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WANT TO PASS IT?

Adrian White
Reporter

With the 2016 presidential election gaining momentum, the 2015 Ohio Election is right around the corner. There are three issues on the Ballot for Ohio: Issue 1, the Ohio Bipartisan Redistricting Commission Amendment; Issue 2, the Ohio Initiated Monopolies Amendment; Issue 3, the Ohio Marijuana Legalization Initiative.

Issue 1 has a goal of making the legislative districts more compact and more politically competitive by creating a seven-member commission to draw General Assembly maps. The proposed system would guarantee 29 percent of the commission from the minority party, as opposed to the current system which only allows 20 percent to be minority. This amendment would go into effect in 2021, when the next redistricting would occur.

Issue 2 requires voters to approve two questions about economic monopolies. This



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amendment was created by lawmakers in response to the legalization of marijuana. This would result in the drug

being commercially grown in 10 facilities with exclusive rights. This amendment would require the Ohio Bal-

lot Board to decide whether the initiative would create an economic monopoly or a privilege for individuals and

corporations. If one question is defeated in this amendment, then it would invalidate Issue 3, the legalization of marijuana.

However, the issue that seems to catch the most attention in this year's election is Issue 3—the legalization of marijuana.

If this amendment passes, Ohio will become the first state to legalize marijuana for recreational use and medicinal use simultaneously.

Issue 3 would allow any persons 21 years of age or older to cultivate, use, possess and share up to eight ounces of marijuana. It will also permit anyone of that age to grow up to four flowering marijuana plants if the person holds a valid state-issued license to grow at home.

The recent legalization of the recreational use of marijuana in Colorado has put other states on the hot seat to follow suit. According to the Initiative Petition, Issue 3 is said to create tens of thousands of jobs in Ohio, generating more than \$550 million annually in tax revenue.

Eighty-five percent of those profits will go directly to local governments, which may spend those funds on

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Barton Kleen
Managing Editor

In September, Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley was one of 17 mayors of cities who wrote to President Obama to encourage raising the number of refugees that the United States plans to take in. Whaley's actions spurred criticism from Republican Congressman and former Dayton Mayor Mike Turner.

"Something like this should not be handled so cavalierly and unilaterally by the mayor of Dayton," Turner said. "I don't think she understands what she is undertaking. I don't think she understands what she is committing the community to and she ought to focus her job back on the city and leave the Syrian refugees to the administration." In his own letter, Turner wrote that Whaley "does not speak for

[the Dayton] community."

"Our role, as a city, as a community, as the mayor, is to make sure we welcome these folks with open arms," Whaley said. Whaley believes that being an open and diverse community is what will make

"Their desire for a better life is perfectly understandable, but their circumstances are not nearly the same as those of the people fleeing their homelands in fear of their lives,"

Dayton successful.

Turner's letter reads similarly to one he penned earlier, during the Border Crisis in 2014. Turner cites the costs of expenditures like increased police force, education and healthcare before again stress-

ing, "In addition, Mayor Whaley does not have the authority to make such an offer for the city of Dayton."

Whaley pledged her support to Cities United for Immigration Action, pledging that "As a municipal leader and a member of Cities United for Immigration Action, I stand with my peers from across the country in support of stronger, safer and more economically prosperous cities and counties through immigration action."

Welcome Dayton is an initiative that was adopted in 2013. It comprises a series of key growth and development goals aimed to make Dayton immigrant-friendly. There has been debate on if Dayton qualifies as a "sanctuary city" with the conditions that the reforms of Welcome Dayton created. "Sanctuary cities" are those that have policies designed to not prosecute illegal

Refugees settle in Dayton



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Historic Convictions Overturned



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Gabrielle Sharp
Executive Editor

On January 31, 1961 the Friendship Nine group went to jail for an anti-segregation protest. These African American men returned to court in 2015, fifty-four years later, to find out that the State of South Carolina would clear their criminal records, as well as their charges filed against them.

"We cannot rewrite history, but we can right history," said the judge, John C. Hayes III, the chief administrative judge for South Carolina's 16th Judicial Circuit.

"Now is the time to recognize that justice is not temporal, but is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow."

The men of Friendship Nine went to jail after they joined a staged sit-in at a segregated lunch counter in Rock Hill, South Carolina. This happened right at the peak of the civil rights movement.

At the time, Robert Mc-

Cullough, John Gaines, Thomas Gaither, Clarence Graham, Willie Thomas Massey, Willie McCleod, James Wells, David Williamson Jr. and Mack Workman were students of Friendship College and active protesters protesting against segregation rules. The group of nine were denied service

"What these men did wasn't wrong, in fact it was right. And what they did wasn't illegal, it was an act of principled courage," Brackett said.

when they walked into McCrory's, and when they were asked to leave, they refused, which resulted in them being arrested.

Graham said they spent months planning to enlist in the civil rights movement across the South.

"We just got tired of being

second-class citizens," Graham said. "We were often kicked, spit on, cursed out."

According to NPR, it was a quiet act of defiance, met with violence.

"I remember being grabbed up by my belt and thrown to the floor and dragged out of the store," Graham said in an interview with NBC News.

McCleod said he was afraid because the policemen were lined up grabbing several people to arrest them.

"It was a frightening experience, but the part that got me is when they put me in the cell and closed that door. And that clang, you can still hear it," Williamson said.

The group members said they were put in the cells to await their charges, and felt as if the police was treating them poorly on purpose.

"They wanted to give us the

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October 13, 2015
Ohio University On-Line Transfer Options
Building 2, Room 2-334
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m..

