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Watching From the Curb

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, Ph.D.

The Truth Contributor

If we hadn't become soldiers, all might have gone back as it was before.

- Thomas Long, Civil War soldier



From Montgomery to Selma to Black Lives Matter, Black Americans bled for the right to protest and the right to vote. Now the protests are increasingly white, and the ballot is increasingly abandoned by the very community that made both possible.

Look at the crowds — the ICE-out demonstrations, the No Kings rallies, the packed cafeteria hearings over data centers spreading across Ohio — others are marching under the banner Black people bled to raise while a quarter of Black voters are watching from the curb.

That observation carries a question inside it — and in Ohio, with November 3 under 75 days away, the question demands an answer.

Kicked to the Curb — or Watching From It?

Is Black disengagement a current strategy or a symptom?

Some would say Black voters — exhausted by decades of doing the heavy lifting and delivering margins for parties that under-delivered in return — are consciously recalibrating. Not marching doesn't mean not engaged.

Black Voters Matter is organizing around exactly that distinction. They are in communities right now — not waiting for October — on the theory that you cannot turn out voters you never talked to. Disengagement without that kind of intentional organizing, though, is not a strategy. It is an absence.

Here's the real, though. Black voters didn't just step back to the curb. The Black community was kicked there. Many feel that they got played — by decades of margins delivered and promises deferred, by a political system that showed up at our churches and barber shops every four years, collected the vote, and then left.

What looks like a strategic pause may be the accumulated weight of being taken for granted. The question is what happens next.

A quarter of Black voters are telling Pew Research they are undecided or open to someone else. One in four Black men in key battleground states remain uncertain or unlikely to vote at all. Only 15 percent of Black youth voted in the last midterm. That is not leverage being withheld. That is the margin being surrendered — quietly, without negotiation, to whoever shows up.

Kim Hall, a white 59-year-old in North Ridgeville, Ohio, voted for Harris in 2024 after years of supporting Trump and now tells the New York Times she is likely to give up on voting entirely. "I don't like anybody," she said. That sentiment lives in Black Toledo too. The difference is that her community did not build the movement now passing them by.

The Margin Belongs to Someone

Ohio is in a dead heat on every front that matters — a governor's race, a Senate contest, enough congressional seats to swing House control, all in play, all tied. Sherrod Brown is running ads calling his opponent "the face of data centers in Ohio." Amy Acton and Vivek Ramaswamy are at 46-45. Black voters in Cuyahoga, Franklin and Lucas counties hold the margin in every one of those races.

In Lorain County, a software engineer whose job was just eliminated is voting straight Democratic for the first time, blaming "the president and the billionaires." In Millersport, a Democratic candidate with a Pride pin and a veteran with an Infowars logo stood side by side against a data center. The coalition is broad and activated. The margin is going somewhere.

Disengagement is not neutral. Staying on the sidelines has consequences. Who controls the House and Senate in January determines whether Toledo's fiscal or safety crisis gets a hearing. The governor's race determines whether the bleeding slows and the wounds from the funding cuts heal. These are not abstractions. They are daily life in Toledo—and whoever shows up will decide them.

AltBlackNews put it like this recently: disengagement is not empowerment—staying home doesn't withhold leverage; it surrenders it. A quarter of Black voters checking out is not a negotiating posture. It is a gift to the people who have been counting on Black voters to stay home.

Black America built the march. Not everybody can march. Not everybody should have to. Others can and, frankly, should.

Toledo's Black community has something more precise available. The ballot. Use it. November 3.

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Community Calendar

August 29

Sacred Steel Music & History Museum: In honor of Bishop Maurice "Ted" Beard; Museum tour start at 2 pm; Sacred Steel Concert at 2 pm

August 30

Kalvin Hughes and Marabi Band: Free concert; Riverside Barbecue Restaurant; 5 to 8 pm

September 12

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September 15

Toledo NAACP Nominating Committee Elections; 5:00 pm; 3450 W Central Ave, Suite 374.

October 20

Toledo NAACP report of the Nominating Committee and election of the Supervisory Committee; 5:00 pm; 3450 W. Central Ave, Suite 374

November 17

Toledo NAACP election of officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee will be administered using our election voting platform. Voting from 3 pm to 7 pm.

Black Naval Hero? That's Wokeism!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

Well, for all of you present day Black Republicans (an anachronism?) you must be shouting for joy that the Navy, under the racist auspices of Pete Hegseth who disdains anything that remotely smacks of Black Americans being seen as authentic Americans, is up to his old tricks.

This time, Petey, behind the scenes, is testing the waters of not naming an aircraft carrier after the naval hero, Doris (Dorie) Miller, whose heroic actions at Pearl Harbor brought him the honor of being the first Black American to be awarded the Naval Cross for bravery.



If you do not know the name, Google it. A movie, starring Cuba Gooding Jr., was made about his heroic struggle against racism in the 1940's where Black men served as mess servants and janitors on naval ships.

Just so happens that smothering racism did not drown out his spirit of being, "all he could be" while serving in subservient roles.

Doris Miller, who had never fired a anti-aircraft weapon, put on his Superman cape when his ship was attacked by Japanese fighter planes and rushed to the deck and manned a battle station gun system and shot down a marauding Japanese plane.

Risking his own life for others, Doris Miller took his oath of service seriously and ran to the gunfire from his mess quarters and took up arms against the invading planes.

No one told him to...no one ordered him to...Doris Miller, with a sense of patriotism; with pride in his uniform and country, saw the urgent need and answered the call.

When the dust settled and the Navy and then the public heard and saw what this Black man did, the sentiment against Blacks serving in the Navy suddenly turned in their favor.

Letter to the Editor

Shame on Early Childhood Educators

Who thought of the idea of having preschool graduation ceremonies? No parent should worry about caps and gowns for their child at such an early age, or arguing over a seat at the event. What happened at Queen Apostle School was very unfortunate! Young children in this day and age, are getting too much, too soon. Graduation should be a special time for high school and college. Young children should look forward to graduation when they fully understand what it is all about.

Going to school was a wonderful time, especially high school. The most exciting time was walking across the stage receiving my high school diploma. I received my diploma with immense pride and joy, reaching a major milestone in my life, finishing a course of study. Simply let children be children, don't rob them of this special moment by giving the experience of graduation too soon.

