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Weekly Horoscopes
September 16, 2019
By Sarah Cavender

The stars have a week of emotions and surprises in store for you. Here is your week at a glance. Check out your weekly horoscopes for September 16 through the 20.

ARIES

You only have two hands Aries, so why are you trying to juggle like you have eight? You're not a spider so don't take on so many responsibilities you can't handle. The universe is telling you to take time for self care this week. Go get that massage or facial you've been considering, you've earned it. This weekend have a night in and binge your favorite shows. This is an all about you type of week.

TAURUS

You have so many special talents Taurus. And this week they will be highlighted by your day to day responsibilities. On Thursday it will be a good day to go over some of your most favorite projects and try to see your talent through the eyes of your loved ones. Maybe start an Etsy shop or try your hand at starting to sell some of your crafts? The stars are aligning for good fortune!

GEMINI

You have a strong desire to expand your career and ambitions right now Gemini. No not the cotton candy taste testing career the other one. This week you might find yourself frustrating in your true calling to escape the mundane. Exercise patience. give things time, and everything will fall into place. You might get to try out some cotton candy along the way too.

CANCER

The universe sees how overworked you are Cancer. Don't be too hard on yourself, the moon has been rotating too quickly creating turmoil in your mind. Reflect on your relationship to money right now. Are you insecure about your finances? Take time this week to create a healthy budget. You might find yourself with a little extra shopping money for the weekend.

LEO

An impulsive decision has affected your significant relationships recently Leo, whether that be friends, your SO or your family. Take a moment to step back and see if your frustrations are being taken out on others. Wear your lucky color orange on Thursday to help open your mind. This weekend you will find yourself in philosophical mood, talk to those you care about the inner workings of your conscious.

VIRGO

Pluto has a storm brewing this week Virgo, which is good news for you. Your mindset will flip like a switch to get things done. Your to do list may seem long early in the week but you're ready to check it off. On Saturday your hard work will be rewarded, enjoy time relaxing and hanging out with friends. A social gathering this weekend may lead to deep conversations with good people. Enjoy the open dialogue.

LIBRA

The leaves are beginning to change and the weather is getting cooler Libra, it's time to get out your favorite sweaters. The universe is encouraging you to try out a new trend this fall. Go for something bold like white pants after Labor Day type bold. The stars trust your fashionable judgement. Later in the week your friends will catch on to your trendsetter ways, get that hashtag started!

SCORPIO

A meteor is passing by your star sign this week Scorpio. This means there will be an air of mystery to your day to day life but in a good way. The universe has seen you handle obstacle after obstacle the last few months. You will be rewarded for your courage with deep conversations, new found friends and new opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS

Your friends are tired of you acting out TikTok videos in real life Sagittarius. Take a few days to brush up on old YouTube memes like the Narwhal song and the hide yo kids and hide yo wife videos. These are nostalgic and create conversation. On Friday night you will bond with someone over your shared love for meme videos and comedy accounts. This could be a love interest or a new friend, either way it will be a fun night full of jokes.

CAPRICORN

The moon is tilting a little too far North this week Capricorn. Which could mean for some strange encounters and leaving you feeling scattered early in the week. Repel this vibes with rainbow goldfish. Make sure to take a bag with you in your lunch everyday to ensure good vibes return. On Saturday you might run into an old friend or colleague who will share exciting news with you.

AQUARIUS

Have you been feeling a little blue lately Aquarius? Well stop listening to Post Malone's new album. That won't help your case. This week start adding some bright colors to your wardrobe or use some bright colored highlighters on your notes. Those cheery little things will help improve your mood.

PISCES

The stars are encouraging you to get your favorite polka dot shirt and boots out this week Pisces! The dots will bring endless amounts of good fortune for you during this time. Which should be relieving because the universe has seen your struggles recently. On Thursday you

might be approached about a new job opportunity or new opportunity in a field you wish to work in. Don't hesitate to say yes!

Board Of Trustees Recommend Administrators Create Monthly Budget
September 16, 2019
By Makenzie Hoerferlin

During Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting, Trustee Bill Montgomery, questioned why a monthly budget was not already implemented in the process.

Board members exchanged views on the issue of having an updated budget report yearly, instead of monthly. This caused many issues in the previous year, mainly not knowing if the university was overspending until after all the money was spent and there was nothing left to be done.

"I just can't wrap my head around the fact that we have a system that you can't put together a monthly budget," said Montgomery.

Trustee Bruce Langos, commented on the importance of having a monthly budget report.