October 13, 2015
Sinclair Talks:
Law & Order - Careers that Bring Order to Law
Library Loggia
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

October 14, 2015
Nursing BSN Transfer Fair
Library Loggia
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

October 14, 2015
Sinclair Theatre Presents:
The Wiz
Building 2, Blair Hall Theatre
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

October 14, 2015
Women's Volleyball @ Home
Building 8 Gym
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

October 15, 2015
Wright State University Transfer Options
Library 7-L21
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

October 15, 2015
Antioch Midwest Transfer Opportunities
Building 23, Room 2-334
No Time Listed

October 15, 2015
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The Wiz
Building 2, Blair Hall Theatre
8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

October 15, 2015
Sinclair Talks:
Sociology in a Global Context - Ethiopia
Library Loggia
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Building 2, Blair Hall Theatre
8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

ARAMARK MENU FOR AUGUST 31- SEPTEMBER 4					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
VALUE-	Tyson Chicken Patty Sandwich 1.99	Grilled Cheese with Soup	Egg Salad Sandwiches daily at the Deli	1 Slice Pepperoni Pizza, chips & med. beverage 4.25	2 Skyline Conneys and med. fountain 4.99
SIMMER 2	Chicken & Okra Creole Soup Broccoli Cheddar Soup	Beef Noodle Soup low sodium Broccoli Cheddar Soup	Beef Noodle Soup Vegetable Orzo Soup	Chipotle Chicken Tortilla Soup Vegetable Orzo Soup	Chipotle Chicken Tortilla Soup Cheddar Cauliflower Soup
GUEST RESTAURANT	Qdoba Mexican Grill	Lee's Famous Chicken	Panda Express	Bob Evans Restaurant	Spaghetti With Meat Sauce
SANDWICH	Turkey & Avocado Mayo Sandwich	Tuna Salad Sandwich On Wheat Berry	Turkey Cobb Wrap	Italian Sub	Buffalo Chicken Sub
PIZZAZONE	Chicken Bacon Ranch	Cheeseburger Pizza	Pesto Chicken Melt	Specialty Pizza	Specialty Pizza
SIZZLE	Black Bean Burger with Pepperjack Cheese	Pesto Turkey Pretzel Sandwich Melt	Avocado Turkey Burger	Chicken Tenders with Twister Fries	All-American Angus Cheeseburger
WRAP	Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap	Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap	Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap	Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap	Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap

sudoku

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku game:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

Every Sudoku game begins with some squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is due to how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares.

		5	4			1	9	7
		4		2		6		
6	5	9	1	3				
3								8
				9	2	5	3	6
		6		5		4		
5	2	3			9	8		

As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

Sudoku Tips: Start by looking for numbers that occur frequently in the initial puzzle. For example, say you have a lot of 5's in the initial puzzle. Look for the 3x3 box where there is no 5. Look for 5's in other rows and columns that can help you eliminate where the 5 might go in tht box. If there is a 5 in columns 1 and 2, then there can't be a 5 anywhere else in either of those columns. You know then that whatever leftmost 3x3 box that is missing a 5 must have it go in column 3. If you can eliminate all the possibilities in that box except for 1 square, you've got it down!

horoscopes

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Libra: Sept. 23 – Oct. 23
It is a very lucky time for you. Get out and do something. While things won't be quite as exciting with your mate, you should benefit from the earthy balance. This is the time to make a fresh start. Enjoy and make the most of the opportunity.

Scorpio: Oct. 24 – Nov. 21
You are in the process of finishing up this phase of your life and are about to launch a new phase. This will take up your time or thoughts for the next few weeks. Let partners make the decisions in order to keep the peace.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 – Dec. 21
This week is very lucky for you so get busy and straighten out all your affairs. Being dramatic comes naturally to you and this week it can work to your benefit. No matter where you go or what you do there will be limitations of some sort and you must learn to come to terms with this.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 – Jan.19
This is a time when you are handling bits and pieces of everything with nothing large or important going on around you. This will be a good week for you, a very lucky week. Don't go overboard, but it would be a good idea to play the lottery. A loved one is feeling somewhat neglected lately, show them that you really care.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 – Feb. 18
You have a flair for the dramatic now so use it to your advantage. Some unexpected changes are made now that should improve your surroundings. You have some original ideas that you need to put into motion. The work week includes those from faraway places who are or become your friends, open up with others.

Pisces: Feb. 19 – March 20
You seem to be trying to find ways in which to increase your personal resources and to build up a savings account. The little thoughtful things you do can make a difference. Offer your time, not your cash. Slow down this week and take care that you do not become overly aggressive.

Aries: March 21 – April 19
Unexpected changes that occur this week should improve your surroundings. Your energy level is much improved now and you feel more enthusiastic about things. This is a good time to get things done. Personal magnetism is high so you can snag a date easily.

Taurus: April 20 – May 20
Money should be loosening up for you now and you have some choices to make this week. News about your finances comes in quite suddenly now even though you still have to wait to spend any of it. You have started to feel much more relaxed and confident about your long term situation.

Gemini: May 21 – June 21
Your imagination is working very well now so this is a good time to get things done. Partnership endeavors are possible this week allow others to take the lead, fellow employees are key. You have a nice surprise by the end of the week.

Cancer: June 22 – July 22
Some decisions that were made in secret meetings are being postponed for a couple of weeks while details are worked out. You may be getting a promotion or some other form of recognition this summer. Extra money should be jingling in your pocket this month. Try to save as much as you can.

Leo: July 23 – Aug. 22
Things you thought finished are being done all over again. However this is all to your advantage so be patient. Your social instincts are in top gear as you search out any gatherings of people and magically get to hear of social occasions where the sense of good cheer is to be found, although you know there are serious matters lurking round the corner.

Virgo: Aug. 23 – Sept. 22
You are just as happy to have some work put off this week until someone else solves a major problem for you. Friend or a loved one that has been ill lately it is recovering nicely so try to comfort them the best you can. They need you now more than ever.

crosswordpuzzle

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
4					15				16			
7					18				19			
10				21				22				
13			24			25						
16		26	27			28			29	30	31	
19	33				34				35			
22				37				38				
25			40	41			42	43				
28		45				46						
31			47			48			49	50	51	
34		52	53			54			55			
37					57				58			
40					60				61			
43					63				64			

Across

1 Better protected
6 “Poppycock!”
10 Badlands Natl. Park site
14 Coarse
15 Suspicious of
16 Pup follower?
17 Up for grabs, in a way
18 Lit. intro
19 “Willard” antagonists
20 The joke at the audiologists’ convention
23 Solo, say
24 Indian author Santha Rama
25 Century-starting year
26 The joke at the chemists’ convention
32 Not treat lightly
34 Normandy river
35 “Defending Our Nation. Securing The Future” org.
36 __ swings
37 “POV” airer

38 Extreme degrees
39 “The Trumpet of the Swan” monogram
40 Boxed dozen
42 Vail topper
44 The joke at the firefighters’ convention
47 Part of a friskiness metaphor
48 Jersey’s chew
49 “The Simpsons” leisure suit wearer
52 The joke at the cashiers’ convention
56 Not even close
57 Lightest meson
58 Ex-TV host Stewart
59 Kick back
60 Required bet
61 “R.U.R.” writer Capek
62 Language that gave us “bard”
63 Old Royale 8’s
64 Gambling aids: Abbr.

