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Privacy Under Attack

Mar 03

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Virtual Class

Tuesday, March 3, 7:00–8:30 PM

Surveillance capitalism is the business model that fuels tech titans such as Google and Facebook. It may seem free, but it's not. If you're not paying with money, you're paying with data. Surprise-you are not the customer, you are the product. How is this data being misused? Join technology leader "Doomsday" Dave Hatter who joins EmpowerU again to bring us the latest information to keep us all on top of our Tech Game.



7:05-7:25 PM--Meet Jim Neil, the current Sheriff of Hamilton County. Jim will be running in the Primary as a Democrat on March 17, 2020.



Sorta Issue 7 Tax Levy

Mar 05

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Virtual Class

Thursday, March 5, 7:00–8:30 PM

Learn about the single most costly levy, Issue 7, in the History of Hamilton County (\$3.2 billion). SORTA proposes to raise the sales tax by 0.8% in order to increase funding for Metro Bus Service and infrastructure. Key questions remain: Can the City & County work together, is 25 years too long, and is this too much money? Join Sorta's Brendon Cull and Cam Harding who will discuss the levy. The *Cheviot Gazette's* Bill Monnier will discuss his concerns. Plenty of time for your questions!



8:05-8:30 PM --Meet Charmaine McGuffey the endorsed Democratic candidate in the Primary for Sheriff of Hamilton County.



GOP's Lost Decade:

An Inside View of Why Washington Doesn't Work

Mar 10

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Virtual Class

Tuesday, March 10, 7:00–8:30 PM

When the federal government orchestrated the bankruptcy of General Motors causing Jim Renacci to lose his Chevrolet dealership he made the decision to run for office. In 2011 he became Congressman Renacci. He learned about a dysfunctional government, a system that isn't working, and the long-term financial consequences of their actions. Learn about the reality of being in Congress as well as the fiscal state of the nation, the failure of leadership and the role of money. How can we disrupt the Political Elite and move forward with the solutions we need?



Gardening, Birds, Bees and Bats

Mar 12

White Oak Gardens
3579 Blue Road Road
Cincinnati, OH 45247

Thursday, March 12, 7:00–8:30 PM

Gardening should support birds, bees, bats, butterflies and beetles in your back yard. Create a landscape that looks beautiful and is alive with welcomed wildlife! Design basics, successful plan selection, and some information about local wildlife are covered in this session. White Oak Gardens, a member of the American Nursery and Landscape Association lives and breathes this stuff. Join Tom Borgman, who has more than 35 years of experience and he will share with you what he has learned over the years and what can be done to help you achieve your goals, big and small in your garden.



The SECURE Act & Your Retirement

Mar 17

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Virtual Class

Tuesday, March 17, 7:00–8:30 PM

The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019, better known as the SECURE Act was signed into law on December 20, by President Trump. The SECURE Act will make it easier for small business owners to set up "safe harbor" retirement plans that are less expensive and easier to administer. The Act pushes back the age of retirement and allows changes to contributions. Learn how to better balance your personal needs and how to pass on wealth to future generations with changes to this law. Robert W. Buechner will join us for a good overview.



Ohio Sunshine Laws State Certification Training

Mar 18

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Virtual Class

Wednesday, March 18, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

EmpowerU partners with the Ohio State Auditor to present Sunshine Laws Certification Training. The Sunshine Laws Certification program is a three-hour certification training session provided to all elected officials, and or their appropriate designees, as well as members of the general public. In these days of "The Gang of Five" and actions taken in Clermont County to destroy public records there has never been a more important time for Citizens to understand how to hold their elected officials accountable. This three hour class will prove to be invaluable.



Flying the VP and Other Special Air Missions

Mar 19

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Virtual Class

Thursday, March 19, 7:00–8:30 PM

This fascinating presentation by Don Brown will take you inside the life and reality of becoming part of the 89th Airlift Wing that is based at Andrews AFB. Being a pilot for the White House staff seems like it would be exciting and the highlight of a pilot's career, and it is, but there is much more involved than flying. Learn what it takes to be selected to serve. What happens when you are on call or given short notice? How about sudden decisions, and extensive briefings? Security? Don has been honored for flying some of the most important of our public servants. Good Stories.



Clever & Unusual Escapes from Slavery

Mar 24

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Tuesday, March 24, 7:00–8:30 PM

Desperate enslaved people of the pre-Civil War South did not let their terrible experiences crush them, but acted on their yearning to breathe free, by devising all kinds of ways to escape from bondage. Some of the methods were quite ingenious. From hiding in plain sight, to disguises, to piloting a ship under Confederate cannons, brave people on the run used all their daring abilities. Millie Henley of Historical Connections will wear 1860's attire as she tells us stories of some of the most incredible ways enslaved people devised to get their freedom. Bring the Kids!
(This class will not be presented virtually)



Doug Brownlee on Baseball Play Ball!

