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Murder of George Floyd by police spark hundreds to gather at local police station



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Several hundred people gathered in front of the safety building for several hours without any incidents occurring.



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Doug Whiting flying the American flag upside down because the country is in distress, and black lives are in jeopardy. Because of that fact, Mr. Whiting said, all people should be flying their flag upside down.



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Washington Muhammad, co-founder of CSRN tells the crowd, "We need to start protecting ourselves."

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

George Floyd, an African American man, was murdered by the Minneapolis Police Department on May 25. The entire incident was captured on video. Officer Derek Chauvin, a white man, knelt on Mr. Floyd's neck until he became unresponsive. Despite pleas from Mr. Floyd that he couldn't breathe, Officer Chauvin didn't let up the pressure, as two other officers held a handcuffed Mr. Floyd's legs still. Mr. Floyd's last dying plea was a call out to his mother.

On Saturday, May 30, the Community Solidarity Response Network, CSRN, held a rally in downtown Toledo, in front of the Police Safety Building, at the corner of Erie and Jackson, to protest police violence, and to make sure the incident that occurred in Minneapolis doesn't happen in Toledo.

Several hundred people, black, white, Latino, Middle Eastern, Asian, began arriving hours earlier than the 3 p.m. start.

Signs such as, "I can't breathe," "White Silence = white consent," "No cops are good when the system is bad," and "Blue Lives Murder," were held high in the crowd.

Doug Whiting, an older Caucasian man, flew the United States flag upside down.

"The flag is flown like this when life and property are in danger. This is what everybody should be doing, because black lives are in danger; but Black Lives Matter," he said.

Julian Mack, the spokesman for CSRN informed the crowd there would be several speakers outlining what course of actions that should be taken.

He mentioned a few items that must be taken in order to make sure police don't violate the lives of Black people.

"More accountability," Mr. Mack said. "We need a citizen's review board that has teeth and can hold the police accountable for their actions. With the latest killing of a

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Peaceful rally turned violent as police clash with protesters Tear gas, SWAT, armored vehicle deployed



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Police exit their cars, and an armored personnel vehicle. Tear gas canisters were thrown into the crowd, but some protesters picked up those canisters and threw them back toward police.



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An unidentified protesters clashes with the police.

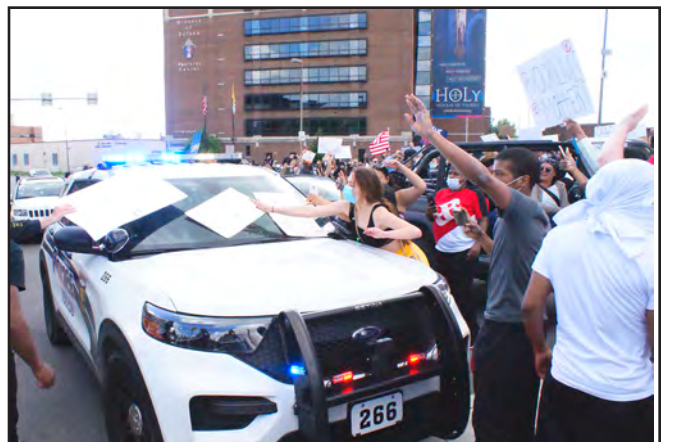


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Protestors began placing their sign on the front windshield of the car.

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
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When the Community Solidarity Response Network, CSRN, ended the peaceful rally held in downtown Toledo, on Saturday, May 30, organizers stressed that the rally was ending, and they were removing their podium, and speakers.

The crowd, still energized from the rally, began heading north on Erie St., chanting, "No justice, no peace."

When the crowd arrived to Cherry St., they headed west toward Bancroft, still peacefully chanting as they took up all the lanes on the street.

It was at the corner of Cherry, and Spielbusch that the march would take a dramatic change from earlier, and dictate the tone for the rest of the day, and well into the night.