Down

1 Shining target
2 Journey frontman Pineda
3 Mature
4 Henry James biographer
5 Backtalk
6 The Carpenters, e.g.
7 Regarding
8 Mississippi travelers
9 “Meet the Fockers” co-star
10 Channel relative
11 Word John doesn’t want to see?
12 They’re seen in columns
13 Lapidary’s meas.
21 Some flatbreads
22 Nero’s “Behold!”
27 Ref. shelf filler
28 Singer Rihanna’s first name
29 Where a love story may be written

30 Workers’ rights org.
31 Tweed lampooner
32 Drake, maybe
33 Start of a dramatic question
37 Like new snow
38 End to peace?
40 Evita’s man
41 As expected
42 Complacent
43 Grizzly Alaskans?
45 Walk wearing Luvs
46 Dramatic units
50 Principle
51 Dividing range
52 When one __ closes ...
53 Hardly blessed events
54 Till opener
55 Crack up
56 NFL team with a home field bleachers section called the Dawg Pound

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Netflix and scream



Emily Culbertson
Reporter

It's that time of year again where it's always chilly and you're looking for something to do. Well, if you don't know what to do this Halloween or just don't want to dress up, snuggle up on the couch and check out these Top Eight Netflix horror movies that will get your mind going and skin crawling.

Dead Silence: If you're into possessed doll movies, then this one will be a great pick for you! When Jamie gets a mysterious gift from a stranger he's not prepared for there to be a doll inside. This ventriloquist doll is more than meets the eye. A

simple gift shortly turns into a race against time to save his life.

The Fog: It's pretty much the way it sounds. A huge cloud bank rolls through a city, but there is much more to this foggy thriller than finding a way out alive. A dark secret lurches its way around this town, only one man can figure it out before it's all too late.

Out of the Dark: This is definitely a different spin on your normal haunting movie. While it still is based around a haunting, it involves the hair-raising deaths of more than one person, but there is a catch, they're all children. Sarah Harriman (Julia Stiles, The Prince & Me) and her

husband move to Colombia with their daughter to be closer to Sarah's father. The hauntings begin for their daughter and they will shortly find out an undying secret and everything isn't what it seems.

The Ouija Experiment: If you've ever tried to summon spirits with a Ouija board and it never worked, well be thankful because this movie will make you never want to touch one again! This movie is shot almost like a YouTube video and will keep you watching as they embark on the dead and uncover the fearful secret of a murder. This movie is full of jump scare after jump scare, so have fun!

Dream House: If you're into a twisted story with a plot that keeps you guessing, than this is the one for you. Daniel Craig plays the protagonist, a father of two girls with a loving wife, but if you don't keep watching, you might not catch the most twisted part of this crazy story.

The Loft: Are you looking for a good "who done it" movie? Then this one is perfect for you, but warning ladies, the writing was centered as a sick twisted man's point of view. But hey, it's got James Marsden (27 dresses) so who cares, right? Anyway, as a group of friends share a loft for unfaithfulness, they are all sucked into a surprise when

they find a bloody woman in the bed. All eyes are turned on each other because they are the only ones with keys to the loft. So who did it? Friend's aren't always as trustworthy as they seem.

After: If you're not looking for too much of a scare, this movie will fit right in for you. This darkly romantic thriller all starts off with a crazy bus accident; however, when Ana and Freddy discover they are the last ones alive in the town, everything changes. Is it a dream? Was this the afterlife? Were they earthbound? All these questions circle them as they are trapped in darkness. The only way out, a key and a love so strong they can make it out together.

The Gift: Is your taste in scary movies a good old fashioned mystery with an A-lister cast? This is a good fit for you as you will follow Annie (Cate Blanchett) who has a gift for seeing into people's futures and past, but when a sudden murder happens to Jessica (Katie Holmes), her father and husband turn to Annie for help. The police suspect Donnie (Keanu Reeves), who is an aggressive abusive husband to his wife (Jennifer Garner), but there is a lot more to be uncovered in this small town murder case.



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Redemption Dance Company



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Arts & Entertainment Editor

Dayton's own Redemption Dance Company is a Christian based dance company and performance studio that is all about fun, modern dance in a positive environment. The group has hosted events at local clubs like the Therapy Café that included dance-offs, disk jockeys and an overall party atmosphere.

"The reason I named the group redemption was because of things I had done in my past, and when I began this dance company was my redemption," said Jair Crooms, the organizer. "Redemption is a process, and right now, the company is going through a transfer of buildings, so it is like our own redemption."

Crooms said he has always enjoyed dancing, but he didn't get serious about it until he was 14 years old.

"I was influenced by Michael Jackson, and sought out

local dancers who helped me develop my dancing abilities," Crooms said.

Though redemption is known as a dance company, Crooms said the company does not always have to revolve around dance, and is accepting to all people who just want to have fun.

"We are not just a dance company—we love artist, photographers and disc jockeys. We are accepting to anyone of all walks of life, and people don't have to be Christians to join in," Crooms said. "We're not bible thumpers—we just like to have a good time."

The company consists of multiple people, which is what provides a strong unity for Redemption. Crooms said the company is very much like a family—everyone is supportive of everyone's art form.

"I have to separate the dance company and the dance crew. In the dance crew, there are seven members. In the company, we have our disc jockey, DJ Icicle and

our photographer and artists who helped paint our studio walls," Crooms said. "Everybody involved is essentially part of our family. We can be professional when needed and like most families, we have our differences, but at the end of the day, we all love each other."

Crooms said the dance company loves listening and dancing to all types of music, which is what makes the crew different because everyone has a different style.

"Music is music. It's whatever appeals to your ears," Crooms said. "We all love dancing to funk music because what's dancing without funk? Me, personally, I like listening to music with a smooth jazz type feeling, but everybody has his or her different styles."

Crooms said that dance battles is one of the activities the dance company participates in.

"Our dance crew likes to go head to head. We sometimes have up three judges involved

for the competitions, but we like to have whatever crowd is there judge the battles through vote."

Other companies Redemption has worked with include "Metaphorically Speaking," a Dayton based poetry group, and local musical artist, Thomas Troutman.

Crooms said he hopes that the audience always has a good time when they watch them perform or battle.

"I like for our crowd to have a good time. I want them to reminiscence about seeing one of our shows, and if we can touch one person with our dancing, that's a big moment for us," Crooms said.

The next event that Redemption will be hosting is their "Halloween Funk Night" at Therapy Café on October 15. The show starts at 9:00 p.m. and is free to get in. For more information on Redemption Dance Company, visit their Facebook page.

