprietor: Cory Wagner 859-512-8333 [cory6905@gmail.com](mailto:cory6905@gmail.com)  
Look for our Grand Re-Opening date in the May edition!

### LINCOLN ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC TEAM GOES UNDEFEATED



Congratulations to the 2015-2016 Lincoln Elementary Academic Team for finishing the season with a perfect 14-0 record. Our team defeated schools from Ludlow, Covington 9th District, Newport, Covington 6th District, Latonia and Glenn O' Swing. Over the course of the season the Little Devils outscored their opponents by the score of 199 to 101.

The team is comprised of 5th grade students: Ben Chenot, Micah Harrison, Aiden King, Gabby Leger, Russell McIntyre, Carson Reynolds; and 4th grade students: Elijah Cabrera, Hargus Crank, Owen Overman, Ryeli Mastruserio, and Jersie McIntosh. The team has the distinction of being the first team in school history to finish the season undefeated! We could not be more proud of the sportsmanship and competitive spirit displayed by these students.

**CONGRATULATIONS ACADEMIC TEAM!**

Submitted by: Karen Fuchs  
LES Teacher

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## DHS March Students of the Month



Brandon Skirvin - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Sophia Halfhill - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Austin Klosterman - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Jade Johnson - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, Stephanie Morris - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Jacqueline Blades - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

## February Artist of the Month



We would like to recognize Angelika Watson as the March Artist of the Month. Angelika is a sophomore and is active in all facets of the band program at DHS. Recently Angelika represented DHS at the NKU tristate band symposium as a member of the flute section. In addition to band activities, Angelika has been a member of many Drama club productions at LES and is currently rated 2nd in her graduating class.

## March Athlete of the Month



The Athlete of the Month for March is Kilee Donelan. Kilee is a hard working young lady. She is the starting pitcher for the Lady Greendevils Varsity softball team and recorded three wins this month in four games. She is a role model to the younger girls on the team. Kilee pushes herself to reach her goals on the field and in life in general. While participating in softball, Kilee also juggles school and work. She has worked hard this year in the classroom and currently holds a 3.04 G.P.A. The Greendevil team has grown as a team with the help, guidance and dedication of junior pitcher, Kilee Donelan.

Submitted by: Joe Workman  
Athletic Director, Health/PE Instructor

## 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church News

Submitted by: Melody Dilts

How are your days going? Busy, busy, running from morning to night, no energy, no strength, work until exhaustion? Always laundry to do, toys to pick up, and dishes to do. You have a hard time relaxing because something always needs to be done... Sound familiar?

Many of us live our lives like this daily and it gets us nowhere. God wants us to slow down, take a breath and enjoy the flowers, enjoy the sounds of spring and of the children. These are things He has created for us to enjoy. When we rush, rush, rush, it all gets missed. We can never become too busy to give time to God and enjoy the blessing he has sent us.

Sometimes we can be afraid to slow down because we may find things out about ourselves that we don't want to know. By working 24/7, it is easy to keep our true feelings buried deep inside. My challenge to you, once daily for one minute is this:

- Take a breath, quiet your mind
- Stay silent
- Open your heart, mind, and soul, and
- Listen for God in your life

Remember; don't focus only on **what** is right, but on being **who** is right. May you hear and feel the blessings that are sent your way. Join us Sunday mornings at 10:15 or watch our sermons on our website [www.firstpresdayton.org](http://www.firstpresdayton.org)

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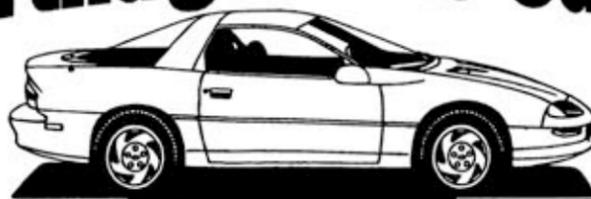


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## L.E.S. Principal Notes

Someone once said that we are put on this earth to make good things happen for other people. There is no doubt that good things are happening for our students at Lincoln Elementary School. We currently have numerous students who are surpassing individual and school-wide goals left and right. We have students working hard on the Math Facts in a Flash program and earning the really cool black and neon t-shirt. We also have students reading Accelerated Reader books and taking quizzes on a daily basis in hopes of earning a sweet 100 Point Club tie-dye t-shirt. Keep striving for excellence students and keep reading as today's readers are tomorrow's leaders!

Speaking of excellence, we are proud to announce that we had 38 total students in grades 4-6 make the A/B Honor Roll while another 6 students made the Super Honor Roll earning all A's. We want to congratulate all the students who worked diligently to get it done in the classroom while striving for academic excellence. As always, we plan to celebrate the students' academic achievements by having the Super Honor Roll/Honor Roll Lunch on April 14 at McDonald's and Gold Star Chili in Bellevue. It is always a pleasure to recognize students for doing the right thing, and we will strive to continue such traditions like this in the future.