As protesters arrived at the intersection of Cherry and Spielbusch, a police car waited on Spielbusch, for the traffic light to turn green to begin driving. It was at that point some of the protesters began yelling in the direction of the police car. One by one, protesters approached the car still yelling, and putting up the middle finger.

As more protesters approached the car, they

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3

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4

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5

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After **eating** these **five foods** you **won't be hungry** for anything else.

What type of year has this been for you leading up to and including your graduation?



Laycee Horn

Laycee Horn is the daughter of Johnny, and Carolyn Horn. The University of Toledo graduate received her Bachelor's degree in media Communication. Despite the challenge of the Coronavirus suspending on campus studies, Laycee was able to make the Dean's List. "Having to go from in class studies, to online was very challenging, at first, but the situation

forced me to really focus harder on my work," she said. Laycee plans on getting her Master's Degree in clinical counseling. Ultimately, she wants to move to North Carolina to either host a radio program, or start a podcast focusing on bringing awareness to mental health issue within the African American community. Laycee Horn waves to a parade of cars they congratulate her after successfully graduating from the University of Toledo

Te'Sean Lamonds

Te'Sean Lamonds is the son of Martina Conner. The Waite High School graduate was active in football, basketball, cross country, and track during his four year tenure. Besides sports, he was an active member of two youth mentoring programs; Young Men of Excellence, and the Youth Opportunity Program. Te'Sean faced the challenge of having to study at home when the Coronavirus pandemic forced schools to close.

"I didn't have all the tools I needed at home when we had to study online; which made the situation, at times, very difficult. It's so much easier having a teacher in the environment when help is needed," he said. Te'Sean is currently pursuing a career as a Toledo Fireman. Besides working as a first responder, he wants to be a professional gamer, and put himself in a situation where his future is financially secure. Te'Sean Lamonds will serve his community as a first responder for the Toledo Fire Department.



Brandon Chatman Jr.

Brandon Chatman Jr. is the son of Brandon Chatman Sr. and Teresa Herman. He graduated from Start High with a focus on electrical engineering through a program offered at his school. After completing the electrical engineering program, he received his Ohio Jobs Ready Certificate. When schools were forced to stop holding

in-person classes due to the Coronavirus, Brandon, like all students, had to finish their second semester work online. It was very challenging not having a teacher immediately available to help with my work, but over time it became easier," he said. Brandon plans on attending trade school to focus on either electrical, or pipe fitting. His ultimate goal is becoming a business owner.

Miracle Washington

Miracle Washington is the daughter of Cherita Walker. The Scott High School graduate was ranked second in her graduating class with a 4.17 GPA, and earning the spot as class Salutatorian. During high school, Miracle was an Honor Society member, and served on the Student Body Government. Accepted by nine colleges and universities throughout the country, she earned a total of \$210, 200 in scholarships. Although an honor student, Miracle was

challenged to finish the second semester of her last year of schooling at home, due to the Coronavirus forcing school closures. "Not being in the school setting was hard at first, but I eventually got used to it. Missing my friends was something I never got used to," she said. Miracle will be attending Xavier University of Louisiana in the fall with a full academic ride. She will be majoring in Pre-Med Biology, with the goal of becoming an Anesthesiologist. Miracle Washington was sought after by many universities but chose Xavier University of Louisiana to pursue her higher education.



Ongoing Events

Lucas County COVID-19 Update
Community Testing Site Information
Community testing is still widely available in Lucas County. Testing is most appropriate for community members experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. The main symptoms of COVID-19 infection include: a fever of 100.4 F (38C) or greater, cough, shortness of breath, and difficulty breathing. Other reported symptoms have included chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell. Community members may call the Lucas County Community COVID-19 Call Lines at 419-251-4000 (English only) and 419-291-5355 (multilingual) to answer questions and provide additional support M-F, 7am-7pm. Some sites require an appointment and have free testing and others may charge. For additioonal information for locations and

to see a map of the testing locations, please visit: lucascountyhealth.com/coronavirusupdates/. To report concerns, such as businesses not adhering to sector specific operating requirements/ guidelines, includiing appropriate social distancing and/or employees wearing face coverings, please call 419-213-4161, option 4, and leave a message.