"If you aren't doing monthly financials, then the data is highly suspect... It isn't transparent. More importantly, it isn't transparent to the department heads who need to be managing the budget," said Langos.

Walt Branson, chief business officer, explained the difficulty of giving a monthly budget report due to time constraint and limited resources.

"We've gone through generations of boards who allow that kind of behavior to continue to where we are now," said Langos.

Doug Fecher, trustee, argued about the importance of having a monthly budget report. He explained the need to have a monthly report so the university can be aware of overspending before it is too late.

Fecher also mentioned that this problem was one of the reasons Wright State went through the previous financial crisis. Currently there are more controls in place to keep everything more organized, accessible and easily manageable.

Board members disclosed information regarding the way committees resolve lack of funding issues.

According to John Shipely, committees are moving money from one category to another in order to cover funds. These actions were argued upon during this meeting but will be revisited at a later time.

A number of contracts were approved with different monetary amounts ranging from \$150,000-500,000 and over. Some of the larger contracts included interstate gas supply, educational computer systems and DELL.

The next Board of Trustees Committee Day meeting is Dec. 12 at 11 a.m. in 156 Student Union.

Air Force Marathon To Run Through Campus
September 17, 2019
By Marissa Couch

The annual U.S. Air Force Marathon is approaching on Sept. 21 and if you're on Wright State's campus that day you might see the runners.

What the campus community can expect

A small portion of the course enters Wright State University's campus. This will include volunteers and an aid station, but the major impact will come the day before, Sept. 20, when the 5K takes place through campus.

This race has been hosted by Wright State since 2007 and has grown since.

"Wright State is the annual host of the Air Force Marathon 5K and our newest event, the Tailwind Trot 1K Kids' Fun Run," said Air Force Marathon Director, Brandon Hough. "Combined, those events will bring nearly 3,000 participants to Wright State. Further, WSU hosts the expo via the Nutter Center where some 150 vendors and 25,000 participants, spectators, and members of the public will pass through over the two days it occurs."

Runners come from all over the country

Runners travel from all over the country to participate in this well-known event. A lot of effort goes into the execution of the courses in which the community is impacted.

"As it relates to correspondence, we have multiple meetings throughout the year with WSU leadership and work closely with them as a partner to ensure we have a great event," said Hough.

Vice President of Student Affairs Bob Hickey explained that set-up for the 5K begins on Friday morning, which will affect traffic flow on and around campus.

Plan your commute ahead

Colonel Glenn at Raider Road will be closed; alternative routes will be accessible at this time.

"Vehicles cannot be removed after the race begins. It should be easy to use Lots 1-4 near the Student Union at Col. Glenn and University but most other lots close at 6 p.m., meaning cars cannot leave the lots until all runners have passed that lot," said Hickey.

There will be barriers and security in the blocked areas while the race is taking place to ensure safety of the runners.

Through Thick And Thin, The Dayton Community Comes Back Strong

September 17, 2019

By Laci Wells

The Dayton community was struck with tragedy on Aug. 4, which called for strength and guidance from one another in order to grow.

“It’s hard when ‘normal’ changes so suddenly, but if it weren’t for all of the love being offered and spread by faces new and old alike, I don’t think Fifth Street would have been able to flourish the way it has continued to do,” said Kelly Hanus, Oregon District employee.

There was no doubt that more than just locals would be shook up. Large amounts of kindness and support flooded in from all directions. Dayton came back in ways that weren’t quite expected.

“The Dayton Shine event and many others among children, including the students at K-12 decorating the street, has been beyond appreciated,” said Hanus.

The city showed immense amounts of courage.

“I’ve heard of a lot more of community events going on,” said Trey Jackson, student in the Psychology program at Wright State University.

Funds were raised at events like “Dayton Shine” and “Taste of the Oregon District” to bring everyone together in attempts to spread hope, and that they did. New faces from all over fled through the Oregon District to show their compassion towards local businesses.

This does not mean that people were fearless, it means that they had no choice but to be brave. With more security and precautions being taken, the environment is starting to regain slight ordinariness.

“I think I’d feel safer [going there now],” said Alexander George, Wright State student studying music education.

Those affected directly have a different outlook than students. A new outlook has risen among locals and deserves to be shared with the entire community. Curiosity is understood; it is expected when such an event takes place.

In order to move forward, prying and question-asking must lessen. Words carry a weight like no other and it goes unnoticed just how people are affected by that burden.