Our students will have one final chance to show us what they know when taking the final round of MAP testing for the 2015-2016 school year. MAP testing will begin on April 12 and conclude on April 28. All students in grades K-6 should have a magic number that they are shooting for in reading and mathematics along with language usage for students in grades 3-6. It is so imperative for our students to continue to strive for hitting their magic numbers that have been established by the NWEA program. We have come to realize that students who hit their magic numbers and score above the grade level benchmarks have a much greater chance of scoring proficient or distinguished on state testing.

We will continue to work hard while raising the bar for all students. We earned the right to be labelled as a proficient school last spring so that's the goal as we geared up to take the state accountability test known as K-PREP. Students in grades 3-6 will start testing on May 5 and finish up on May 11. We are so proud of everyone who has put in so much time and effort to ensure that our students will be ready for the K-PREP test. As parents, we simply ask for you to ensure that your children get plenty of sleep and arrive to school on time so the testing experience can be as smooth as possible. We are excited about our current momentum and know that we will continue to get the job done through expecting more, demanding more, and achieving more!

Go Little Devils,

*Greg Duty*

Greg Duty  
LES Principal  
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*Heather Dragan*

Heather Dragan  
LES Assistant Principal  
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## Civic Club News

Spring has finally sprung! The Dayton Civic Club hosted the annual city Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 20, 2016. Even though the event was delayed a day due to inclement weather, we couldn't have asked for a better first day of spring. Although it was a bit nippy, the skies were sunny, and the children were happy. This year we hid over 3,000 eggs for the kids to find. These eggs were filled with candy, prize tickets, and even some with super prize tickets and 5 (1 for each age group) were golden eggs that contained a certificate for a \$20 bill, courtesy of Dennis and Denise Ashford. The following were the winners of the \$20 eggs: Ava Muzukar, Keira Hall, Christopher Patterson, Alexa Embry and Marcus Stamper. Great job, kids!

I would like to thank all the volunteers for helping out with this event from stuffing eggs, to hiding them, to arranging the prize tables, setting up the event and helping wherever needed. The civic club could not do it without all of you; Craig Cornett, Beth Nyman, Joel Nyman, Councilman Bill Burns, Becky Mays, Chad Weir, Zachary Weir, Eugene Hamblin, Jennifer Hamblin, Caden Hamblin, Makayla Hamblin, Faith Willoughby, Wyatt Willoughby, Tiffany Gifford, Nathan Gifford, Kenzie Gifford, Donna Leger, Amber Menning, Hailey Leger, Gabrielle Leger, Jane Hebel, Councilman Joe Neary, Jerry Wetterich, Fran Wetterich, Mike Lenz, Cindy Moore, Jessica Caldwell, Lisa Klette and Mayor Virgil Boruske. Of course, I cannot forget to thank the star of the show, the one and only Peter Cottontail aka Harvest Gifford for his extra special appearance. He did a great job with the kids and we could not have asked for a better Easter Bunny.



I would also like to extend a special thank you the following National and Junior National Honor students, who were a tremendous help to us this year: Cara Klette, Lance Klette, Angel Mason, Angel Patterson, Maddie Gifford, Malory Michaels, Chyanne Gross, Hanna McVey, Polly Carr, Amyti Stephens, Abby Coleman, Jade Johnson, and Katie Shamblin. A great job was done by all I also would like to thank everyone who donated everything from dollars, to eggs, to candy. Every little bit helps put these events together and to be a success.

Our next event will be held on June 18, **The River City Musicfest II Summer Kick-Off Jam**. Details will be announced in the next edition of the Dayton Community News. Stay tuned. If you would like to help with this or any other event please feel free to join us at any time. **Our next meeting will be held on April 21 @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. John's parish hall, 8th and O'Fallon.**

I would also like to extend special thoughts to 2 of our members who were not able to help as much they usually do because of health issues. Please keep Jerry and Linda Gifford in your thoughts over the next couple of months. Our prayers are with Linda and Brandon in wishing for a speedy recovery.

Happy spring!

Tammy Cornett, Dayton Civic Club Chair



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## What's For Supper?

### Dayton's Legacy of Food in the 1950's

Watermelon Sweet Pickles by Mrs. Charles Hammond, 24-hour Salad by Mrs. N. Wicklach, or; how about Jellied Veal by Mrs. Frank Warner? These are recipes found in *The Dayton Women's Club* cookbook, a compilation of the recipes of the time. Households along the lazy river often smelled of ham hocks, biscuits, and fried chicken. People regularly fished the Ohio River for catfish, or populated Bezold's meat counter or White's Food Market for a pound of shadow steaks or enough pieces of city chicken for a Tuesday night dinner.