Ohio Division Of WildLife Announces
2020 Lake Erie Walleye Update

Lake Erie's walleye population in 2020 is projected to be 116 million fish. Anglers will mostly encounter fish ranging from 15 to 25 inches from the 2014 through 2018 year classes. A large number of undersized fish from the 2018 and 2019 year classes will also be caught. Please release these fish with as little handling as possible so they can contribute to the fishery in the future. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, fishing is a pursuit that can be enjoyed while safely practicing social distancing. The Ohio Department of Health's COVID-19 safety rules and guidelines for fishing can be found at [coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/fishing.pdf](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible-fishing.pdf). For more information on COVID-19 and the Ohio Department of Health's recommendations on prevention and preparation, please visit coronavirus.ohio.gov. The walleye bag limit on Lake Erie is six fish

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Corrections:

We apologize for misspelling
Jenai Hicklin's son's name; The correct
spelling is John Hicklin.
Also, Covid-19 not Croid-19.

“I Can’t Breathe...”!.....The Sequel.



By Lafe Tolliver,
Attorney

At times, the whirlwind speed of the news cycle sometimes overwhelms you with information and pictures that can cause you to shut down and bury your head in your hands.

This is one of those times. For starters, let us begin with the murder of the black man, George Floyd.

As you may have seen the gruesome cell phone video wherein it vividly depicts a white police officer seemingly having most of his body weight on the neck of the deceased.

The history was that the murdered man was purportedly engaged in a scheme of using counterfeit money at a retail store and was reported to the police. So far, so good.

But, when four policemen responded, things went from bad to really, really bad, even deadly bad.

The deceased, appearing not “altogether” was taken out of his parked car but eventually wound up under the front portion of one of the police cars and with a white officer placing his knee on his neck.

Despite pleas, that he could not breath and bystanders imploring the police to let him get up (no weapon or danger to the police officers was noticed), the cop with the macho knee problem held the deceased down on the ground for a time frame of five to eight minutes, while the life oozed out of George Floyd.

In broad daylight and with body cams whirling and witnesses watching the slow and tortuous death of an unarmed man purportedly engaged in a non-violent offense, the cop with the knee on neck of George Floyd persisted in keeping Mr. Floyd pinned down.

Desperate cries of the need for air com-



ing from the soon to be executed George Floyd, did not phase this sadist police officer. The knee remained in place as remarkably efficient as a deadly chokehold.

It is reported that this same cop has had three prior “run-ins” regarding his police conduct not being appropriate, but here he is again, kneeling someone to death over a trifle nonviolent offense.

And where are the other three police officers? They are standing by as mute witnesses to one of their own, callously and inhumanely, murdering a person who still has the right to protest and prove his innocence.

But for this white cop, placing his knee on the neck of a black man seems racially perverse and almost as if he got pleasure from inflicting such torment, knowing that the dying man was no threat to him or to himself.

For that white cop, what mattered was that he was in control and he was going to inflict maximum harm on this “perp” and if that meant death and dying under his knee, well, so be it.

Why didn’t one of his police buds tell him to stop and get off this guy’s neck and place him in a squad car? Why did not one of them have the guts to tell this

Neanderthal cop that he was doing

harm and that he needed to get off this guy’s neck?

Why? Because it is the unwritten code that the boys in blue do not interfere with a fellow cop and much less “squeal” on them.

The three other cops could have remembered their slogan of, “To Protect and Serve” but in this case, serving and protecting this soon to be dead black man was apparently not of any consequence to any of them.

Imagine if all three of the onlooking cops (or even one of them) has the strength of character to stop this murderer from executing an innocent man.

Imagine. When the other body cam footage is shown to the public, I contend that it will show that this cop brutalizing this man, intentionally abandoning all taught principles of containment; and was so fixated in snuffing out the life of the hapless handcuffed man, that the last thing he thought of was protecting the civil rights of his prisoner.

