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Dance takes center stage at Cleveland State this month

CSU to host local workshops and co-host national DanceUSA Conference

By Lewis Rice
SPECIAL TO THE REAL DEAL PRESS

Cleveland State University's dance studios, continuing a 38-year old tradition, will once again host intensive dance studies and creative work as students, professional dancers and dance aficionados participate with nationally renowned artists in three weeks of contemporary dance.

The CSU Summer Dance Workshop will be held from June 3 to 21, featuring guest artists Jenna Riegel, longtime member of the Bill T. Jones Company, Teena Custer, artistic director of Venus Fly Trap, and Helanius Wilkins, assistant professor of dance at the University of Colorado, Boulder.



Helanius Wilkins

Amy Miller, associate

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Eliza Bryant Village, far from dotage in its 122nd year, finding new ways to serve community from its home in Hough



(left to right) Eliza Bryant CEO Danny Williams looks on as board chair Danielle Sydnor tears up a \$5 million note, symbolizing cancellation of the agency's former indebtedness. Volunteers and supporters Teena Mitchell, Marsha Denis, and Gwendolyn James at the 2019 Eliza Bryant Village meeting. Dr. Gregory Hall, medical director for Eliza Bryant Village, and Gregory Clifford, chief magistrate of Cleveland Municipal Court. Attendees join in the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing", popularly known as the Negro National Anthem. Members of the Eliza Bryant Village choir performing at the agency's 2019 annual meeting.

By R. T. Andrews
EDITOR

Not too many organizations are capable of successful rejuvenation when they are almost a century and a quarter old. But for the Eliza Bryant Village [EBV], which opened on August 11, 1897 as the Cleveland Home for Aged Colored People and is now the oldest continually operating African Amer-

ican-founded long-term care facility in the United States, continuing revitalization just seems like a piece of cake with a few extra candles to blow out.

The agency had its annual meeting a few weeks ago that featured a small choir comprised of residents whose collective ages approached a millennium. Its president and chief executive officer, Danny R. Williams, reported on the

Village's "very challenging but very successful year." By far the high point of his remarks was the EBV's successful negotiation of closure on its one-time \$5 million empowerment loan, an obligation undertaken when it absorbed Madonna Hall, a neighboring long-term care facility that suffered sudden financial collapse.

EBV had successfully paid
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*The Word on Small Business***Bracing for Tax Change Surprises - Part I**

By Kirby Freeman
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



April 15, aka “Tax Day”, has come and gone!

By now, many small business owners who have either filed their taxes or have sat down with their accountants to try and decipher the size of their damage, have felt the anxiety of highly-publicized changes in from the passage of the 2017 Tax Reform Act.

Tax Year 2018 was the first year that nearly all of the changes in the Tax Reform Act were implemented. As a tax professional, I cautioned several business owners last year that some deductions they were benefitting from would disappear this next tax year.

For most individual taxpayers — especially those who do not yet have ownership in a business or business activity — it may seem like old hat to talk about taxes after April 15. However, a sizeable percentage of business owners perennially do not file taxes by the due date, opting instead to file for six-month extensions.

Indeed, the larger and more complex the company, the more complex the tax return will be — and the more likely it will be for that company or taxpayer to file six-month extensions beyond the traditional April 15 tax deadline.

From my experience, most of the Schedule-C (mainly sole proprietor) businesses, Limited Liability Companies, Subchapter S-corporations, or C-corporations I have dealt with as an analyst, business advisor, or banker have filed extensions to the traditional April

15 deadline. Financial analysis of these companies — which is often triggered by their need for a loan approval or some other form of capital — is often a major catalyst for tax filing.

First of all, a simple listing of tax filing and extension deadlines for the various types of businesses in the 2018 Tax Year would be helpful. Remember, the extension deadlines will normally be six months after the original filing deadlines, but not always! Also, the original deadlines for partnerships and S-corporations are typically about one month prior to the traditional April 15 for every other individual or institution.