Mar 25

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Virtual Class

Wednesday, March 25, 7:00–8:30 PM

It's time to Play Ball! Do you love baseball? Do you know everything there is to know about the game, and the Reds in particular? Enjoy an evening of baseball, facts, figures, fun, and stats. Join us for an in-depth talk given by Doug Brownlee who talks baseball history. Baseball is his field and he knows it well. He has been with the Reds in good times and bad since his first game at Crosley Field in 1956. Doug gives tours at the Reds Hall of Fame and it will be very difficult to stump Doug on any baseball trivia. Get ready for Opening Day and join us in the studio for Peanuts, Cracker Jack and a Cold Beer.



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See Other Side



Why the Free and Fair Election is in Jeopardy

Mar 31

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Virtual Class

Tuesday, March 31, 7:00–8:30 PM

You've seen him on Tucker Carlson's Show, and also on The Mark Levins Show. Learn first hand about Dr. Robert Epstein's 2015 report in PNAS entitled "The Search Engine Manipulation Effect (SEME). What is the possible impact that large Internet content companies can have on the outcomes of elections? How will Google influence our next election? Dr. Epstein's research has now been downloaded more than 200,000 times since it was reported. Learn how Search Engine Manipulation is now determining the outcomes of upwards of 25 percent of the world's national elections. Is the 2020 election in danger of vote manipulation? Dr. Robert Epstein will join EmpowerU (only) for a live webinar hookup for this extremely important topic--get your questions ready!



2nd Annual Empower U Does TED

Apr 02

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Virtual Class

Thursday, April 2, 7:00–8:30 PM

This is a follow-up to our highly successful class last semester....Got an idea that the world needs to know about? Now is your chance to tell a crowd of people at our EmpowerU Ted class on April 2.

Pass this notice around to your friends and family--you know--to those who like to get up and talk. Six people will be invited to speak for 15 minutes at our session and the winner will receive \$100.00. Your idea should be a BIG idea--something that would be a positive change for your City, County, The World. Auditions for this night will be held Monday, March 23, 2020 from 5:00-9:00 PM. Email dan@empoweruohio.org to audition. You've been thinking that you wanted to speak for awhile. Now is your time to shine!



The Rise of Jordan Peterson

Apr 07

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
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Tuesday, April 7, 7:30–8:30 PM

Join EmpowerU as we watch the incredible movie documentary "The Rise of Jordan Peterson." If you have had enough of the new PC culture and social justice that is dominating the world DO NOT MISS THIS movie. Peterson is an academic and best-selling author who captured the world's attention with his criticism of political correctness and life changing philosophy. He zeroed in on Canadian human right's legislation when Canada considered outlawing certain words which the government felt were discriminatory. What happens when the Government outlaws certain words? What comes next? And how do we fight back?



Body Snatchers

Apr 09

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Virtual Class

Thursday, April 9, 7:00–8:30 PM

Mary Cunningham who, with and her husband William in the 1870's, were in the business of aiding many young Cincinnati medical students in their studies by providing them with cadavers upon which to examine. They were grave-robbing body snatchers! Irish born Mary was a fun-loving woman that liked her whiskey and was rough around the edges. At the time you "see" Mary her beloved husband William, known as the "Ghoul of Cincinnati," had passed away. Mary, dubbed as "Alligator Jaws" will enlighten you of the fine arts of bodysnatching, which was a very lucrative market in Cincinnati during that time.

TWO FOR!

7:05-7:30 Dusty Rhodes, the Auditor of Hamilton County will join us to discuss the dramatic increase in property tax abatements which are driving your taxes up.



CROSSFIRE — Bill Seitz Discusses the State of Ohio

Apr 14

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
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Virtual Class

Tuesday, April 14, 7:00–8:30 PM

Bill Seitz is one of the most important leaders in the Ohio State Government in his current role as House Majority Floor Leader of the Ohio House of Representatives. Long a friend of EmpowerU, Bill has spoken to us on many subjects. Tonight Bill will host a "Crossfire" session on the Ohio Statehouse by talking to us about four important Ohio issues that are being discussed at the time of our session. Each of these four issues will be discussed for 15 minutes which will leave us time for extensive questions and answers. One of these issues sure to be discussed will be EdChoice. Tonight you can pick the brain of one of Ohio's most important leaders.