The city of Dayton could be considered anything but normal for the time being, but that does not taint its strength.

Through thick and thin, the Dayton community will continue to be strong and stand hand-in-hand.

Organization Spotlight: Troupe

September 18, 2019

By Alexis Wisler

For those who are passionate about acting and performing, Wright State University offers several degrees in the Department of Theatre, Dance and Motion Picture. But what about students in other majors who are still interested in theatre?

Dylana Harris, president of Troupe, has the solution.

The organization is open to all majors according to Harris.

This year marks the tenth year for Troupe, a student-led organization focused on live performance acting. The group currently mainly specializes in improvisation, but Harris hopes to work on scripted shows once the group gains more members.

During meetings, the group plays acting games and improv activities for members to practice for the shows they put on each semester.

“It’s fun to have an outlet on campus where we can do a bit of acting even though we’re not a part of the [theatre, dance and motion picture] department. We all have different majors,” said Harris.

A goal for Troupe is to be a place where students who aren’t theatre or acting majors can explore the world of theatre, according to Harris. Any student interested in Troupe can join, there is no pressure to be great at acting or performing. As long as a student is interested in acting and enjoys it, they’re welcome to join.

Besides having fun, the acting games played at meetings are a great way for students to build their public speaking skills.

“It helps you gain confidence. If you can go up there and act silly for a little bit, it becomes a lot easier to do a lot of things in front of people,” said Harris.

Meetings are held on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in 116 Health Sciences.

Any student who wants to join or get more information can contact Dylana Harris or visit the Troupe’s Facebook page at WSUTroupe.

The group will post dates for upcoming shows on their Engage page as well as through Facebook Events and flyers around campus.

Campus Crime: Catalytic Converters Stolen From Campus Parking Lots

September 18, 2019

By Natalie Cunningham

After several car part thefts, Wright State University police sent out a campus wide email notification regarding the thefts to the campus community.

College Park cars targeted

On Aug. 30, a catalytic converter and O2 sensor were cut off of a vehicle and stolen in a parking lot near 2160 College Park.

There were no cameras and no witnesses. The resulting damages totaled \$1,700, as a whole new exhaust system was recommended to repair the vehicle.

On Aug. 31, another catalytic converter was stolen from a car in a parking lot outside 2120 College Park. The damages amounted to around \$1904.

Honors Dorms Parking Lot

On Sept. 3, one more catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle parked in the Honors Dorms Parking Lot; the vehicle was parked in a handicap parking space near the front of the Honors building.

The damage for this theft was quoted as \$600-1,600. This parking lot has closed-circuit TV cameras to cover the area, according to police reports.

All three of the vehicles involved in the incidents were Hondas. The thefts likely occurred late at night or very early in the morning according to reports.

At least one of the cars had to be jacked up for the catalytic converter to be removed from the vehicle, according to police reports.

Students should report any unusual activity around vehicles during these hours especially

A catalytic converter can cost anywhere between \$350-1,500 and varies between each specific repair or replacement and different vehicle models.

The catalytic converters are expensive because of the precious metals they contain, according to John Pierce Auto Care, a local mechanic.

“All the staff here are pretty good,” said freshman and Honors resident, Courtney Dodds. “Any time I go anywhere there’s a [Resident Assistant] so if something goes wrong, they’re there. Most of the doors are locked.”

All three cases have been closed due to lack of evidence. There are no current leads regarding these thefts, according to police reports.

Dayton's Not Dead: Lily's Bistro

September 19, 2019

By Marissa Couch

“There’s actually no Lily. It’s really a family business. My mother’s name is Lisa and my name is Emily, so it’s a combination of our names,” said Emily Mendenhall.

Lily’s Bistro has been located in Dayton’s Oregon District for almost seven years, owned and operated by Mendenhall.

The bistro, located on E 5th Street, stands out with their eclectic foods and enthusiasm for the local community.

Mendenhall is no stranger to the area. Blind Bob’s bar is also family-owned, named after her father. When the space opened in 2013, the conceptualization for Lily’s Bistro began.

Returning to her roots

“I had my tarot cards read in front of St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans and the reader had said ‘you need to make a decision between your current career path and your family and it seems like you’ve put family on the back burner for a long time’,” said Mendenhall.

It had been 12 years since she lived in the same city as her family. She went from college to Chicago to New Orleans. Mendenhall’s travel experience shows through the menu offered at Lily’s, but that’s not the only influence.