Submitted

Cora Louise Jones

Of course, it was not until Truman signed the executive order in 1948 that the armed forces were desegregated, but Doris Miller's unhesitating commitment to the battle was a hot plate against the rabid racists of his day who said Blacks were not mentally fit for combat.

Now Petey Hegseth wants to excise that important history from the annals of American combat history by suggesting, out loud, that the aircraft carrier should be possibly named for a 34-times convicted felon, an adjudged sexual abuser and a man who repeatedly lies about the results of the 2020 Election and every other matter.

By now, you know that odious name: Trump. Trump, a five-time draft dodger due to "bone spurs" in his feet, has pined for a ship to be named after him and do you think that at his age of 80, he would defer to the ship being named after a real war hero?

Answer: do chickens have lips?...do snakes have hips?

This debate as to the naming of this ship started during the first Trump administration when Doris Miller's name was the accepted for the new battleship aircraft carrier...but fast forward to the present.

Trump, who even has visions of being on Mount Rushmore, and is now engaged in a series of building projects that have or will bear his name (if not stopped) has not said no to his name being swapped in for Doris Miller.

What an effrontery to the memory of Doris Miller and his living family members to see racism being allowed to dictate the course of past Black History.

But...this is what those who decry D.E.I. and "wokeism" want all along and that is to kneecap any historical record that places front and center the accomplishments and exploits of people of color.

Petey Hegseth, the former Fox News commentator and who plays a soldier on television, is intent on erasing all of the Black history he can from his vantage point as Secretary of Defense (n.k.a. Secretary of War).

If you want to protest this outrageous act of historical regression, you can contact the Navy at: Office of the Secretary of Navy, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 4D652, Washington, D.C. 20350.

Let them know that you stand with Dorie Miller being honored with his name on that aircraft carrier.

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Washington Can Protect Renters Without Making the Housing Crisis Worse

By Rev. Charles Reginald Johnson

Guest Column

Washington's housing affordability crisis is real, and Black families are among those paying the highest price.

Across our state, rising rents have made it harder for working families to save for a home, build wealth, and remain in the communities they've called home for generations. When policymakers look for ways to address those challenges, they deserve commendation.



Rev. Charles Reginald Johnson

Only about 36% of Black families own homes in Washington, compared to 67% of White families. Black renters spend more of their income on housing, than White renters do. Every year that new homes are not built is another year that these families fall further behind building wealth and security for their children.

As cities like Bellingham, as well as lawmakers around the state, consider restrictions on algorithmic rent-pricing software, they should resist the temptation to ban every use of housing data. Instead, they should follow the lead of jurisdictions like Rockville, Maryland, and Berkeley, California, which have drawn an important distinction between public information and nonpublic competitor data. For protecting affordable housing across our state, that difference means a lot.

Some competing landlords are sharing confidential information that isn't available to the public. Governments have every reason to scrutinize that practice. Consumers deserve competitive markets. Private information-sharing, which leads to collusion and higher prices, is anything but competitive. But lawmakers should make sure their ban doesn't extend to publicly available information, as some measures, like Bellingham Initiative 26-01, would do if not modified soon.

Apartment listings, advertised rents, neighborhood vacancy rates, census data, construction trends, and local market conditions are available to everyone. They are used not only by landlords, but also by developers deciding whether to build new housing, lenders evaluating projects, affordable housing organizations, researchers, and local governments themselves. As such, banning the use of this data could end up hurting the very people it's intended to help.

Treating public information as though it were part of an anticompetitive conspiracy doesn't solve the housing shortage. If anything, it risks making it worse. This is because, if affordable housing developers have less data, they have less confidence that now is the right time to build. This leads to fewer units constructed. Fewer units mean higher prices for the ones that are currently standing (because prospective residents begin to bid each other up).

At the same time, corporate landlords that are secretly sharing private competitor information that no one else should see must be stopped — and soon. This inexcusable collusion is doing serious damage to the cause of affordable housing, and it's encouraging to see our elected officials taking action against it.

But while this is a step in the right direction, the truth is that Washington doesn't have a rent algorithm problem nearly as much as it has a housing supply problem. For years, our state has failed to build enough homes to keep pace with demand. The result has been higher rents, fewer vacancies, and fewer opportunities for first-time homebuyers to enter the market. Those pressures fall especially hard on Black communities.

Fortunately, our political leaders understand this and are making significant progress in getting more affordable units online. As former Washington State Senator Kevin Van De Wege recently put it, "Washington lawmakers have actually been leading on this. Last year, the legislature passed HB 1217, capping annual rent increases statewide and giving tenants new protections against junk fees and short notice.

In 2023, it passed HB 1110, legalizing duplexes, triplexes and four-plexes in neighborhoods that used to allow only single-family homes — a real, supply-side answer to a supply-side crisis. Both were the right calls, and both deserve to be built on, not overshadowed."

This progress matters because every year that housing remains scarce is another year that many families are forced to delay building equity and passing wealth on to the next generation.

The families struggling most with housing costs need more homes, more choices, and more opportunities to build wealth. Let's protect competition and renters. But let's also protect the public market information that helps make new housing possible. Washington can do both at the same time.

Rev. Charles Reginald Johnson is Senior Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church Seattle, Washington. The church was established in 1890, shortly after Washington became a state, reflecting the growing African American community in Seattle. He is also a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the Urban League.

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Local Officials Want More Answers about Flock Cameras

By Fletcher Word

The Truth Editor

On Monday, August 17, local elected officials and community leaders held a press conference to voice their concerns about the possibly negative impact of Flock cameras on ordinary citizens' 4th Amendments rights and to request that law enforcement officials join them in seeking an independent audit of the scope of the cameras' impact.

"These are substantial questions that need real answers," said Lucas County Commissioner Pete Gerken, as he opened the press conference and called for an audit and a review of the data.

Flock cameras are automated license plate readers (ALPR) manufactured and sold by Flock Safety, a U.S.-based surveillance technology company. The cameras are solar-powered, motion-activated cameras mounted on poles, streetlights or other fixed locations that capture images of passing vehicles and use AI-driven image recognition to identify vehicle details.