For individuals and most Schedule-C companies (IRS Form 1040, 1040A, and 1040-EZ):

- Deadline was April 15, 2019
- Extended deadline is October 15, 2019

For Partnership returns (IRS Form 1065):

- Deadline was March 15, 2019
- Extended deadline is September 16, 2019

For Estates and Trust returns (IRS Form 1041):

- Deadline was April 15, 2019
- Extended deadline is September 30, 2019

For C-corporation income tax returns (IRS Form 1120):

- Deadline was April 15, 2019 for C-corporations that operate and record on a calendar year.
- Extended deadline for calendar year firms is October 15, 2019.
- It's important to keep in mind that the tax filing deadlines for C-corps that do not file based on a calendar format

would typically be the 15th day of the fourth month following the end of that company's fiscal year.


For S-corporation income tax returns (IRS Form 1120-S):

- Deadline was March 15, 2019 for S-corporations that operate and record on a calendar year.
- Extended deadline for calendar year firms is September 15, 2019.
- Somewhat similarly to C-corporations, the tax filing deadlines for S-corps that do not file based on a calendar year format would typically be the 15th day of the third month following the end of


that company's fiscal year.

In my experiences working with various entrepreneurs, many of the unnecessary expenses they face include late fees from tax filings. This early reminder of filing deadlines should help small business begin to understand changes in the new tax code, and to prepare themselves better during this fiscal year.

The Tax Reform Act broadly changed tax rates and limited or took away a significant number of personal and company tax deductions. In subsequent columns, I will highlight these changes and how they will affect various types of businesses and industries.




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Dance takes center stage at Cleveland State this month

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artistic director of New York's Gibney Dance, also returns as a guest artist courtesy of DanceUSA.

"The Summer Dance Workshop has become a significant component of Cleveland's arts landscape, drawing nationally renowned artists to the region, supporting enhanced partnerships between CSU and numerous arts organizations and enhancing educational opportunities for our next generation of dance professionals," says Lynn Deering, chair of the Department of Theater and Dance at CSU and organizer of the Workshop.

The workshops also offer a range of unique training opportunities for non-professionals designed to promote the healing power of dance, including classes specifically created for juvenile detention center inmates, domestic violence survivors and senior citizens, among others.

"Our overarching goal has been to promote dance as a tool for enhancing all aspects of community development," Deering adds.

National Dance conference here June 12-15

This year, the national [DanceUSA Conference](#) coincides with the second week of Summer Dance and participants will have access to

workshops and classes that will be hosted in the CSU Arts Campus as part of the conference.

The Dance/USA Annual Conference, a national convening that celebrates American dance, comes to Cleveland June 12-15. The gathering of national and international dance professionals will feature workshops, performances, panel discussions and symposia highlighting the breadth and depth of American dance.

"The conference travels to a different city each year, highlighting the unique vibrancy of dance communities around the nation, offering new inspiration and showcasing the host city's arts and dance ecosystem," says CSU's Deering.

CSU Dance Company and dance alumni will also participate in the conference's Dance Showcase at Key-Bank State Theatre. In addition, participants in CSU's Dance Workshop, will be able to attend the conference for no additional cost.

For more information on the CSU Summer Dance Workshop, email l.deering@csuohio.edu or visit csuohio.edu/dance.

For more information about the Dance/USA Conference, visit [here](#) or [here](#). Registration is available on-site June 12-14, 2019.

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Business Ledger

Monday, June 3 at 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM Small Business & Veteran-Focused Forum at Tri-C's Thornton Center

Participants will discover how to utilize SBA loan and procurement programs, and other available veteran services to help start or grow their business. Event is an opportunity to learn to navigate the lending process and obtain information on contracting programs for service-disabled veterans. Industry experts will provide information concerning technical assistance available to entrepreneurs. A panel of experienced veteran businessowners and SBA lenders will discuss how to pitch business opportunities to the Federal government.

Registration starts at 9:30a, the program begins promptly at 10a. Hosted by Office of Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge.