“I entertained the idea of southern-style food, but it didn’t feel as authentic being on this side of the Mason-Dixon line,” said Mendenhall. “Then I thought about growing up in the Midwest and the main thing we do have, thankfully, is seasons. We base the whole menu and restaurant concept on a very seasonally-driven restaurant that pays homage to the ingredients as they are at their peak and growing their best.”

In November of 2017, Lily’s Bistro began updating their menu twice daily to spotlight what they are getting fresh from their local farmers. Using naturally and locally sourced products is very important to Lily’s Bistro’s menu.

A menu of inspiration

“I’m inspired by the seasonal availability of meats and vegetables and our relationship with the local farming community,” said Jansen Trotman, executive chef of Lily’s Bistro.

“The daily menu is challenging, never boring and drives creativity,” said Trotman. “It also allows us to spotlight local, regional, sustainable and ethically-sourced ingredients as much as possible.”

Trotman has been on staff at Lily’s Bistro for six years but officially became Executive Chef in December of 2017.

“I’ve had the pleasure of working with much of Lily’s kitchen staff at other restaurants during my career and have worked on and off over the past six years at Lily’s Bistro. At the end of December in 2017, I came on as Executive Chef here,” said Trotman.

On top of Lily’s Bistro’s involvement in local sourcing, Mendenhall also enjoys being very involved in the community of the Historic Oregon District in general. The district has the largest amount of independent businesses in the region but the need for presence of competition isn’t there.

“It’s almost exclusively independent businesses here. Instead of competing with each other, we do better at working together as a district,” said Mendenhall. “We are a community where a rising tide raises all folks.”

Working with the community

Lily’s Bistro hosted a fundraiser for SICSA and Gem City Catfé where participants were able to have their cats painted in a mural on the side of the building with a donation to the fund.

“A lot of people missed the deadline because the cats sold so quickly. In two weeks, all 100 spots were gone,” said Mendenhall.

Lily’s Bistro collaborated with Tiffany Clark and Leslea Hipp of The Mural Machine to bring these murals to life.

In the coming weeks, two more cats will be added through an auction. One will be a national fundraiser where the highest bidder will get one of those spots and 100 percent of the profits will go to SICSA.

The other will be raffled off through donations and sharing the post about the cats. This gives the opportunity for two entries to win.

Review: Always Be My Maybe
September 19, 2019
By Trey Brown

Ali Wong and Randall Park star in this Netflix rom-com about two childhood best friends who reconnect and fall back in love.

Wong and Park are hilarious and their comedic timing helps deliver the laughs. Keanu Reeves has an extended cameo in this movie and all I can say is that you've never seen this side of John Wick. Also Park's character, Marcus Kim leads a band called Hello Peril and he in particular drops some funny bars. I'm also not ashamed to say that I added two songs that the band played during the film (a.k.a. the soundtrack is nice).

I like how the film starts with Marcus and Sasha as kids and shows their relationship grow through the years until they reach college and split after a bad argument. This decision allows for the audience to gain easy backstory on the lead characters while also establishing history between the two of them. Which is somewhat different from the usual rom-com formula of the "meet-cute" moment.

I also appreciated the themes of fear, seen through Marcus' character and his fear of taking his band to the next level—given their talent. In the film as Sasha and Marcus meet again, this is a topic of interest that she challenges his character on. Sasha also has to come to grips with her own celebrity and when she returns to her hometown, it acts as a culture shock in a way.

VERDICT:

Rom-coms are the simplest genre in film but when they are done right and are led with great energy and chemistry, they're bound to be enjoyable 100% of the time. Ali Wong and Randall Park are perfectly cast and they bounce off each other's energy well. The scenes that

they share with Keanu Reeves and Vivian Bang (who's also really funny) are some of the most stand-out scenes of the year for me.

Does Wright State Have Enough Security Cameras?

September 20, 2019

By Natalie Cunningham

Since there have been several thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles parked at residential parking lots, students have raised concern about security cameras. One of the parking lots had closed circuit TV cameras while another parking lot had no cameras, according to the police report.

“We’ve been fortunate to have much less crime in parking lots, and inside buildings for that matter, than a lot of campuses that are located next to an urban area, I guess that’s a good way to describe Dayton, but despite that we still have to work very hard to secure the area,” said Dan Bertso, the Director of Residence Life and Housing.

All the existing cameras in the housing areas have been in the process of being replaced and then the process of deciding if and where new cameras need to be set up will begin, according to Bertso.