They can create searchable records that may include plate text, time, location, make, model, color, plate type and vehicle features. The Flock Safety company states that the standard information is retained for 30 days and that customers control sharing. Agencies can search local records and, sometimes, state and national networks for more information.

The problem, according to Gerken, is that virtually anyone at any time can check records of Lucas County residents. According to data the Commissioners' office has received, within a recent 30-day period, there were over 900,000 searches of Lucas County data from over 3,200 law enforcement agencies. "Anybody can use it," said Gerken of the availability of the data. "They can access without probable cause or suspicion of illegal activity," he added.

"Sheriff, can I get the answers?" he asked of Lucas County Sheriff Mike Navarro, whom he described as less than forthcoming about either sharing data or signaling a willingness to join the other elected officials in conducting an audit.

As an example of the excesses brought about by Flock cameras, on April 11, 2024, Toledo police officer stopped Brandon Upchurch after a Flock alert connected his truck's license plates with a stolen vehicle. Body camera footage informed officers that the alert was a "misread" or "mishit." Upchurch, meantime, was bitten numerous times by a K-9 police dog, taken for treatment and jailed.

"The time has come for the Lucas County Sheriff to take this seriously," said Gerken. "We just want to be fair to our citizens."

On the City Council side, Councilman Nick Komives has been leading the charge for more accountability and greater protection for citizens' privacy.

"Public safety cannot be separated from civil liberties," said Komives during last week's press conference. "We cannot make our community safer by making every single member a suspect."

Komives noted that Flock stores data that "can tell any person searching



Commissioner Pete Gerken explains Flock cameras issues

where your target has been."

Gerken had been supplied with limited amount of information from the Sheriff's office but not as much data as he had requested. Data was forwarded that included information about a 30 period – June 20, 2026 to July 20, 2026. That information showed that among the 906,642 search records, the Houston, TX, police department, for example, made 71,389 searches – the most made – followed by Columbus, OH; PD; the FBI; Louisville, KY, PD and the Texas Department of Public Safety – to round out the top five.

The Toledo-area community's dismay over the impact of Flock cameras on the privacy of everyday citizens is shared by residents of many communities nationwide.

Last week, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (Dem VT) issued a warning about the increasing reach of Flock Safety's AI powered license plate reader. He noted that more than 100,000 such devices have been installed across the U.S. He has proposed banning the technology all together while Rep. Tim Burchett (Rep. TN) has pushed to cut federal funding.

Meanwhile Flock Safety CEO Garrett Langley has stated that the technology is essential for safety and has called for compromise. "How do we have our safety and how do we balance privacy?" Langley said in a recent televised interview. Langley said that the cameras have aided law enforcement officials in over a million investigations and have helped locate more than 10,000 missing persons

Many do not see the so-called safety benefits outweighing the damage that can be done by law enforcement mistakes based on the cameras' information. Flock cameras have been reported vandalized or stolen in numerous states such as California, Minnesota, New York and Illinois.

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State Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson's Third Annual All-White Party

By Dawn Scotland

The Truth Reporter



State Sen. Paula Hicks-Hudson with hosts Joel Obrecht and Teresa Fedor



Ardenia Jones Terry and Brenda Hill

State Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson's third annual all-white party was held Saturday, August 9th by hosts Teresa Fedor and Joel Obrecht in their home in Bowling Green, Ohio. The party featured food, drinks, live music and a beautiful view overlooking Maumee River.

Community leaders, educators, union workers, public servants, friends and family supported the Senator's annual fundraiser. Musician Calvin Hughes provided live music on keyboard.

Hicks-Hudson has proudly served the 11th District of Ohio since



Family of Paula Hicks-Hudson



Guests enjoy food at the All White Party



Gerry Freeman and Deborah Barnett



Family of Paula Hicks-Hudson



Calvin Hughes on keyboard

her election in 2022. During her time in office Hicks-Hudson has represented the people of northwest Ohio with initiatives ranging from urban farming to maternal health. The senator is up for reelection this November against Republican nominee James Nowak and Libertarian Kenneth Sharp.

"What I have really appreciated, as she has been Senator, is that she has been truly listening to her constituents, and not just listening, but hearing what they want," stated former Ohio Senator Teresa Fedor. "And she's not doing what she wants to do for them. She's doing what they want her to do. And that's really a public servant."

She continued, "... And in today's government, and in our country, you don't have people doing things for people. Like universal healthcare, like universal preschool, like putting money in your pocket, not taking it out," said Fedor.

"While everyone is focusing on the national news and what's happening in Washington, the things that we do at the state affect you more so than at the federal government," remarked Hicks-Hudson.

"Issues of SNAP benefits, public education and healthcare - those are administered at the state level, and what the majority are doing is making sure it's harder and harder for average people to be able to live and exist," she said. "So that's why I'm running for reelection to be that voice for northwest Ohio. Because in Columbus, we don't count. They don't think we matter."

The senator emphasized the importance

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When the World Comes to Toledo, the Door Matters

By Asia Nail

The Truth Reporter

For **Tracee Ellis, M.Ed.**, the world first arrived when she was in sixth or seventh grade.

It was 1975. Her mother took the family overseas on a Pan Am flight. Ellis remembers Spain and London. She remembers being one of the only Black children around who had experienced a trip like that.

Most importantly, she remembers how it changed her.

"That experience at such a young age had a major impact," Ellis says. "It changed me from that point on."

Decades later, Ellis is still helping young people discover the world.

For 16 years, she has worked with American Cultural Exchange Service, or ACES, helping international high school students come to northwest Ohio. ACES works with the U.S. Department of State on international exchange programs, including the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study program, known as YES, and the Future Leaders Exchange program, or FLEX. ACES / Explore the World

Ellis has traveled to about 25 countries through her work.

But some of the most meaningful journeys belong to teenagers who arrive in Toledo having never traveled beyond their own communities.

Some have never seen a movie theater or shopping mall. Some come from communities without reliable running water.

For them, America can be startling.

For American students, the exchange can be just as powerful.

The world suddenly sits beside them in a classroom.

A Global Education Without a Passport

"We live in a global society," Ellis emphasizes. "Our economies and our businesses, health, education, you can go on, are all globalized."