Halloween Calendar of Events

Emily Culbertson
Reporter

Have you been looking for things to do on Halloween and at the point of thinking that there is nothing to do because you live in Dayton? Well, that's about to change, so mark your calendars for these spooky and festive things to do around the area.

Top Haunted Attractions:

Land of Illusion: Are you looking for a great Halloween scare, but want more than just one haunted house? This might be just the perfect place for you because Land of Illusion has four different attractions for you! Including the haunted trail, Dr.

Psycho's Haunted Estate, Voodoo Bayou Shanty, and Temple of Terror.

Location: 8762 Thomas Rd. Middletown

Cost: \$15 a person or \$30 a person if you want to go through all 4 attractions. Remember there is a \$3 parking fee as well.

Halloween Haunt: This could be a family adventure or a great one with a group of friends. Either way, Kings Island brings the scares with their October haunted house collection throughout the amusement park. With 11 fear mazes to find your way out of and 20 haunted rides remaining open for this event, it's a win-win for everyone here who loves Halloween! Remember the haunt doesn't

begin until the sun goes down.

Location: Kings Island
Cost: \$30 a person, plus parking.

Slash Moraine: This is definitely a different thrill that you may have never experienced before. Everyone remembers the good old days of swimming in Splash Moraine, but now they have changed it into a haunt fest. They took the pool and turned it over into an eerie swamp with plenty of scares that will make you question why you walked in there.

Location: 3800 Main St. Moraine

Cost: \$7 admission for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

There is good news if

you're looking for more family fun for the little ones or if you're just not into getting scared this Halloween.

Corn Maze, Pumpkins and Hayrides: This will be a great attraction for the whole family as you can enjoy pumpkin picking, farm animals, arts and crafts, and a non-haunted hayride along with so much more.

Location: 11704 Camden-Darrtown Rd. Dream Acres Farm.

Pumpkin Carving: Have fun with the little ones, a date, or just some fun with carving your own pumpkins to put on display for a Jack-o-lantern walk through. This is going to happen on

October 15, but the walk through will happen on the October 17. After the walkthrough is over, you may feel free to take your pumpkin home with you.

Location: Twin Creeks Metro Park
Cost: Free event.

Foy's: Another great attraction for everyone is Foy's. This place is practically Halloween haven right outside the Dayton area. You have a handful of costume shops to explore (adults & kids), a candy shop, a couple haunted houses, and they even have their very own diner, it's simply the spot to fill most of your Halloween cravings. The even better part is, they are open all year!

Location: 208 W. Main

St. Fairborn

If you're looking for a fun night out with a group of friends and looking for a party then here is a quick fix for you!

The Oregon District: Every Halloween night the Oregon District holds their annual Hauntfest. Remember to wear a costume because that's half the fun of walking around seeing what everyone else is wearing. There are clubs for you and your friends to dance and drink in, so have fun!

Location: Fifth street, downtown Dayton

Cost: \$7 at 9:00 p.m. anything after is \$10 a person

YOUR VOICE

What is your favorite course at Sinclair, and why?



Reporting and photos by Maggie Stacey

Keep an eye out for Maggie Stacey around campus. She interviews students on campus, asking their opinions about relevant issues happening in Dayton and around the world.

POETRY PICK

Catcalled -Maggie Stacey

As I walked past I felt
your eyes on me and then
I heard your degrading words
and let me tell you:
What you'd like
to do to me and
what I'd like
to do to you
are two very different things,
though either way,
one of us would get hurt.
You don't know what
I've been through, how
your words affect me, but
I sure as hell do.
What you don't know is that
I carry mace on my keys,
I have for the past six years,
and when I walk to my car,
I place one key in between
each finger of my fist, and
I've never put headphones in
to listen to music in any
public place with men there,
and what you really don't know,
is that it is all
because of men
like you.

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Nicole Witt
Veterinary Technology



Dalton Tibbs
Electronics Engineering Major



Camilla Black
Special Education Major



Cassandra Slusarczyk
Sonography Major



Robert Campbell
Biology Major



Elissa Dawson
Music Major



“My favorite class right now is probably my communication class because I love to talk to people—and plus, my instructor is really funny, and I love humor, and so that’s probably another reason; and probably because it’s kind of easy compared to all my other classes I’m taking. Mrs. Nadine, she’s a really good instructor also, she clearly states what is due and she makes it easier for you to accomplish her class. She’s just a really, really good instructor. Plus, I also like all my classmates in my class. They’re just all welcoming, very social. . . Right now we’re talking about self-esteem and what the difference between self-concept and self-esteem is. And we just mostly talk about how to communicate with different people and body language, and how to read that body language.”

“Electronics, Schematics, and Fabrication. For the first seven weeks, we’ve only been messing with Microsoft Office, and just toying around with Word and Excel and stuff. We don’t write papers, we just do a lot of stuff that’s all in the computer so far. So we just copy figures out of our book, like make them like a picture, but in Word. You have to know how to manipulate Word. [It’s with] Professor Johnson. [The class] is interesting I guess. It’s the first class I’ve taken that has anything to do with my major.”

“I liked Public Speaking out of the ones I’ve taken so far. It was interesting—and like the fact that we got to pick our own topics for mostly all of it, that was interesting to put my own input and talk about stuff that I actually like cared about. There was online stuff, and in class stuff. We had to study a subject, or if we know a lot about it, and then present about it. We did slides for this one speech, and this one [other] speech was something you believe in, so it was kind of like personal, and then you do a speech about it. Sometimes there’s a time limit and stuff like that. And sometimes we had to write papers that went along with it.”

“Mine was medical terminology. I don’t remember my teacher’s name, but to me, it was the most helpful class, I could actually see myself using. Like all these classes you take, you’re like, ‘I never need to know this or that,’ but it was the most interesting and the most useful to me. We mostly just took notes out of PowerPoint, but the teacher was very interactive, and always asked questions and made jokes and just made it a fun class to go to; especially since it was a two and a half hour class, nobody really wanted to go, so she made it fun.”

“I like Biology. It’s a challenge and I enjoy it. It’s BIO 1171 [with] Dr. Heckendorn. It’s a combined class so our lab is actually incorporated into the class. So I guess really, we just kind of go over the biology textbook, speak about the basic things about biology, like what makes up life and the chemistry of life and so on. I guess we just do basic experiments that a lot of biologists do. So today for example, we did something with spectrophotometry—so we would make different solutions containing different amounts of a solute, and then we would run them through the spectrophotometer which would measure how much light was absorbed by what was held in the solution. There’s a lot of knowledge to be gained from it. It’s a nice challenge.”