Dayton's rich heritage comes through in the yellowed pages of the typewritten, loose leaf book that obviously was meant as a fund raiser for the club's philanthropic goals. These women, some would say, were the brains behind the successful men who ran businesses and kept Dayton on an even keel. Reading through the pages, it's almost as if you can see Mrs. Glenn Huddle place cut up chicken on a cookie sheet. She would be in apron and cotton shirt dress, wiping the sweat from her brow with her forearm before covering the cookie sheet with Reynolds Wrap to bake for 2 hours in a 300-degree oven on a June day when temperatures rose into the eighties. She'd adjust the volume on her radio to listen to Ruth Lyon's *50 Club* on WLW before pulling her cast iron skillet out and lighting a flame atop the stove to make a sauce for her husband's favorite Bar-B-Cued Chicken.

Over at 405 McKinney Street, Mrs. Felix Breitenstein had just enough Crisco (1 cup), rolled oats (2 cups) and Corn Flakes to make her favorite. If she didn't use the Corn Flakes soon they might get mealy on her in the humid air. She knew the recipe for her famous Granger Cookies by heart and loved walking two blocks up McKinney to the Bank of Dayton with a plate full for her husband and the other clerks.

Mrs. Andy Haunert would lose her life in a tragic boating accident in the 1960s. She would be on Captain Stan's scowl out of Harrison Boat Harbor, sitting in a folding chair on the bow with another woman when a couple of drunks in an outboard skiff would run over the top of the scowl and drag her and the other woman down into the water, never to be found. But in the mid-fifties she submitted what she thought was the epitome of side dishes to the cookbook. Her kids might have had a different opinion of her spinach loaf. Their noses perhaps wrinkled when they came through the door at dinner, hit by the smell of steaming green slime called spinach.

A 1950's home might have a single pay check coming to it, a wife managing the family budget, pinching pennies for food, clothing and children. While the term housewife has taken on a tarnished connotation in recent times, in the post-World War II era, wives had the task of making a dollar stretch so her girls could where a new pair of saddle oxfords on the first day of school, or the Christmas Club account at the bank could be paid up and ready for buying a few things to put under the tree. Women talked on party lines or attended Women's Club and P.T.A. meetings in an effort to keep engaged. They packed picnic baskets for Coney Island or Tacoma Park and were equally important to the growth of our city.

On April 24, 2016, Dayton and Bellevue homes will be featured in an event called "Beyond the Curb." If you attend, remember that when you walk into a home you are walking into a place where the ghosts of the past still live.

Submitted by: Tina Neyer  
Program Director at Tharp Dayton Heritage Museum

## KPR May Meeting

The NKY Chapter of Kentucky Public Retirees will have their monthly meeting on Monday May 9th 2016 at Golden Coral 488 Orphanage Road Ft. Wright, KY. We will meet at 11:45 for social time and lunch. Around 12:30 p.m. we will have a short program with a guest speaker. Topic will be determined at later date. There will be a short business meeting discussing the outcome of the 2016 legislative session on restoring the ARC for Kentucky Public Retirees. We will also have a discussion on the issues that will be addressed by the state conference in Bowling Green, KY which will be held June 1, 2, and 3. All members are eligible to attend the state conference along with spouses and significant others. See the KPR website for details.

KPR has a website with membership application that can be downloaded and a Facebook page. If you would like to have any questions answered, please contact NKY Chapter President Asom Ponananta by phone 859-512-5713 or by email asp90@aol.com.

Submitted by Melissa Artopoeus  
NKY KPR Chapter Public Relations  
Lissa 203@msn.com

## Parade Planning Meetings

In preparation for our upcoming annual Memorial Day Parade, we will be holding several planning meetings. Those meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, April 12, 2016	Tuesday, April 26, 2016
Tuesday, May 3, 2016	Tuesday, May 10, 2016
Tuesday, May 17, 2016	Tuesday, May 24, 2016

All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held at the 2899 Kersten O'Day VFW Post, 6th and Main Streets, Dayton, KY. We count on our many friends and organizations to help us make the parade a success. We encourage you to attend as many of the meetings as possible. We look forward to seeing you and we thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,  
**Ann Sparks**  
Bellevue-Dayton Memorial Day Parade Committee

## 4-H Speech Contest Winners



Congratulations to these grades 4-6 Lincoln Elementary Students for winning in their respective age categories in the 4-H Speech Contest held on March 21. Their accomplishments earned the students the right to move onto the regional competition on March 29. They are L to R: Caaron Toellnitz, Rylei Mastruserio, Colton Stockton, Fate Jones and David Puchta.