Active Killer

Apr 16

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
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Virtual Class

Thursday, April 16, 7:00–8:30 PM

Lessons learned from current research on active shooter (killer) incidents teaches us how to prepare an individual to avoid, deter or delay an active shooter (killer) incident. If you and your family are caught in one of these incidents, what should you do? What, if any, are the patterns to such crimes? You'll learn response considerations for the concealed carry individual, and what kind of training is available. What do you do to maximize your chance of survival? Businesses will want to consider legal considerations of workplace violence (WPV) and active shooter (killer) incidents. COL. Bob Cutajar leads us on this very important topic. Please attend.



The First Amendment: What constitutional Rights Do You Have?

Apr 21

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
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Virtual Class

Tuesday, April 21, 7:00–8:30 PM

Lorain, Ohio residents recently came to a City Council meeting with their mouths taped shut, as dozens of people sent a strong message at the meeting that they demanded to be able to speak in a public comment portion of the meeting. Cleveland, Ohio does not allow public comments at it's meetings. What is happening in your community? Matt Miller-Novak from Godbey Law Firm will teach an important First Amendment course that will focus on the constitutional rights of citizens speaking during public participation portions of local government meetings. What are the legal precedents and what is the government's ability to manage participation? Remedies?



The Genius of Neil Young

Apr 24

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
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Virtual Class

Friday, April 24, 6:15–8:30 PM

Neil Young is one of the most influential songwriters and guitarists of his generation. Young arrived in the U.S. in the mid-1960s and co-founded the band Buffalo Springfield. He earned fame both as a member of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young (CSN&Y) and also as a solo artist, writing and recording such timeless songs as "Hey Hey, My My", "Rockin' in the Free World", "Heart of Gold" (#1 Hit), "Ohio", and "Needle and the Damage Done". His complicated personal life, many different groups--including Crazy Horse--and his incredible body of work will be told by Music Aficionado Dana Gore through Music and Video. Daniel Regenold from the Vims will play a warmup acoustic set starting at 6:15 PM. Our class starts at 7:00 PM and we guarantee you that Music will be loud! Enjoy a cold beer with us.



Funding Ohio's Public

Apr 28

Education System

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
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Virtual Class

Tuesday, April 28, 7:00–8:30 PM

We spend over \$26 billion in Ohio on the state's K-12 public education system. The state has 5 school choice programs as well, giving some Ohio families an option on how, when, and where their students are educated. Averel Meden, Executive Director of a network of Ohio schools and parents, will share some history on Ohio's education system, the statewide scholarships available to students, and how her organization is fundamentally changing the conversation on parent empowerment in today's primary education system. This dialogue will help you navigate many of the questions you have about State programs, such as the Ed Choice Scholarship.



Cincinnati Memories

Apr 30

EmpowerU Studio at Frame USA
225 Northland Blvd.
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Virtual Class

Thursday, April 30 7:00–8:30 PM

Cincinnati Memories is a virtual tour of Cincinnati past and up to modern times. Jeanne Rolfes is very knowledgeable and will take us a step back in time to learn and visit downtown Cincinnati landmarks and buildings such as Fountain Square, Carew Tower Complex, Dixie Terminal Building, City Hall, Findlay Market, Union Terminal and, an early look at the John Shillito Company, to name a few. Her history in pictures of how great Cincinnati has always been, will surely be enjoyable for all history lovers of the Queen City. Join us for this one!



Season Ending Cookout Event! With Sheriff Richard K. Jones

May 12

Glendale Lyceum Outdoor Pavillion

865 Congress Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Virtual Class

Tuesday, May 12, 5:45-8:00 PM

Join Master of Ceremonies 55KRC's Brian Thomas as we welcome Sheriff Richard K. Jones to EmpowerU's Season Ending Event. Our friend Chris Monzel will also be there and as we award Empowered Citizens. With much of our 19th Semester devoted to discussing protecting citizens, Butler County's Sheriff certainly gets it. Whether discussing important topics like immigration, overdose deaths or how to protect our children at school, don't miss Sheriff Jones. This is a rain or shine event (if it rains we move inside). Please bring a covered dish, or a dessert or food item to share + bring a lawn chair. EmpowerU will provide Hamburgers and Hots dogs. This is going to be BIG!



If you attend 12 classes over two semesters (Fall and Spring) you will receive an Empowered Citizen Plaque. Thanks for being an Empowered Citizen and thanks for attending EmpowerU Sessions! Please tell your friends. They can add their email addresses online at www.empoweruohio.org to receive emails.

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Virtual Class

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