Jerry Sue Thornton Center, 2500 East 22nd Street Cleveland, OH 44115

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Wednesday, June 5 at Noon Warrensville Chamber of Commerce lunch, talk on Local Food Movement

Area growers, chefs and food suppliers will dish about the local food movement and discuss the health benefits, local economic impact, and growing popularity of farm-to-table tasty, fresh and nutritious food grown and served right here in NEO.

Panelists include: **Brian Rosander, Executive Chef, Great Lakes Brewing Co.;** **Mario Grazia, Produce Buyer, Heinen's;** **John Bonner, Co-Founder, Great Lakes Growers;** **Abbe Turner Owner, Lucky Penny Creamery;** and **Mary Holmes**

Co-Founder, North Union Farmers Market. Noelle Celeste, founder of Edible Cleveland, will moderate.

Tickets are \$35 for non-chamber members.

Cleveland Marriott on Harvard and I-271. [More info/register.](#)

Fifth annual Start Up Scale entrepreneurial event features new location

Startup Scaleup is Northeast Ohio's largest single entrepreneurial event of the year, with more than 1,500 entrepreneurs, investors, and many others coming together for a day of learning, networking and celebrating entrepreneurship. It's a full day of programming and will take place Wednesday, June 19. Cost is \$20, but attendees get \$20 in meal tickets.

This year's event shifts from Gordon Square to the Flats East Bank. [For more info/register here.](#)



Anne Harrill

Océanne Wins \$10,000 at Core City: Cleveland Spring Entrepreneur Showcase

Anne Harrill bested four other finalists in delivering the winning pitch for her business, **Océanne**, on May 15, taking home the top prize of \$10,000 in JumpStart's CoreCity entrepreneurial program.

Harrill's company produces a line of handmade minimalist modern jewelry whose aesthetic merges rustbelt America and the France of her childhood.

The Core City: Cleveland Impact Program, is designed to assist and support the development and growth of businesses located within Cleveland's core neighborhoods.



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Looking Around America

My Ancestral Jigsaw Puzzle

By Marilyn Dyson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



I'm putting a jigsaw puzzle together. I have some pieces but I don't have the picture.

I started with my family legend: "Your great grandfather followed the Union Army north and settled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia." Of course, I could add my aunts, uncles and first cousins and I had the names and birth states of my four grandparents.

I've clung to those snippets as I've explored Ancestry.com for the past six years. Along the way, I've attended a few classes, gone to African American Genealogy meetings, visited the Pennsylvania Historic Society and found sources on ourblackancestry.com. I've found over 70 relatives and only recorded information for two of the four grandparents. But I need more information to fill my family tree and create the puzzle that tells our stories.

Finding one great grandfather came more by chance than hard work. One day, I remembered, "Uncle Ben lived in Atlantic City?" I guessed that he was my grandfather's brother and searched for him in Atlantic City. When he popped up and was born in Virginia, I searched there and found the entire family: West, his wife,

Eliza, and four children including Benjamin. I could only sit at my computer laughing and crying simultaneously.

It took searching by each offspring's name to figure out that my great grandfather was listed on different records as West, Wes and Wesley. Thinking about it, I realized that one of my uncle's had the middle name Wesley. The data clicked. My great grandfather was probably Wesley. But I had to read entire census pages to find relatives whom I could not find in searches.

My great grandfather was born in Georgia and eventually settled in Clifton VA, part of Fairfax county and a suburb of Washington DC. It's not in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Wes' offspring moved from Clifton to Atlantic City, Philadelphia and Washington DC. With that information, I was able to put other pieces of my family puzzle in place. Having a great uncle in Philadelphia explained why another uncle may have moved there too.

On Memorial Day weekend, military records opened for searches. I looked for every one of my male relatives and found a Wesley Simmons from Georgia who was born in the same year as my great grandfather. He was in the US Colored Troops during the Civil War. I decided it was more than coincidence and this Wesley

Simmons had a good chance of being my great grandfather. A big puzzle piece fell into place. *He didn't follow the Union Army; he was in the Union Army!*

I wanted to know more. I researched life in 1860. What were their living conditions? What did they eat? How did they travel? I read online descriptions, historic novels and researched towns, as well as Civil War battles and maps. I talked to Civil War buffs and historians as well as librarians and genealogists.