And you wonder why so many black and brown people are highly suspicious of cops because the rotten ones cause so much psychic pain and residual fear.

Yeah, all four of the cops were fired

and their police union will do the usual song and dance of urging the public not to judge them until all of the evidence is in; and there will be the usual lawsuits against the City of Minneapolis for police brutality.

This band of four rogue cops will find other employment (probably with other police departments!) and they will lament and rue how badly they were treated by the media, but an apology from the knee jerk killing cop to the family of George Floyd, that won’t be in the cards.

The murder of George Floyd was eerily similar to the chokehold death of

Eric Garner in New York City some five years ago and in that case, the killing cop was not charged with murder.

Will a grand jury indict the killer cop for murder and will a probably near all-white jury condemn him for this public execution? Only time will tell.

This murder, done by an agent of the City of Minneapolis, only graphically reinforces the latent knowledge that black people possess and that is America was originally never designed to accommodate or welcome them... and much less afford them equal protection of the law as their birthright.

Lafe Tolliver, Attorney

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Old, Sick and Incarcerated

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NNPA NEWSWIRE — Older people don’t commit violent crimes (although they commit financial crimes

and perjury). Releasing those over 65 who were convicted of drug crimes and other nonviolent crimes saves money and has little social cost. But incarceration is an economic driver for some communities.

There were 4623 incarcerated people over 65 in federal prisons during the first week of May. Until May 12, Paul Manafort, Mr. Trump’s one-time campaign manager, was one of them. The 71-year-old petitioned the court for release to home confinement because of his age, heart condition, and “fear of coronavirus.” Yet the federal correctional institution that housed Manafort had no coronavirus cases, and Manafort had served fewer than two years of his more than seven-year sentence. Recently developed federal guidelines suggest at-home confinement for those at risk who have served more than half of their sentence or have less than eighteen months of jail time left to serve. Manafort meets none of these criteria, but he appar-

ently had enough high-priced lawyers to push his case aggressively.

I’m not as outraged at Manafort’s early release as I am disturbed about the other 4622 elderly inmates, most who lack the resources and access that Manafort had. Nearly forty percent of those incarcerated in federal prisons are African American, many serving very long sentences for drug-related crimes. Many have some of the same underlying medical conditions and “fear of coronavirus” that Manafort had. How many of them will get an early release and the relative luxury of home confinement? The treatment of a wealthy, older white man and a poor, older Black man is vastly different.

Prisons are a breeding ground for the coronavirus. Prisons are overcrowded with social distancing an impossibility since an average cell, about five feet by five, does not allow six feet of distancing. Re-

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\$3 Trillion HEROES Act Promises More COVID-19 Relief for Consumers and Businesses

Will the U.S. Senate act swiftly on the new legislative plan?



By Charlene Crowell
Wire Columnist

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As the nation's Center for Disease Control (CDC) tracks the spread of COVID-19, by mid-May, at least 1.6 million infections and over 92,000 deaths occurred. This data includes all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S Virgin Islands.

At the same time, the Bureau of Labor's most recent unemployment data for the month of April showed that over 36 million people have filed for unemployment and affected all major employment groups. One bit of data also showed that Black America's unemployment rate of 16.7% was surpassed by that of Latinos at 18.9%. Similar data for others showed that of Asian-Americans to be 14.5% and whites at 14.2%.

Further and according to a survey published on May 14 by the Federal Reserve Board on the COVID-19 pandemic, as of early April:

- Among adults who lost a job or had their hours reduced, 70 percent reported that their income declined;
- More than 9 in 10 who lost a job were told not to expect to return to the same job; and
- Sixty-seven percent of workers who never attended college and 60 percent who completed some college or an associate degree worked entirely outside of their homes.

In sum, the economic effects of a raging pandemic are affecting people of all races, backgrounds, and educational levels. And an unfortunate pattern continues:

families hardest hit by the Great Recession are again disproportionately affected.