“Probably voice lessons, because it has improved me as a singer. It’s a one-on-one interaction, it’s just me and [the instructor] in the piano room. He learned my voice, so he knows where to nitpick and where to make me do better, and where, you know, I can improve and how I can improve. We call it the ‘Mr. Greene magic touch.’ He just talks to you for about five seconds and you sound better, it’s freaky. . . He is mostly a vocal professor, and he also teaches a performance class, and he also directs a gospel choir.”

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“DEAR GABBY”



Dear Gabby,

I’m almost 25 and worried I’m having a midlife crisis already. I know it may sound silly, but it seems to be always in the back of my head bugging me. I feel like I’ve wasted so much time and haven’t accomplished anything, so now I feel like I’m 25 and have nothing. I know I’m young, but it’s like life is so short, like do I really have time to gain back the time I lost or start working toward something? I’m still working toward an associate’s degree and trying to decide what I want to do with my life, but I just feel like I’m drowning and not actually accomplishing anything. Do you think I’m overreacting? I’m getting nervous that I will never measure up to my own standards or have lost too much time. What advice do you have for me?

Lost Timer

Dear Lost Timer,

I don’t think you’re overreacting because I definitely think everyone is entitled to how they feel. However, I do think that you need to take some deep breaths, step back, and view your life from the outside. It’s easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the world and start comparing yourself to everyone else—that’s normal. But while you’re stressing and watching other people live their lives and accomplish their goals, you’re still sitting back worrying about things that aren’t necessarily a problem. I think it’s important to realize where you are but it’s even more important to focus on where you want to go. Write down a list of

realistic goals and find a process to help you achieve those goals. No one said you had to be 25 and make a six figure income and have a family and a steady career. Some people say life is short, but I think it’s quite long and can be full of so many accomplishments and memories. You have time if you start working toward your goals and taking the time to better yourself for the future. Stay motivated and focused—it doesn’t mean you can’t have fun. Unfortunately, you can’t get back the time you’ve lost, but you can start moving forward and taking the time now to really start growing.

Good luck,
Gabby

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Correction

In the fifth edition of The Clarion, the Internation Series: Mongolia stated there are three presentations. There are a totaly of seven through-out the 2015-2016 school year.

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Almost being a grad making you sad?

Ehron Ostendorf
Copy Editor

Feeling the senior blues? There might be few reasons for that, most commonly is the stress of finding a job after a student graduates. Don't worry, Sinclair has you covered. Sinclair has made an addition to its homepage called "Career Coach." This is a tool for college graduates to receive help on finding a career fit for their major. It's simple, all you need to do is follow these steps.

On the home page for Sinclair, look dead center at their information box, it will slide by information and resources. Click to the last option and you will find the box saying, "Take the Next Step towards Your Career." Select that option.

Once you've selected that option by clicking it, the page will automatically open up to a new page where you will find a screen displaying the Career Coach page. It will then prompt you to enter a career option.

Type in a career you've been pondering, or simply type something similar to your major. For an English major, type in "English

Teacher," or maybe, "English Professor."

Once you have submitted your subject field search, the results appear shortly after for you to view. Next, select any job title that interests you and it will provide some more in depth information including hourly wages for entry level, median, and high.

If there are no appealing job titles within the first several options, you can refine it. You have multiple options to sort by relevance to your intended search, alphabetically, by wage, and by employment. You also have an option to refine by wage. Are you looking for something \$10 and above? Looking for something that pays more? You can go higher and select to see only jobs \$20 and above, even as high as \$50 and above.

Once you've found a job that looks appealing to you, click it and then look to the left. You should see something saying "Job Postings" which will provide an actual job offer with title, location and more. Do further exploring and see what you can discover.

Still not satisfied? Scroll below the "Job Postings" bar and you

will see another bar called "Similar Careers" that provides job openings for positions that are close to the one you were searching.

To make you feel better, it will show you the annual job openings that title has. It will also show you how many people are currently employed in that position in the southwest Ohio area. Furthermore, it shows you the number of current employees that are close to retirement.

Hopefully, all of these things will make the graduating student feel much more comfortable about leaving school for the job market. You have thousands of people retiring within the next years to come with open positions waiting to be filled, may give students more hope. It will help you narrow down a wage that you find fair for your well earned degree, and it will also show you the number of open positions within your area.

There is one student, and hundreds of jobs to be filled, there is a position awaiting you, you just have to be the one to decide if you will use the tools available to you to achieve it.



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Tartan Spotlight : Marc Smith



Alex Kennedy
Reporter

Alex Kennedy | Clarion Staff

Meet...

Dr. Marc Smith, a Sinclair faculty member, who fell in love with science at a young age, which motivated him to get his Master's in Biology.

Why he's interesting...

Growing up in rural Painesville, Ohio in the late 1950s and early 60s, Dr. Smith said he often played outside with his neighborhood friends for entertainment. From a young age, he said he was fascinated by what he found in nature—whether it was looking for

crawdads in the nearby creek or watching a caterpillar go through metamorphosis to become a beautiful butterfly.

His parents supported him through it all. Along the way his mom would always wash his muddy clothes and his dad would teach him things about the outdoors—his father was an avid fisherman. Smith said as he got older, he became more interested in science, which guided him in the decision of starting a career in Biology.

Dr. Smith entered the

United States Air Force after high school and after eight years, he retrained into Cytotechnology in the Pathology Department of the Hospital Laboratory. From there, he decided to pursue pre-medical studies at Wright State University. At 33 years old, he completed his studies, and in 1988, he received an interview for medical school at Michigan State University, but chose not to seek a medical degree because of his “old” age.

“Don’t make the mistake of thinking that it’s too late to do what you want to

do—you’re never too old,” Smith said.

Upon his retirement from the Air Force after 20 years of active duty, he was asked

to visit Dr. Herman Brandt (former Dean of Allied Health Division), who recommended Smith as a candidate in Sinclair’s Grow Our Own (GOO) Program. The program was created by Dr. David Ponitz (second SCC President) and Dr. Ned Sifferlen (then Provost, and third SCC President) in 1991 to diversify the Sinclair faculty. In 1992, Smith took advantage of the opportunity and began to teach biology at Sinclair and concurrently earned his Master’s Degree in Biology from Wright State University in 1995. Immediately, Dr. Ponitz and Dr. Sifferlin encouraged him to get his Ph.D., and in 2006 he completed his degree in Higher Educational Leadership.