As ACES Regional Director and Local International Coordinator, Ellis believes the program offers far more than a year abroad.

That is why she believes global education cannot be treated as an extra.

"We can't raise globally incompetent kids."

ACES students attend area high schools while participating in cultural activities, educational programs and community service. Ellis said many complete about 100 hours of service during the school year.

They also become teachers themselves.

They share food, traditions and stories from home. They introduce American students to countries many may never visit.

Ellis remembers a Sylvania Southview student whose family had hosted an exchange student. The experience inspired the young woman to apply for an outbound program. She spent six weeks in South Korea and now attends the Ohio State University doing global work.

That is the exchange Ellis wants people to see.

It is not simply about bringing foreign students to America.

It is about what happens to everyone around them.

"The beauty of the program is that the State Department offers the grants," Ellis explains, "so that means we can bring students here from developing countries, even from places of conflict."

Then the Numbers Changed

Today, Ellis says the program looks very different.

"This is my 16th year," she says. "We've been through a couple different administrations from when I first started, and it's very, very different this time."

She says the local number of students has been cut roughly in half.

"This is the first year in my 16 years with the program that I've had no students from Africa, no students from the Middle East, no Palestinian students," Ellis shares.

That is her first-hand account.

The federal record helps explain why the distinction matters.

The State Department describes YES as a merit-based scholarship program for students from countries with significant Muslim populations. Created in 2003, the program was designed to promote mutual understanding between Americans and people in participating countries. U.S. Department of State: Kennedy-Lugar YES Program

FLEX has a different geographic focus. The State Department describes it as a merit-based exchange program for students from Europe and Eurasia. U.S. Department of State: FLEX Program

That contrast is at the center of the local concern.

The question is not simply whether exchange funding has changed.

It is which programs changed, by how much, why and with what effect on



Tracee Ellis, regional director of ACES program

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Toledo Faith Leaders Sign Covenant in Support of Education and Central State University

By Fletcher Word

The Truth Editor

Education matters. Higher education matters and higher education within the halls of our HBCUs matters a great deal to the Black community.

Local faith leaders came together on Thursday, August 20, at the Historic Third Baptist Church to sign a Covenant Supporting Excellence in Education. Specifically, the faith leaders acknowledged the historical importance of Ohio's only public historically Black college or university – Central State University – and the critical importance that particular institution has had for the local community over the decades.

We publicly affirm our wholehearted support of the Central State University Day [Weekend] Initiative.

The faith leaders covenant creates a path forward for continued collaboration among Toledo's faith community, schools, non-profit organizations, community institutions and Central State University to support students and to help them recognize the opportunities that institutions such as CSU can offer.

We pledge to encourage our congregations to celebrate education as both a spiritual calling and a community responsibility.

Central State has encountered some financial challenges in recent years. Last year, the Ohio Department of Higher Education put CSU on fiscal watch, citing multiple financial discrepancies. It was the third time since 2005 that Ohio's only public HBCU was placed on a fiscal watch.

This past academic year, CSU cut 16 faculty positions in order to comply with Advance Ohio Education Act requiring public universities to eliminate programs that have graduated fewer than five students over a three-year period – the majority of the cuts were in the humanities department.

Those reductions followed a cut of 33 staff positions and seven faculty jobs in 2025 after having been placed on fiscal watch by the Ohio Department of



Robert Smith



Rev. John Jones



Seated (l-r): Dr. Warren Marshall, DDS; Pastor Charles Jones; Bishop Robert A. Culp; Min. Pamela Y. Knox; Bishop James M. Williams, Sr; Bishop Marjorie Holt. Standing (l-r) Rev. John C. Jones; Pastor Clifton R. Kilpatrick; Bishop Robert S. Davis; Pastor John Walthall; Robert Smith; Trustee Ronald Rice; Pastor Williams C. Foster, Sr; Bishop Randall Parker, III



The Faith Covenant

Higher Education.

The covenant initiative has been organized primarily by Robert Smith and the African

American Legacy Project, along with Third Baptist Church, Toledo Public Schools, Owens Community College, HOPE Toledo and UMADAOP of Lucas County.

We will actively encourage students, parents, grandparents and families to consider Central State University and the life-changing opportunities made possible through higher education.

"By signing this covenant we are demonstrating our commitment to education, opportunity, leadership and the future of our youth," said Ronald Rice, chair of the Third Baptist Church Board of Trustees.

Before the covenant was signed, attendees heard from several faith leaders, including Rev. John Jones, executive director of HOPE Toledo, and a graduate of Central State University. Jones graduated 30 years ago from CSU and, keeping it in the family, his daughter graduated in 2025.

Central State "is near and dear to our hearts," he told his audience.

"Our community used to have a very strong pipeline to Central State," he continued. "We are going to rebuild that pipeline."

Noting that CSU is "in many ways under attack," due to the nation's "current leadership that has decided that HBCUs are not critical," Jones stated that indeed "HBCUs are the most critical educational aspect of our community."

Jones asked the attendees to consider doing two important things in the future involving HBCUs. First, "you find every single young person you can and get them here on the 26th."

Second, "you tell every single soul that Central State University is alive and getting better."

The covenant signers included: Dr. Warren Marshall, DDS, Junior Warden, All Saints Episcopal; Pastor Charles Jones, Christian Temple Baptist Church; Bishop A. Culp, Pastor Emeritus First Church of God; Min. Pamela Y. Knox, Third Baptist Church; Bishop James M. Williams, Sr., End Time Christian Fellowship; Bishop Marjorie Holt, Bethesda Christian Center; Rev. John C. Jones, Christian Temple Baptist Church; Pastor Clifton R. Kilpatrick, Warren AME; Bishop Robert S. Davis, First Church of God; Pastor John Walthall, Mt. Ararat MBC; Trustee Ronald Rice, Third Baptist Chairman of the Trustee Board; Pastor Williams C. Foster, Sr., Indiana Avenue MBC; Bishop Randall Parker III, Canaan Manifested Word Church.

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Power House Tabernacle Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Truth Staff

The congregation of Poer House Tabernacle gathered for a 50th Anniversary Banquet on Sunday, August 16, to honor the past, to celebrate the present and to believe for the future. The special event was also an occasion to honor the legacy of Bishop William Nelson Clark.