Speaking on behalf of the 12-million strong American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, more commonly known as the AFL-CIO, Richard L. Trumka, its President sent a May 15 letter to Congress that spoke to the real-life concerns of working people.

"Don't tell us we should wait a little longer for the unemployment benefits we earned or the health insurance we deserve," wrote, the AFL-CIO's Trumka. "We have waited long enough."

"Don't tell us we should sacrifice our pensions," he continued. "Don't tell us states should go bankrupt or that federal relief is a blue state bailout. We are all vulnerable, and this nation deserves better."

Later that day, a new \$3 trillion legislative initiative known as the HEROES Act, passed the U.S. House of Representatives on Friday, May 15 on a 208-199 vote, and awaits review and action by the U.S. Senate.

But how swiftly will the upper chamber move on the new COVID-19 plan? And how many Senate amendments will strike at key provisions passed by the House?

Introduced on May 12 by New York Congresswoman Nita Lowey, the HEROES Act had 11 co-sponsors representing the additional states of Arizona, California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Virginia and provides a broad assortment of new and renewed assistance targeted to essential workers, first responders, minority-owned and other small businesses, students, the homeless and others.

For example, housing concerns for renters, homeowners and the homeless in the HEROES Act would extend the CARES Act's previous moratorium on evictions and foreclosures. But it would also provide new housing assistance with \$100 billion in emergency rental assistance, \$75 billion for homeowner assistance, \$11.5 billion in homeless grants and expand Section 8 vouchers with a \$1 billion revenue infusion. The bill also includes \$500 million for Section 202 Housing for the Elderly, \$100 million for housing counseling, and \$14 million for fair housing activities.

Similarly, debt collections against either minority-owned and other small businesses or consumers would be suspended during the pandemic. Consumers would not be subjected to negative credit report-



ing and debt collection, while the Federal Reserve would be required to make low-cost, deferrable loans to small businesses, nonprofits, and public universities. Nonprofits serving low-income communities could be eligible for these loans to be forgiven.

Before the early evening House vote, multiple stakeholder groups spoke out in support of the bill.

"The HEROES Act focuses on real people because consumers drive our economy and we can't just leave American families to trickle-down help from businesses," said Lauren Saunders, associate director of the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC).

For Abby Shafroth, an NCLC attorney, criminal justice issues were a particularly key part of the legislation.

"The last thing that we need right now is to have people in unsafe prisons and jails for the crime of being poor," said Shafroth. "By prohibiting the government from incarcerating people for nonpayment of debts, restricting the use of money bail to detain poor people who have not been convicted of a crime, and incentivizing state and local governments to suspend imposition and collection of fines and fees during the crisis, the HEROES Act protects people from being imprisoned or trapped in the broken criminal justice system merely because they are unable to afford a debt or a fine."

Before House voting began and speaking on the chamber's floor, Chairwoman Maxine Waters of the House Financial Services Committee summarized the feelings of many citizens and lawmakers alike.

"We hear Members on both sides of the

As of June 2, 2020

Coronavirus Disease

in the United

States: 1.85M +

16,070 Confirmed.

Recovered: 412K.

Deaths: 107K +478

aisle talking about how much they love America, how much they love their constituents, said Waters. "Put up or shut up. Now is the time to do it."

That advice needs to be heard in the Senate, where the bill's outcome is unclear. Although the House inserted provisions to address wide-ranging concerns, there is no guarantee that the Senate will act promptly or as generously.

Even so, the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) remains hopeful that the act will not only be preserved; but strengthened.

"The HEROES Act shows strong promise and addresses important needs of low-wealth families impacted by COVID-19, such as mortgage and forbearance relief, extended unemployment benefits, food assistance, and protections against harmful debt collection activities and negative credit reporting", said Ashley Harrington, CRL's Federal Advocacy Director and Senior Counsel.

"However as amended, the bill curtails its original, inclusive plan to cancel \$10,000 of debt for all federal and private student loan borrowers," added Harrington. "These cancellation provisions are unmanageable and inequitable – they won't help many of the student loan borrowers due to its structural flaws that exclude millions from getting relief."