Smith is very involved in the Sinclair Biology Department; he frequently edits biology textbooks, as well as Sinclair’s own General Biology lab books. He said his favorite field of biology is ecology, although he realizes the importance of all the sciences.

One of the reasons Ecology is so fascinating to him is because it is “so relevant.”

“The Earth has a finite amount of resources that are being overly exploited every single day—where do we go if and when we can no longer live here on the Earth,” Smith said.

Conservation is paramount to Smith, and he said he would certainly be happy to discuss that with anyone should they have questions or thoughts.

His favorite part of teaching is the delayed gratification in seeing students go through an entire semester, sometimes struggling, and emerging at the end of the course with a sense of confidence.

“Indeed, they can overcome the challenges of collegiate coursework while simultaneously learning invaluable course content,” Smith said.

He said it takes great strides to constantly encourage and assist his students, but he takes great pleasure in “helping students realize and maximize their potential educational opportunities in order to become the productive citizens demanded in this New Age Economy.”

Money madness



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Meggan Lanahan
Reporter

Money, money, money. Sometimes as a college student, there never seems to be enough of it. However, students can change that trend today and get on the path to financial success. This won’t happen overnight, but if students approach their finances with discipline and understanding, they will get there.

Here are some things to think about regarding the money in and out of your wallet.

Transportation. Most students drive to school, but consider carpooling with a classmate or friend and split the cost of gas. If you drive yourself, the best day to get gas is on Monday or Tuesday. Prices start to increase on Wednesday because the Department of Energy releases its weekly report; by the weekend, prices are even higher. Fill up early in the week and you could save around ten to twenty cents per gallon—that’s up to \$200 per year.

If you are in the market for a car, do your research. Make a list of what you need in a vehicle, then do some research on the lowest rate of depreciation in case you want to resell, as well as the best fuel economy.

Make sure you also take into account the lowest cost to finance, insure, maintain and repair. KBB.com is a great place to start.

Food is one of the most costly things people as a society

can buy. As a student, it’s easy to go grab something from the local drive-thru or convenience store, but just as chocolate is baked into chocolate chip cookies, convenience is baked into prices at these places. According to DailyFinance.com, the average fast food meal costs \$5 to \$7 and over 800 calories each. You lose not only the money, but most nutritional value. On the flip side, the average meal prepared at home costs \$1.50 to \$3 and is exponentially healthier. Based on one meal per weekday, that adds up to a savings of over \$1000 per year, conservatively.

With that money, you could buy the new wardrobe you may need from losing excess weight.

Coffee. This may as well run through our veins because as college students, we live on it; but it matters where you buy it. The average cup of a fancy coffee drink at Starbucks costs more than a gallon of gas, at \$4. Based on a calculation of five days per week, you spend \$1040 per year. With that, you could pay for a semester at Sinclair or a much-needed spring break trip.

Instead, buy a \$15 to \$30 coffee maker, filters and coffee from the store. You could save 90 percent this way.

Payday loans. Beware of these traps. If you’re strapped for cash, payday or auto title loans are there for you...but at a very high cost. According to the Federal Trade Commission, interest rates for these loans are

in the triple digits. Yes, triple. Lack of budgeting ahead of time can cost you more than you ever imagined.

On that note, make sure you’re careful with credit cards. Credit cards have more regulations attached to them, but are dangerous to use on a whim. Interest rates average around 25 percent. On a \$500 bill, that’s an extra \$125 and more, if you don’t pay it off right away. Plus, they can easily build or destroy your credit.

Watching TV. Television can cost over \$100 per month and take over 25 hours per week of your valuable time. If you’re like most students working and going to school, that’s time you don’t have. Instead, find cheaper and more productive ways to unwind. It’s important to do something you love, but it shouldn’t cost over \$1200 per year and give you nothing in return.

Finally, track your spending. Instead of splurging whenever you feel like it, attach the purchase to a goal. For instance, if you are excited to buy a new purse or pair of sneakers, do it because you got an “A” on a test or because you didn’t procrastinate on homework. It will make the splurge more valuable.

All of these seem small, but positive daily decisions add up. After making healthy financial decisions, perhaps you could invest in a new car, the new clothes you want, or even pay off student loans! Happy saving!

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Player’s Profile: Chayse Hood

Matt Summers
Sports Editor

Walking onto a Division I team might be a challenging task to do, but it is even harder when one hasn’t played in four years, according to Chayse Hood, a 24-year-old Eaton, Ohio native, who overcame that challenge when he walked onto Miami University’s baseball team, when just a few months ago, he was still enlisted in the Marines.

Hood originally played baseball with Sinclair Community College for a year after not being able to get onto a Division I team out of high school. The plan was to transfer after one year; however, Hood had mixed feelings. Even though he still loved baseball, he wanted something more challenging.

“I don’t know what got my mind set on the Marine Corps. I guess I had a lot of buddies that enlisted—so I ended up enlisting. I did four years, one tour to Afghanistan of last year, recently got out about three months ago, and enrolled into Miami University,” said Hood.

According to Hood, he got his challenge. For anyone who has been in the Marines, they know exactly what Hood was getting into. “Bootcamp was



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crazy, from what I can remember of it. You show up, step on those yellow footprints and it goes straight to hell from right there. You are up for the first 48 hours straight before you get sleep. That was a struggle. It was a terrible time going through boot camp,” said Hood.

He began to enjoy the Marines after boot camp, where his main job was a surveyor, but he didn’t do it much. He was mainly a combat engineer, where he worked on building structures.

In March of 2014, he was deployed

to Afghanistan, where he spent the next six months of his life. He said they let him know several months prior that he was on the list to go, which resulted him being sent to California for pre-deployment, as well. Hood didn’t see any action since the troops have been pulling out.

“Our mission was called ‘de-mil,’ where we tore down Bastion and Leatherneck. Since the U.S. military is pulling out, we had to tear down all the structures and stuff we had built up,” said Hood.

The Marines was

a great experience for Hood. He said he would have regretted it if he hadn’t had chose to go down that path. However, Hood still had a passion to play baseball.

“The only time I ever picked up a bat was when I was in Afghanistan. I found a bat and some golf balls and just hit them out into the desert. It made me miss baseball a lot when I got out,” he said.

Hood left the Marines because he wanted to play baseball again, and he wanted to get a degree. He picked Miami University to continue

his education with a major in Sports Management. Miami was close to home and he said he wanted to be close to his family after being away for four years. He had plenty of credits from the military that transferred to Miami so he started at the university as a junior, instead of a freshman or sophomore.