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## Dayton Independent Schools PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION & JAMBOREE

Wednesday, April 13 at Lincoln Elementary from 5:30 – 7:30. *Bring the whole family for some good ol' fashion family fun!* Several community agencies will be present to provide kids and families with info, activities and resources.

### Dayton Preschool information (Services for our kids and families):

- ½ Day Preschool (serving qualifying 3 year olds and all 4 year olds)
- Full day Blended Preschool with Children Inc. (All 3 and 4 year olds)
- Head Start (Full Day, serving all qualifying 3 and 4 year olds)

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## February Stars & Students of the Month



**Kindergarten-** Dallas Nickell, King Bolton, Kamryn Sevy Griffin **1<sup>st</sup> Grade-** Katelyn Caudill, Noah Stewart, Braylee Frederick, Kaitlyn Caldwell, Jana Haynes **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-** Adriana Johnson, Skylar Graham, Anna Lawson, Casey Chenot **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-** Marquel Kennedy, Steven Boles, Alex Prince, Skye BATTERY **4<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Brooke Frederick **5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Allen Williams **6<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Whitney Walker, Nelleh Buschle

## Going Home



Tawny colored, river sand sifted through my stubby 4-year-old fingers. My grandpa cast his bamboo line into the water, a hook balled with a mealy concoction of cornflakes and worm. A metallic sinker forced the line to disappear into muddy waters.

Dayton Street disappeared into the Ohio River. There, just above Harrison Boat Harbor, I took off my Buster Brown sandals and plunged my toes into cool, wet sand, mounding it with the hope of forming a castle while the sun rose behind us. The lapping sound of gentle waves

had strewn sticks and weeds along the bank. The boat harbor slept that early in the morning, when my grandpa fished for dinner and I played nearby.

I grew up in Dayton, Kentucky in a time when we were as innocent as the belief that a winged angel guarded each of us with some invisible magic. These days, I think of the poem that so many people have copied, that starts out "I am from..." by George Ella Lyon-Poet Laureate of Kentucky.

Thoughts of Dayton spill into fish heads buried under a sycamore tree, church bells that rang at noon every day, a grocery list and \$5.00 handed to a butcher, banana seats and roller skate keys. Behind gauzy curtains watchful neighbors talked on party lines while children played in streets until called home. Casseroles and lunch pails

defined the families of hard working people who populated my home town.

Four years ago, I read an article that reported this fact, a catalyst for my return to Dayton: 90% of the student population in the school system was eligible for the federal breakfast and lunch programs. The statistic struck a chord with me. I grew up in a single parent home where we often scraped by until my mother's payday each Friday.

After reading about the poverty that existed in Dayton, I contacted an old friend I had worked with during another Urban Renewal in the '70s. My friend had gone on to become the city attorney, a position he held for more than 30 years. He said, "Charlie Tharp just donated his collection of memorabilia and his building to the city. They could use someone like you." Charlie was the local real estate agent who acted as historian; people dropping off all sorts of things they thought would be valuable someday. When he retired, he wanted a museum opened to tell the story of Dayton.

And so I began working in the Tharp Dayton Heritage Museum with a group of people whose histories date back to the 1800s in our shared hometown. We started uncovering so many things that astounded me, like the famous basketball coach who started his career in Dayton.....or the fact that it was known as the Hyde Park of Northern Kentucky in the 1800's.

On April 5 my journey veers once more, further down the path toward home; this time, as the Main Street Coordinator and Community Development Director. Those who know my passion for the written word worry that I am giving something up. I don't believe so, because my writing is so intricately tied to *where I am from*.

The little girl with her toes in the sand has the opportunity to build something of substance and to work with so many good people. It's an exciting time in towns like Dayton, a town positioned to recapture some of its historical glory. I'm grateful to be included in this time of growth for my hometown.

Submitted by: Tina Neyer





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## Fireman Joe says...

As I look out the office window this fine spring day, I see beautiful sunshine and very pleasant temperatures. With this thought in mind, I almost hate to bring up a serious fire safety situation that is occurring in cities all across the USA. Hoarding and Fire: What I want to talk about this month is reducing the risk. Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fills the home and prevents the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable.

Hoarding brings distress and emotional health concerns. Now I have seen everything from newspapers, books, magazines, boxes of letters or school keepsakes from the kids or grandchildren stacked from floor to ceiling in every available space of the house. We have seen literally, pathways through all this clutter. Hoarding increases fire risk because:

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire or hinder emergency personnel from entering to assist injured or ill persons. It also puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters and Paramedics cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.

Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care or rescue someone trapped. Basically, the clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets. We want to be empathetic and stress the importance of safety, but making a home safety and escape plan is very important. Pathways and exits must be cleared.

There are community resources that can connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help. For more information, check our Fire Department website or stop by and we will be happy to discuss this with you.

Until next month,  
*Fireman Joe*

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