Power House Tabernacle began in July 1976 when then-Pastor Clark was inspired by the Lord to find a place to worship. After a call to Elder James Sherman, Pastor Clark began having prayer in the building on Moorish Avenue. Services began in September of that year.

Bishop Clark's ministry began in 1963 when he preached his first sermon at the age of 14 in the Mt. Calvary FBH Church in Cincinnati. He later attended the Cincinnati Baptist Bible College & Seminary, then the Temple



Bro. Dennis Smith; Min. Sandra Holmes; Bro. Hubert Johnson; Min. Shirley Duncan; Sis Geneva Duncan; Davida Jackson

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Lucas County Board of Elections is in need of Election Workers

The Board of Elections has need of Seasonal workers, Precinct Election Officials (PEOs), and Election Day workers, for the November 3, 2026, General Election.

Seasonal workers work assignments may begin on Monday, September 14, 2026, through Election Day, dependent upon work assignment. Starting pay is \$16.15 an hour, increasing to \$16.90 an hour after working 140 hours.

Precinct Election Officials (PEOs) begin Election Day at 5:30 a.m., continue through the close of polls at 7:30 p.m., and are released once all post-election duties are completed that evening. PEOs are paid \$25 to attend a training class, \$50 for Monday night set-up/training and \$133 base pay for working Election Day, for a total of \$208.

Election Day Work Schedule and hours worked are dependent upon job specifications. Shifts available are between two and 15 hours, and Election Day workers are paid between \$16.50 and \$22.00 per hour. Some jobs require mandatory training, which is paid at \$20.00 to \$30.00 per class. Examples of Election Day workers are rovers, riders, and hospital workers. Positions are also available within our tabulation area and within any of our seven county substations, where shifts generally begin at 7:30 p.m.

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For employment applications, go to Lucas County Board of Elections website:

https://www.lucascountyohiovotes.gov/job_postings/index.php

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students.

Following the Federal Dollars

Ellis says the Trump administration cut \$100 million from the State Department budget affecting the program.

Federal budget documents show substantial proposed reductions to State Department international exchange funding. NAFSA reported that the administration's FY2026 budget proposal sought a 93 percent, or \$691 million, reduction in State Department exchange-program funding. NAFSA: FY2026 Funding for International Education and Exchange Programs

But there is another piece of the record.

The federal government also issued a FY2026 funding opportunity for FLEX Global, with up to \$35 million in anticipated funding and a goal of supporting exchange involving as many as 1,200 foreign students coming to the United States. FY2026 FLEX Global Federal Funding Opportunity

So the evidence does not show that the federal government simply ended international student exchange.

It shows a more complicated picture.

Some programs have faced reductions while others continue to receive federal support.

Whether those changes are driven primarily by budget priorities, foreign-policy strategy, administrative decisions or other factors is a question that deserves documentation from the federal government.

That distinction matters.

It keeps the reporting grounded in what can be verified while still examining what Toledo is experiencing.

Another Barrier: Getting Here

Funding is not the only change.

In May 2025, the Trump administration temporarily paused scheduling new student and exchange visitor visa appointments while the State Department prepared expanded social-media screening. Appointments later resumed with additional vetting. Reuters: Student and Exchange Visitor Visa Appointment Pause

A separate DHS rule scheduled for September 2026 would establish maximum periods for certain F, J and I visa holders, with J exchange visitors generally facing a four-year maximum. The rule has faced legal challenges. Reuters: Challenge to New Visa Duration Rule



Tracee Ellis



ACES Students honored by Toledo City Council in 2024 - photo courtesy Amy Voigt

These policies do not, by themselves, explain ACES' local numbers.

They do show why the environment surrounding international exchange is changing.

And Ellis is watching those changes from the ground.

The Families Who Open the Door

For Ellis, the statistics eventually lead back to people.

Host families volunteer to house students for an entire school year. They are not paid, although students receive stipends for personal expenses and the program provides support.

Some families host once.

Others keep doing it.

Ellis knows one family that hosted for 10 consecutive years. Her own sister hosted approximately 11 students while raising her sons.

"This is not one-sided," Ellis believes. "This is something that happens for both Americans and international students."

That is one reason Ellis wants to increase participation among Black families.

She spent roughly a decade as the only African American person in her organization nationally, she points out. Tracee also believes communities of color should have more exposure to international exchange, both as hosts and participants.

Additionally, her work has expanded beyond traditional exchanges to include virtual international visits.

Through virtual tours led by former exchange students, Toledo families and students can visit homes, neighborhoods and communities in countries such as Egypt and Mozambique, seeing the world through the cross-cultural eyes of someone sitting beside them in a local classroom.

A passport is not always necessary to begin seeing the world differently.

Sometimes, the world comes to your classroom.

One Student Is Still Waiting

When Ellis and I spoke, eight international students were already in Toledo.

One young woman was still waiting for a host family.

Ellis says students can spend six to eight months completing the application and acceptance process. Under the previous system, an accepted student without a host family could sometimes be deferred to the following year.

That option is now gone, she explains.

"She's the only one left," Ellis says. "I'm really hoping that a family comes forward to host this young lady and give her the opportunity."

That sentence puts a human face on a policy debate.

There is a young person who has already done the work.

She applied.

She qualified.

She waited.

Now the final piece is a family willing to open its door.

Ellis believes what happens next matters far beyond one student.

"These young people are going to have to compete globally in their careers," she adds. "So we have to work harder at exposing our children to the world."

The federal changes deserve scrutiny. Funding should be followed. Program numbers should be compared. Official explanations should be measured against what communities are experiencing.

But the reason Tracee Ellis keeps doing this work is not complicated.

"Just to try it, to be a part of it in some way or another," she says, "really enhances, not just your learning, but your life."

A teenager crosses a border expecting to learn about America.

A family opens its door.

A classroom gets a little bigger.

And suddenly, the world is not somewhere far away.

It is sitting right here in Toledo.

Interested in learning more about student exchange opportunities? Explore ACES, the American Cultural Exchange Service, and FLEX, the U.S. Department of State's Future Leaders Exchange program, to discover opportunities for students, families and communities to connect across cultures.