According to Hood, Miami University’s website posted that they were having walk-on tryouts, and that’s where he got his chance.

“I went to the baseball office, filled out some paperwork, did my

physical, and showed up to the walk-on tryouts and just... played,” said Hood.

His goals are to just graduate with a degree, and hopefully work for a big time sports team in the future. With help from the Marines, he said he has become a better leader, has more confidence, while evolving in areas of life that he might not have been able to. He said he hopes these skills will carry him throughout school and get him where he wants to be.

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A joint effort

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public safety, economic development, and other infrastructure improvements.

Adversaries of Issue 3 bring up many counter arguments when it comes to legalizing marijuana. The biggest issue being the potential monopoly that would be created from this industry.

The passing of this amendment would give exclusive rights to commercial marijuana profits in Ohio to a small group of wealthy investors. The investors who wrote Issue 3 would be able to set their own tax rates directly into the Constitution that can't be changed by the legislature, like those on beer and tobacco

products.

Another common argument is the temptation for children. If Issue 3 passes, items like candy, brownies, cookies, and other marijuana-infused products will be sold and could easily be mistaken by children for regular treats. These "goodies" contain dangerous levels of THC and will be of harm to children who consume them.

However, Ian James, executive director of ResponsibleOhio, said that he is pushing this campaign for Issue 3 by knocking on doors and sending absentee ballots to Ohioans, who indicated they support the marijuana legalization. "Over one million

people have signed a petition [to legalize marijuana]," James said.

William Denihan, executive officer of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County, argued that medical marijuana is dangerous. "Every major medical institution has said very clearly that marijuana is dangerous and damaging to us," Denihan said. "The people I work with in this community have said no."

November is an opportunity for Ohio voices to be heard on these issues. Ohio registered voters may vote early in-person from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays

through Oct. 24 (except on Columbus Day), 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays Oct. 26 to Oct. 30, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Oct. 31, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Nov. 1 and 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Nov. 2.

On election day, polling places are open on Nov. 3, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mail-in ballots must be postmarked no later than noon on Nov. 2 and must be received by Nov. 13. Absentee ballots may also be dropped off in person until 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 at the county board of elections.



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A 'broken' system



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immigrants. Executive Order No. 12, 2008 Physical Arrests of Traffic Violators, put in place by Dayton Police Chief Richard S. Biehl, modified protocol so as to prohibit officers from verifying immigration status of crime witnesses, victims and those perpetrators of minor traffic violations or other low-level offenses—one of the many qualifiers of "sanctuary city" policies. Topics like illegal im-

migration and conflict in Syria have been some of the hot-button political issues at the forefront of newsrooms internationally. Recently, Germany, a European country that had already planned to accommodate 800,000, released a report doubling their estimate. Bild newspaper reports that the government document reads, "This high number of asylum seekers runs the risk of becoming an extreme burden for the states and

municipalities."

Germany released estimates over the next few years projecting eight million in extended immigration, including the influx of family members of refugees over the original displacement. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany, closed the nation's borders on Sunday, September 13 leaving thousands of refugees in the neighboring Austria. The Refugee Crisis has taken many forms across the European Union and further abroad.

Merkel, along with Francois Hollande President of France, addressed the issue of the "broken" asylum system in the European Union, where refugees are required to seek asylum in the first country they enter. Merkel suggests "a new procedure" that would distribute the refugees "fairly" amongst the 28 member of the European Union.

Criticism on the refugee crisis and migration arises from a variety of perspectives. Home secretary of the United Kingdom, Theresa May, detailed struggles the United Kingdom faces with the diversity among asylum seekers and other migrants on cultural, economic, and humani-

tarian grounds.

May delivered a speech on Tuesday October 6 during the Conservative Party conference. Mays said, "people on both extremes of the debate—from the anti-immigration far right to the open-borders liberal left—conflate refugees in desperate need of help with economic migrants who simply want to live in a more prosperous society."

"Their desire for a better life is perfectly understandable, but their circumstances are not nearly the same as those of the people fleeing their homelands in fear of their lives," said May. May also expressed concerns that "when immigration is too high, when the pace of change [in the country] is too fast, it's impossible to build a cohesive society."

"Now I know there are some people who say, yes there are costs of immigration, but the answer is to manage the consequences, not reduce the numbers. But not all of the consequences can be managed, and doing so for many of them comes at a high price," Mays said.

Concerns of religious regard were expressed by many including Josef Schuster, president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany. "Among those seeking asylum in

Germany, a large number come from countries in which they hear about Israel, 'the bogeyman.' They have grown up with this hostility towards Israel and often transfer their resentment to Jews in general," Schuster said.

The Refugee Crisis and renewed focus on immigration policies worldwide has resulted in right-wing parties gaining traction in many countries like Sweden and Germany.

Merkel was overheard briefly discussing the slew of anti-refugee postings on Facebook with Facebook founder Mike Zuckerberg. Zuckerberg responded that Facebook "has some work to do." Facebook has long censored content in various countries, such as depictions of Islamic Prophet Muhammad just two weeks after the tragic events of Charlie Hebdo in France. Germany is one of many countries in which anti-Semitism has been made illegal, among other speech acts.

The New York Times reports that Sweden and Hungary are among the top recipients for migrants when adjusted for population. The Refugees are coming from Syria, escaping the conditions of the Syrian Civil War, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Eritrea mainly. Along their paths are

"transit" countries like Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Libya and Hungary. Many refugees aim for countries like Germany, Austria, France, the United Kingdom, Sweden and Greece.

Part of May's speech comprised a revised immigration plan, detailing plans to modify asylum legislation. "If you've spurned the chance to seek protection elsewhere—but we cannot return you to that safe country and you still need refuge—you'll get the minimum stay of protection and you won't have an automatic right to settle here. But for those who really need it, we will offer a longer stay of protection. Humane for those who need our help, tough on those who abuse it," Mays said.

Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Westerville have already taken in over 1,700 refugees since 2012. The government has currently 190 cities as subcontractors to settle over 100,000 refugees over the next few years, including several Ohio cities—Dayton among them.

Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo are also slated to begin settling refugees in 2016. The refugees will be taken in by Catholic Social Services in Miami Valley.

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kind of treatment they thought we deserved," Wells said. "They didn't care."

Rather than the Friendship Nine group paying a fine because of their actions during the 60s, they chose a different alternative: "Jail, no bail." They were sentenced to hard labor, and convicted of trespassing.