So far, I've created a story about my great grandfather that I never dreamed possible:

Wesley was born in Georgia about 1840. He was probably a runaway slave. Around 1862, he enlisted in the Union Army. His regiment, the US Colored Troops

5th Infantry started in Virginia and fought in battles there and North Carolina. Eventually, they returned to Virginia marching and fighting while covering over 1000 miles. More men died from infections and disease than from battle wounds. My great grandfather probably met his wife, Eliza Ann, in a Virginia contraband camp. They settled in Clifton, VA, a railroad hub that employed former slaves. There they raised seven children.

My new jigsaw puzzle pieces validate my family members' risk-taking traits and our continuous search for new opportunities. They give me great pride in the grit that helps us accomplish our goals. We've passed those traits through at least five generations.

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Community Calendar

Tuesday, June 4 at 7p • The Cleveland NAACP holds its monthly meeting at University Circle Methodist Church, East 107 St.

The chapter's annual Freedom Fund Dinner is Saturday, June 22. Donna Brazile, the veteran political strategist turned Fox News commentator, will be the keynote speaker. Call 216.231.6260 for ticket info.

Saturday, June 8 at 11:30a. The National Council of Negro Women, Cleveland Section, will celebrate the arts at its 2019 Legacy Luncheon. Tony Sias, president and CEO of Karamu House, will be the principal honoree. Call luncheon co-chair Sherldean Davis at 216.640.0612 for more infor-

mation. Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland East/Mayfield Village, 700 Beta Dr, [44143].

Saturday, June 8 at 10a-Noon Come out for a lively discussion of Michelle Obama's best-selling memoir, *Becoming*. Special guest will be Annette Blackwell, mayor of Maple Heights. Hosted by the County Library in collaboration

with the Great Lakes African American Writers Conference. 4415 Northfield Rd. Discussion moderators are Rev. Leah Lewis and Shelley Shockley, both of the Great Lakes African American Writers Conference. This program will repeat at the same location and time on June 15 with State Senator and Minority Whip Sandra Williams.

Community Bulletin Board



Anthony Price

Youth on the Rise

Wesleyan University senior Anthony Price [Shaw HS '16] is one of our community's most engaged and civic-minded young citizens. His organization, BeTheChangeVenture.com, is in the final week of an online fundraising campaign to support its work. 1000 Dreams • 1000 Possibilities has raised

\$1,000 so far. The campaign ends June 8 at 10:05a. Take a look at the [short video](#) and if you choose, [donate here](#).

GCC to canvass Cleveland Hts. Noble neighborhood this Saturday

Volunteers from the faith-based community action group, Greater Cleveland Congregations — an ecumenical coalition of area houses of worship and other institutions aligned around social justice issues — will walk the entire Noble neighborhood in Cleveland Hts. this Saturday from 1-4p. They plan to identify homes in seriously deteriorated condition so their Heights Housing Team can work to get these

homes repaired.

Volunteers will gather at Noble Road Presbyterian Church, 2780 Noble Rd. [44121] and be assigned to one of five groups, each led by two GCC housing team members. Volunteers will walk in pairs on designated routes of about a mile each before reporting back to the church by 4p.

GCC's housing team will then take the list of identified properties, research the ownership and status of each, and request that the city do a "complaint inspection" that will place these properties at the top of the city's agenda. The focus will be on properties that are bank or

investor owned, tax delinquent, and/or vacant.

To volunteer, even if you are not affiliated with a GCC institution, contact Diana Woodbridge (diana@ninthung.com or 216.291.3745).

Friends of Global Cleveland, a professional development group focused on engaging the area's new international young professionals, is inviting people who may be interested in joining its board to an Open House on Tuesday, June 11 from 5p-7p at 1975 East 61 St. [44103]. Write friendsofglobalcleveland@gmail.com or visit [here](#) for more information.