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How to Protect Your Small Business and Your Family's Income

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For many small business owners, contractors, and freelancers, owning a business is a rewarding step toward independence that offers flexibility, control and opportunity to build towards their dreams. However, their business finances and personal finances can sometimes become closely connected.

New research from Simply Business shows that among microbusinesses with five or fewer employees, 87 percent of owners continue to rely on personal funds to sustain operations. This underscores a simple reality: When you work for yourself, protecting your business often means protecting your personal finances, savings and family's day-to-day stability.

"The smartest business decisions are not just about risk management. They are about peace of mind," says Jeff Wright, vice president of Insurance Product at Simply Business. "By keeping your business funds safe, you protect the personal livelihood you and your family rely on."

Here are practical ways small business owners can transform uncertainty into a foundation for confident growth:

Believe in your worth. True pricing confidence is about fully owning the value of your work.

Choose a structure that reflects your value: use hourly rates for smaller tasks, project-based fees or retainers for steady work, and value-based pricing for the real-world impact you deliver. Protect your revenue by using clear pricing, building in a buffer for unexpected costs, and setting expectations upfront about what is—and isn't—included in the project.

Build a short-term buffer. With nearly half of surveyed owners reporting to have gone without income for at least a month, many business owners strain their personal finances early on to stay afloat. Aim to keep one to three months of both essential business and household expenses in reserve; even a modest cushion allows you to confidently manage late payments, canceled projects, or seasonal slowdown.

Match coverage to your work. Insurance helps protect your business from unexpected expenses. General liability insurance can help cover costs tied to third-party bodily injury or property damage, while a business owner's policy typically combines general liability with commercial property coverage and sometimes also business interruption coverage to help replace lost income after a covered event. Evaluate your specific trade

risks and buy policies that address them to close the gaps in your safety net without paying for unnecessary extras.

Shop for coverage before you need it. Proactive shopping allows you to compare the value of different policies rather than making a rushed decision under pressure. Not sure where to start? "I leaned on peers and mentors who were already where I wanted to be," says Gianni Spradley, founder of Fifteen East Media Group. "They helped me see the blind spots I hadn't considered and even educated me on specific types of policies to help safeguard my company and its trajectory." You can also use a digital insurance platform like Simply Business to look for the right coverage, compare tailored quotes from top providers, choose the best fit, and even buy your policy in a few minutes.

Leverage external capital. While investing in your own ideas is essential, true safety means looking toward smart capitalization to fuel your venture. "There's value in investing in yourself," says Karen McDougald, founder of Tangaza Bath & Body Studio, "but I wish I'd known more about small business loans and grants." In fact, the Simply Business survey found that small business owners rank access to external capital as the most valuable factor for securing long-term growth.

By taking practical, proactive steps to secure your working cash, savings, and family finances, you can safeguard your business and ensure it continues to thrive.

Courtesy StatePoint

Swayne Field Pop Up and Produce Market

The City of Toledo and Al Peake & Sons Food Service are partnering to launch the Swayne Field Pop-Up Produce Market, a pilot program designed to increase access to affordable, nutritious food for residents at the Swayne Field redevelopment site.

The market will launch on September 4 and 5 and will operate every Saturday following from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. through Oct. 24 at the corner of Monroe Street and Detroit Avenue.

**** Full Schedule**

- * September 4 (3–8 PM) – Grand Opening, Day 1
- * September 5 (10 AM–3 PM) – Grand Opening, Day 2
- * September 10 (12–5 PM) – Swayne Field Art Festival Collaboration & Pop-Up Market
- * September 12 (10 AM–3 PM) – Saturday Community Market
- * September 19 (10 AM–3 PM) – Saturday Community Market
- * September 26 (10 AM–3 PM) – Saturday Community Market

* October 3 (10 AM–3 PM) – Saturday Community Market

* October 10 (10 AM–3 PM) – Saturday Community Market

* October 17 (10 AM–3 PM) – Saturday Community Market

* October 24 (10 AM–3 PM) – Halloween Harvest & Program Finale

Residents will also be able to purchase a variety of fresh produce at the weekly market, including seasonal Ohio- and Michigan-grown products, herbs, leafy greens, tomatoes, apples, berries, melons, and other healthy food options. Additional grocery staples may be added based on customer demand.

"The Swayne Field Pop-Up Produce Market will give residents in a food desert greater access to affordable, nutritious food in a welcoming setting close to home," Rosalyn Clemens, chief of housing and neighborhood sustainability, said. "This is the revitalization work we want to be doing in our NRSA neighborhoods, ensuring residents have

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Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month with the Toledo Library

Discover the resources, services and opportunities available with a Toledo Library card

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This September, the Toledo Lucas County Public Library invites Lucas County residents to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month and discover all the resources and opportunities available with a library card.

"With a Toledo Library card, customers get access to so much more than books," said Jason Kucsma, Toledo Library executive director. "From free classes and homework help to streaming media, job resources, technology and spaces to meet and study, a library card connects people with resources that can support them at every stage of life."

Library Card Sign-Up Month is also a reminder that the library is for everyone, no matter your age, background or goals. Whether it is helping children learn to read, supporting students in the classroom, connecting adults with

information and opportunities or providing a place to learn and connect with others, the Toledo Library offers resources designed to meet the needs of the community. At the end of 2025, the Toledo Library had more than 290,000 cardholders.

"One of the Toledo Library's strategic priorities is to ensure that 90 percent of Lucas County residents have a library card," Kucsma added. "Library Card Sign-Up Month gives us an opportunity to celebrate the many ways library cards connect people to information, inspiration and community while continuing to make progress toward that goal."

The Toledo Library offers both physical and digital library cards.

Ohio residents can apply for a physical library card at any Toledo Library location. Applicants should bring a photo ID and proof of address, such as a driver's license or utility bill. The photo ID does not need to show the applicant's current address. Library staff will process the application, and customers can leave with their new library card.

Customers who do not have proof of address or photo ID, or who are not Ohio residents, can call the Toledo Library at 419-259-5200 to learn about other options.

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access to the resources they need to be healthy and well."

The pilot program is part of a broader effort to increase access to affordable, nutritious food, support local and regional growers, strengthen neighborhood connections and activate the Swayne Field redevelopment site.