This alternative became a strategy that breathed new life into the civil rights movement, according to NBC News. The Friendship Nine was the first participants to insist on actually doing their time, instead of paying the fine.

According to activists groups, bailing out protestors was becoming an issue because civil rights groups were running out of funds. Professor Adolphus Belk Jr. of Winthrop University said this strategy rescued the civil rights movement.

"Rather than assuming the financial responsibility of paying that fine, it shifted to the system," Belk said. "I suspect if the Friendship Nine didn't do what they did in January, 1961, the sit-in movement would have died."

As a result of their decision, the group was sentenced to 30 days of hard labor at the county prison farm, which consisted of moving large sand piles and cement blocks, pulling weeds and working on private farms.

Williamson Jr. said it was a hard 30 days in prison, but not as hard as carrying out the conviction for 54 years. He said it was like a chain dragging behind him.

"You always had it back there in the memory, and

any time you would fill out an application you always had to tell them and you wondered if it would affect if you got the position or not," Williamson Jr. said.

Massey said they felt as though that they served their time, and thought of it as a badge of honor.

"I think all of us realized that we had tapped onto something; I think it was a badge of honor," Massey said.

According to NBC News, the group had no idea how much their decision would effect the nation.

"At the time, we didn't know how important it was, but as you look back, you realize it was a turning point for the movement," Williamson said. "We were in the right place at the

Friendship Nine

right time to the right job," Massey added, in an interview with NBC News.

Three years ago, children's author and Rock Hill native, Kimberly P. Johnson, said it's important that justice be made right for these men.

According to Johnson, the group simply wanted freedom—that's what made them protest. She said it wasn't just about the right to sit down and eat where they would like, but also just to walk down the street knowing they had freedom without being cursed at.

Once Johnson brought attention to the Friendship Nine case, she went to Rock Hill solicitor, Kevin Brackett to erase their unjust conviction.

"What these men did

wasn't wrong, in fact it was right. And what they did wasn't illegal, it was an act of principled courage," Brackett said.

Brackett presented their case in court by arguing their conviction was based completely on their skin color, which would never stand in today's society. "I'm giving them back what they are entitled to, which is their dignity and their ability to say 'I broke no laws,'" Brackett said.

Johnson said these men are great role models for children today because of their belief in non-violent protests. She said it's a great message because it shows that justice does find a way back.

McCleod said he would do it all over again because it was something that needed done.

"It made a big difference in the civil rights movement, also in humanity, so

I'm very proud of it," McCleod said.

The nephew of the judge, who originally convicted them, cleared their names on January 28, 2015 with the same lawyer who stood by them in 1961.

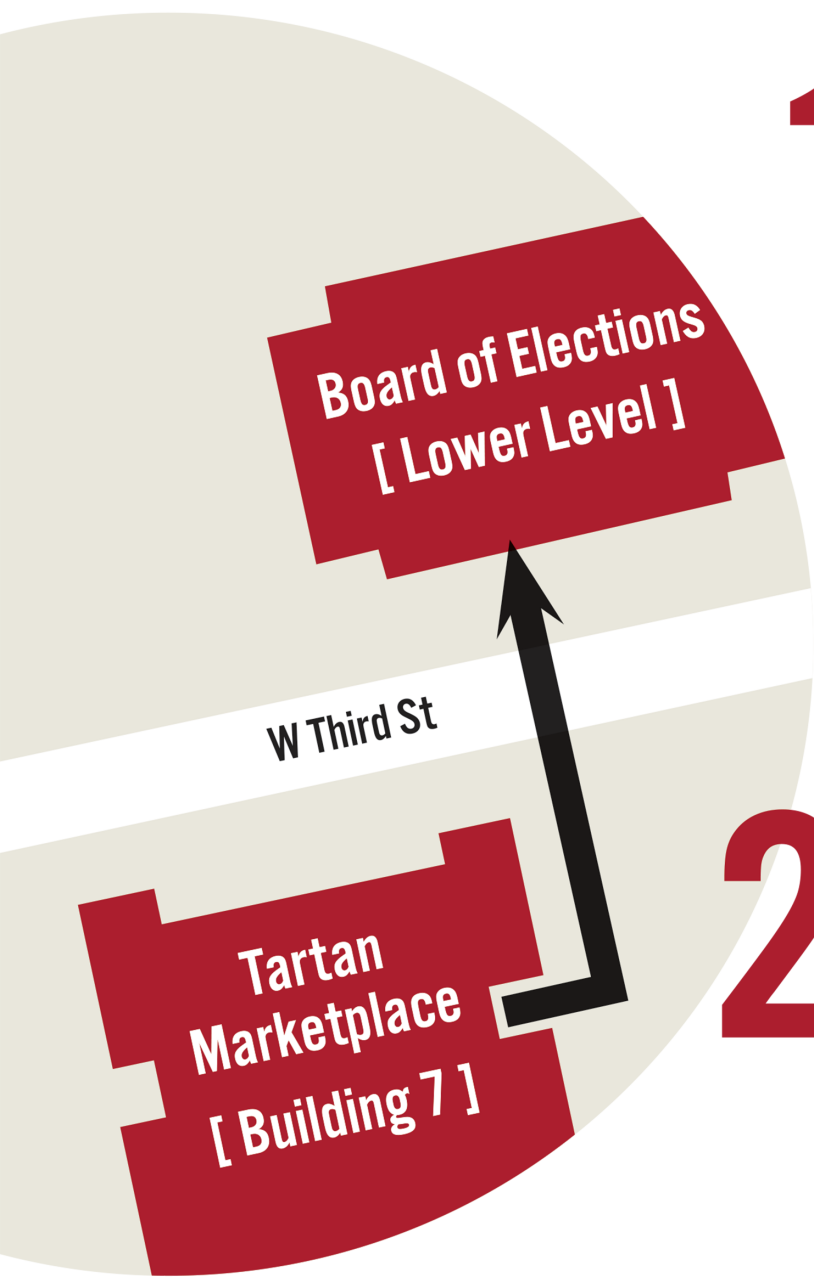
Today, the eight surviving group members are honored in Rock Hill by "Five and Dine," the diner that replaced McCrory's store, by having their names on the back of the chairs at the lunch counter.

Now, fifty-four years later, the life-long friends, who confronted segregation head on, have clear records and said they learned the lesson of perseverance.

"We have faith, and we knew that eventually all of this would come to fruition, and we would have to be exonerated," Massey said.



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