“The fence on Zink Road leaves people with only one way to come in and out of our campus when it was installed a number of years ago. It has made a big difference in reducing criminal activity on campus,” said Bertso.

Residents have been made aware to contact the Wright State University Police Department immediately if there is any notable suspicious or criminal activity around campus housing or parking, according to Bertso.

“I have seen so many police officers around and asking if we need any help or if anything’s okay,” said Taylor Mullins, a freshman resident at the Honors dorms, when asked about security and safety, “I feel like they’ve taken good measures when it comes to safety, but there’s still so much more that needs to be done.”

Two additional patrols of campus housing for Second Shift Patrol Units have been put into effect since the first theft occurred, according to police reports.

“There are cameras all throughout the building and Resident Assistants almost always on duty,” said Miranda McCloskey, a freshman who lives in the Honors community, “I wouldn’t say anything about the dorms, but I do feel there should be more cameras around campus.”

McCloskey wasn't aware of the thefts until her roommate informed her about the incidents.

"I feel that I, myself, is safe but sometimes I question the safety of my belongings," said Melody Roop, a freshman who lives in the Honors dorm building, "The only thing I think could be improved would be cameras in the parking lot, as I said before, but other than that I feel safe here."

Roop heard about the thefts from one of her professors and did not receive an email alerting her to the recent crimes near campus housing.

The Woods, Hamilton Hall, and the Honors Community are the three dorm communities on campus. College Park, Forest Lane, University Park, and The Village are the four on-campus apartment complexes. Two of the reported thefts occurred near College Park and one happened near the Honors Community.

The Wright State University Police Department did not comment for this story.

WSU To Celebrate Third-Annual Wright Day To Give
September 20, 2019
By Shaddia Qasem

The Wright State Foundation will be hosting Wright State University's third-annual Wright Day to Give on Founders Day, Oct. 1.

"Wright Day to Give is the university's giving day," said Amy Jones, director of annual giving. "We launched it in 2017 as part of the 50th anniversary. It is our digital day of giving where we spend a lot of our time and resources into the digital components of soliciting gifts from alumni, parents, [students] and friends [or] supporters of the university. The main constituency on Wright Day to Give are alumni."

"When we launched, we had internal goals [for] what it would be and it was very successful. Our first one was 50 hours for 50 years, [but this one] is 24 hours," said Nicole Craw, assistant director of alumni marketing and communication.

With a participation goal of 600 donors this year, the Wright State Foundation is looking forward to the outcome of this year's Wright Day to Give.

"Last year we had 550 donors and raised almost \$70,000 in 24 hours," said Craw. "We had people who gave from Japan or Canada and people we hadn't heard from [for decades]. It's really cool to be able to have those people come out of the woodwork and reestablish a relationship with the university."

For those that might be hesitant to take part during Wright Day to Give, Jones and Craw stress the importance of being a part of a day dedicated to coming together and giving back, not the amount that one can give.

"[Wright Day to Give is about] participation. It's coming together and making a minimal or major gift. It doesn't matter what you want to give, it's about giving," said Jones.

"Giving days are about being counted and giving that participation no matter how big a gift you can give. If its five dollars, that's awesome; we're excited that you gave your first gift," said Craw.

If you have an organization, college or part of Wright State that you would like to dedicate your gift to, individuals can select to give to the specific area they are passionate about.

“There are 1,900 scholarships and program funds that you can donate to in the university. No matter what you like, you can find something to donate to that will help out our students,” said Craw.

Since Wright Day to Give falls during Homecoming week, The ‘67 Society will be hosting events leading up to the event as well as events throughout the week.

“They will have a function that is philanthropy-driven where students can jump in a money machine. If you acquire, through the 20 seconds in the money machine, \$38, you as a student can [decide to give to an organization], the money will go to [that organization]. It’s teaching our students about the act of philanthropy,” said Jones.

On Sept. 30, The ‘67 Society will also host Give for the ‘Gram, a digital scavenger hunt where student organizations can win a prize. All participating organizations will be entered to win a \$250 prize for their student organization Wright State Foundation fund.

They will also be hosting “Share a Pint” Night at Warped Wing on Oct. 1.

“This money has all been donated by alumni and friends. We want students to be aware that we want to have these fun things for [them], but we also want to give back. We want to give back in a way that is fun and teaches that a lot of the money comes from alumni, faculty and staff, who are big supporters of the university,” said Craw.

Keep a look out on social media as well as Engage and Corq for all the events that will be happening before and during Homecoming week.