Al Peake & Sons, a Toledo-based food distributor with more than 75 years of experience, will oversee market operations, including produce sourcing, transportation, staffing and food safety.

"The goal is to make fresh food more accessible while creating a welcoming space for residents to gather and shop close to home," Philip Peake, president of AL Peake & Sons Food Service, said.

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Pastor Sharon Smith of
Cleveland, OH



Pastor Stella Johnson

Bible & Seminary receiving his Bachelors of Arts degree in 1972. He came to Toledo the next year and became pastor of the Mt. Pleasant FBH Church and in 1976 founded Power House Tabernacle. He has led the congregation to their present location at 1228 Campbell.

The Sunday celebration banquet with Invocation and Blessing of the Meal by Pastor Stella Johnson, followed by a Scripture Reading of Psalm 127:1, then a welcome by Min. Sharon Waters.

After moments of reflection and dinner, the head table guests offered their reflections, the clergy offered their reflections, then the family followed suit.

On open mic was offered to any attendee; a musical tribute was followed by the church history presented by Min. Shirley Duncan.

The evening's keynote speaker was Joseph A. Cody, PhD of the Kingdom Builders Worldwide Network of Charlotte, NC

Pastor Stella Johnson offered pastoral reflections followed by the reflections and benediction from the Presiding Bishop of Pentecostal Christian Churches, Bishop Stephen Gully.

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of voting in this election and every election. "If your vote didn't matter, there wouldn't be all these things to make it harder to work for. People have to vote. It's critical," she stated.

Remarks were given by Teresa Fedor, Joel Obrecht (former official with the U.S. Department of Agriculture) and Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson. The event was sponsored by Ohio State Democrats.

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"Born, bred, toasted, buttered, jellied, and honeyed in Harlem" in 1937, Au-

drey Smaltz was a force to be reckoned with almost from the time she could walk. Her parents imbued confidence in her, they nurtured her creativity and sent her to charm school, but they never allowed her to create a stir.

"That," says Smaltz, "is not what ladies did."

By the time she was a teenager, Smaltz was modeling for New York City designers. Shortly thereafter, she started working for a married man with whom she had an affair, and whom she loved very much. She broke up with him, attended college, worked a series of jobs that taught her about fashion and jobs that

didn't seem to fit her. An ill-fated marriage took her to Chicago where she ultimately landed a position that sent her to work in Ebony magazine's New York office.

Working at Ebony was a career-changer, in a way. Smaltz was able to travel the world and learn more about fashion, but she didn't exactly get along with her boss.

Finally, seizing an opportunity, Smaltz decided to launch her own company, Audrey Smaltz, Inc., a "fashion production business," but she couldn't get any designers to take a chance on her. Undaunted, she reorganized, re-branded, hit the streets and knocked on doors until she finally found one client, which led to many others.

Through it all, her personal life was a whirlwind. She dated "more men than you can shake a book at," settling down occasionally, briefly. Fashion had always been her first love, but she accidentally found real love, "the love of a woman," at a leadership course...

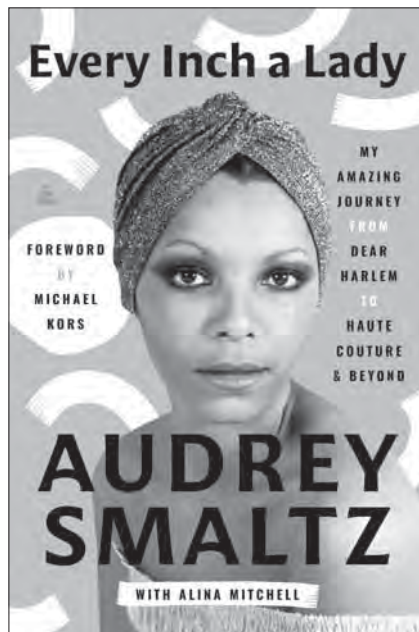
There's an old saying that writers need to add lots of "color" into their stories. Read a little of *Every Inch a Lady*, and you'll notice immediately that author Audrey Smaltz (with Alina Mitchell) quite literally takes that to heart by mentioning nearly every color of the spectrum here. Hmm.

That oddity aside, Smaltz is a wonderfully lively storyteller, speaking with the energy of a woman much younger to the heart of anyone who loves fashion. That glee extends to collectors of vintage clothing, who will be delighted to read about the industry long ago and the way things worked then. Smaltz says she experienced racism, which is not unusual for pre-Civil Rights America, but doors were surprisingly closed for other reasons that will astound anyone who's savvy about the fashion industry, even today.

There's quite a bit of name-dropping in this book but most of it belongs in the anecdotes, so you likely won't mind. If you're a fashionista, too, find *Every Inch a Lady*, and snap it up.



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What's Happening This Week in Toledo

Wednesday, August 26

Let's Get Moving: Morning Walks

Woodlawn, Willys, and Liberty Park (meet at 1502 Central Ave) | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Thursday, August 27

Let's Get Moving: Evening Walks

With Accompanying Outdoor Experience

Camp Miakonda, 5600 W Sylvania Ave | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Levitt BLOC Toledo Music Series

Promenade Park | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Featuring: Willow Run with opener Doyle Sargent

The Levitt BLOC Toledo Music Series brings free, live outdoor concerts to four parks across Toledo's central-city neighborhoods.

Friday, August 28

Party in the Park

Promenade Park, 400 Water St. | 6 - 10 p.m.

Featuring: Marshall Charloff & The Purple Xperience with Arctic Clam

Saturday, August 29

Youth Employment Initiative Application Deadline

The Youth Employment Initiative is a workforce development program designed to prepare young adults (16 - 24 y.o) for success. Participants will gain paid work experience, receive career coaching, and build the skills needed to thrive in college, career training, or the workplace.

Register here by midnight

Ottawa Park Concert Series

Ottawa Park Amphitheater | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Featuring: What the Hey

Toledo City Council Community Blood Drive and Winter Care Package Drive

East Toledo Senior Activity Center, 1001 White St | 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join Councilwomen Dr. Brittany Jones and Theresa Morris, in partnership with the S.C.O.T.T. Organization, for a community blood drive and winter care package collection for sickle cell patients at Nationwide Children's Hospital and ProMedica. Requested donations include school supplies, winter clothing, blankets, heating pads, Epsom salts and more.