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Eliza Bryant Village

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on the note for decades but had a \$1.9 million balloon payment due earlier this year and no way to pay it. Fortunately, its creditor was the city of Cleveland and EBV was able to negotiate 100% forgiveness of the debt, a fair outcome given the Village's long-term and continuing community service, and the responsibility it assumed when Madonna ran aground.

There was also prospective good news to celebrate. The agency's proposal to create an

Elder Justice Center [EJC] that could partner with the state and provide temporary care for seniors who may be victims of violence, crime and/or abuse, found resonance with the Ohio Attorney General's office and will become a reality when the first EJC guests arrive this summer.

To accommodate the needs of the program, the Village decommissioned nine rooms from long-term care, not coincidentally saving \$75,000 in bed taxes.

The annual meeting also saw a tribute paid to long term board member Brenda York, who died earlier this year, and the installation of several new trustees, who were sworn in by Greg Clifford, chief magistrate of Cleveland Municipal Court.

The board's president is Danielle Sydnor. Other notable trustees include retired attorney William D. Ginn who, contrary to some reports, was not one of the original trustees appointed by Ms Bryant.

LifeCycles

Rest In Peace



Rev. Dr. George W. Jackson Sr.

Rev. Dr. George W. Jackson, 89

Rev. Dr. George W. Jackson, Sr., 89, of Bedford Heights, OH, passed away May 24, 2019. He is survived by his wife Rose Marie Caple and his children: Janis Jackson of Orlando, FL, Lynnette Jolly of Cleveland, George W. Jackson, Jr. of Bedford Heights and Marvin Jackson of Lancaster, PA and preceded in death by daughter Winifred Jackson. A Celebration of Life Memorial service was held June 1 at Cleveland Marriott East. E. F. Boyd & Son Funeral Home and Crematory handled arrangements.

Jackson was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. in chemistry from Cleveland State University, where he also earned a master's in chemistry and an MBA. He was the retired president of Alpha Omega Chemical Company and the founder and senior minister of Agape Renaissance Spiritual Center, a metaphysical teaching church, 11713 Buckeye Rd. [44120].

He received a Distinguished Alumnus award from Cleveland State in 2017.



Lucious L. Lewis

Lucious L. Lewis, 66

Realtor and motivational speaker Lucious L. Lewis died May 6, 2019. His funeral was May 15 at Affinity Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Deborah Kerr-Lewis, mother Mary L. Lewis; son David Lewis. Siblings: Lionel, Lawrence, Denise Tyler.



Alexander James Hickson

Alexander James Hickson, 77

Former Clevelander school teacher Alexander J. Hickson, who taught many years at both John Hay HS and the Cleveland School of the Arts, died April 25 at home in Hercules CA. He was well known in the community as a vocalist, musician, actor, and director. His funeral was May 18 at Antioch Baptist Church.

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Mark Joseph

Mark Joseph, associate professor in community development and founding director of the National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities, was elected to serve a three-year term on the governing board of the Urban Affairs Association, an international body of scholars, researchers and public-service professions in urban affairs.



Blanton S. Tolbert

Blanton S. Tolbert, associate professor in the Department of Chemistry, accepted an invitation become a permanent member of the National Insti-

tutes of Health's (NIH) Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council (OARAC). The council advises on the direction of funding as it relates to AIDS research at the NIH.

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY



Ronnie Dunn

Ronnie Dunn, interim Chief Diversity Officer, was one of five individuals selected nationally by The National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education to participate in its Chief Diversity Officer Fellows Program for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Dunn was appointed CSU's interim CDO in 2018 and is also an associate professor of urban studies in the CSU's College of Urban Affairs. He has been on the CSU faculty since 2004. His most recent publication, "Race and Policing in Ohio: The Loss of Hope Cross the River Jordan", appears in the book, *Legacy Cities: Continuity and Change Amid Decline and Revival*, University of Pittsburgh Press, 2019.

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