More to Explore

Explore More Pass (<https://explore.toledo.oh.gov/checkout/1063/city-of-toledo-oh/4881/explore-toledo>)

This mobile exclusive passport is a collection of curated parks, special events and more for you to explore this year in Toledo.

Summer Programs (<https://toledo.oh.gov/summer>)

Many programs begin the first week of June! Register now.

Pickleball Clinics (<https://toledo.oh.gov/summer/pickleball-clinics>)

Limited spots will fill up fast! Each two-week session is \$20. Must be 18 or older to register.

Kayak at Cullen Park (<https://toledo.oh.gov/residents/parks/kayaking>)

Self-serve rental lockers are stocked with equipment for your kayak adventure!

Golf Muni Courses (<https://www.toledocitygolf.com/>)

Schedule your tee time at one of our three public courses.

The Sojourner's Truth A MOMENT OF TRUTH

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A Moment of Truth will explore some of the issues that are so critical in the lives of the residents of Toledo's African American community. The Sojourner's Truth has spent a quarter of a century speaking with and listening to those in our community who make a such a difference in our lives.

Join us now on WGTE 91 FM on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. as our hosts – Asia Nail, Stacy Fowler, Ricky Tyus and Alexandria Leatherberry – hold conversations with community members and examine how all of us can learn and benefit from those who are blazing paths for us in a number of critical areas such as community activism, business, health and travel.



Asia Nail,
The Truth Reporter



Ricky Tyus
of Tyus Tours and Travel



Stacy Fowler,
Publisher, Pursuit Magazine



Alexandria Leatherberry,
The Truth Reporter

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Electronic proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Lucas County, Ohio, by the Purchasing Department, One Government Center, Suite 480, Toledo, Ohio 43604-2247 until 2:00 P.M. (local time), September 15, 2026 and opened immediately thereafter for **#2184-Request for Proposals for Centralized Record Storage** for the Lucas County Clerk of Courts Records Center, according to specifications available for examination, or download the proposal by going to the site, <http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.asp>. Suppliers interested in doing business with Lucas County must register in the Supplier Portal. To access the Lucas County Oracle Supplier Portal, please visit: https://eieb.fa.us6.oraclecloud.com/fscmUI/faces/NegotiationAbstracts?prcBuld=300000007278812&_adf.ctrlstate=l5ps8sau3_1&_af_rLoop=7126760101772357&_afrWindow-Mode=0&_afrWindowId=avudlxmca&_afrFS=16&_afrMT=screen&_afrMFW=1920&_afrMFH=932&_af-rMFDW=1920&_afrMFDH=1080&_afrMFC=8&_afrMFCI=0&_afrMFM=0&_afrMFR=96&_afrMFG=0&_afrMFS=0&_afrMFO=0

Prior to 2:00 P.M. (local time), September 15, 2026 each proposal shall contain the full name of each person submitting the proposal and the name of every person or company interested in same. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio.
Lisa A. Sobecki – President
Pete Gerken – Commissioner
Anita Lopez – Commissioner

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RFP26-R010

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) will receive proposals for **Environmental Services in accordance with RFP26-R010**. Received in accordance with law until **September 21, 2026, at 3:00 PM EST**. For documents: www.lucasmha.org; 424 Jackson Street., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9438 (TRS: Dial 711). Bidders are required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract, and any Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.



MEDICAL ASSISTANT/LPN/RN

Wanted for FT nursing position at a happy pediatric practice. No weekends, holidays, or late nights. Email resumes to cic@intensivecaring.com

MOVING SALE

Amana Electric Dryer \$100
Excellent Condition Call 419-324-9876

GET READY TO SHOP TILL YOU DROP

Come out Saturday, September 12, from 10 AM to 6 PM for the Shop Till You Drop Community Garage Sale at Solomon Temple MBC, 573 Nebraska Avenue.

We're looking for vendors, food vendors, local businesses and community sellers to join us. Vendor spaces are available for just a \$40 donation, with proceeds benefiting the Solomon Temple Building Fund,

Come shop for great deals, hidden treasures, food and more while supporting a great cause. For vendor information, contact MZ at 419-514-0203 or Linda Lee at 419-699-0396.

Shop! Sell! Support! And don't miss the fun!!

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING DIRECTOR

The Padua Center is seeking an After School Tutoring Director, the Nia Program. The successful applicant will have experience in an educational field as either a teacher or classroom aide. The main responsibilities of the Director are to provide tutoring and educational enrichment to about 15 elementary school children from 2:30-5:30 Monday through Thursday, beginning September 8, 2026 and will continue until the end of the school year. Volunteer helpers are available. Transportation and meals are managed by other employees. Pay range is \$17-\$20 an hour. Approximately 12 hours a week.

Please submit resume to thepaduacenter@gmail.com

For more information call: The Padua Center, 419 241 6465

CSU DAY IN TOLEDO

Central State University will host **CSU Day in Toledo** on **September 26-27, 2026, at Third Baptist Church, 402 Pinewood Ave., Toledo**. Students and families from Northwest Ohio are invited to meet with university representatives, learn about admissions, scholarships, financial aid, academic programs, and student life.

OFFICE SPACES FOR RENT

Several to choose from in the heart of the Warren Sherman area – corner of Franklin and Bancroft and close to the Wayman Palmer YMCA. Contact 419-509-0492 for more information

Call to place your ad:

419-243-0007

www.TheTruthToledo.com

The First Day of School at MLK and Ella P. Stewart

The Truth Staff

How does school start in Toledo? For some students, it starts with a bang. And an audience, greeters, a handshake or two, a high-five, some pom poms.

For the students at MLK Jr. Academy for Boys (now in the Jones Leadership Academy building) and those at Elle P. Stewart Academy for Girls, the welcome came on Monday, August 24, from community leaders who volunteered to make the students' first day a welcoming one.

The community leaders' involvement at both schools won't end on Monday for many of these students. A number of community leaders will be involved with the students during the rest of the academic year serving as mentors and hosting special events.



The women greeters at Elle P Stewart



The men who greeted the boys at MLK Jr Academy