Harrington also noted how the HEROES Act fails to include "important safeguards against high-cost lending and abusive overdraft fees" during the crisis.

"The Senate should act swiftly to include these additional consumer protections and ensure that all those with student debt are able to benefit from debt cancellation," concluded Harrington.

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Old, Sick and Incarcerated

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cent studies show that the COVID-19 germs from a loud conversation or a cough linger for minutes, sufficient time to infect another person. The notorious Riker's Island prison has eight times the COVID-19 infection rate of the New York City rate. Infection is not a possibility, but a near-certainty. Prison infections are so widespread that some activists describe them as "death camps."

Older people don't commit violent crimes (although they commit financial crimes and perjury). Releasing those over 65 who were convicted of drug crimes and other nonviolent crimes saves money and has little social cost. But incarceration is an economic driver for some communities. Federal prisons employ tens of thousands of people. In some isolated communities, these prisons are a significant source of employment. Releasing prisoners early may cause layoffs. Is this why we insist on keeping so many people locked up for such long periods?

Parole was eliminated in federal prison in the mid-1980s, allowing "good behavior

"only after 85 percent of a sentence has been served. But Manafort, citing "fear of coronavirus," ended up serving less than a quarter of his sentence. Can an old Black man get the Manafort treatment and serve the rest of his sentence in a cushy condo in Northern Virginia? Manafort had a lot less to fear, at his minimum-security prison, than a Black inmate might.

Other countries have reacted to coronavirus crowding by releasing inmates in the tens of thousands. According to David Anderson of the International Legal Foundation, Iran released more than half of its prisoners – 100,000 of 189,000. Palestine is holding emergency court sessions to allow inmates to petition for release. Other countries seem to understand that COVID-19 and crowding don't work and are releasing prisoners.

Meanwhile, our country, in Anderson's words, is "addicted to punishment." In keeping nonviolent inmates incarcerated, we are "prioritizing punishment over public health." The inmates aren't the only ones at risk. Correctional officers, lawyers, and visiting family members are



also vulnerable. We are so committed to getting a "pound of flesh" from those incarcerated that we refuse to consider the high costs of incarceration.

Consider the case of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Convicted of perjury, obstruction of justice, and other crimes, Kilpatrick was sentenced to 28

years for his crimes. He is not scheduled to be released until 2037! While Kilpatrick certainly deserved to be convicted, a 28-year sentence is excessive. Recently an inmate at his Oakdale, Louisiana prison died from the coronavirus. I'm sure Kilpatrick is as frightened of the coronavirus as Manafort is. He is not likely to be allowed home confinement.

Unless there is intervention, Kilpatrick will be eligible for Social Security before he is released! What is the purpose of such a long sentence? How much does it cost to incarcerate someone for 28 years? Is it worth it?

The coronavirus magnified our nation's inequality. Manafort is out after less than two years' incarceration. Thousands who are old and poor remain incarcerated and vulnerable to coronavirus. Our criminal injustice system is in dire need of reform.

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Muslim community works on frontlines of poverty, Covid-19, providing free food and clothing



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Some of the volunteers take a brief moment for a picture, before they hurry back to work.

By JURY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

Members of the Tabiyyatul Haqq Ministries, located at 722 E. Bancroft, quickly move around an area within the building that's designated for food, and clothing distribution. Some of the members show clothing to those people who are need of clothes; others load food into boxes, while others take those boxes out on a dolly to be loaded into the cars of patrons.

The event is their food pantry, and

free clothing distribution, which is held every Tuesday, and Saturday of the week.

Lladheena Shabazz, information specialist for Tabiyyatul Haqq Ministries, told The Toledo Journal that many items go inside the food box, some of which include meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, eggs, and various types of hygiene products.

"Since the Covid-19 outbreak, a lot of businesses, and organizations shut down, but we wanted to stay open, and provide as much relief to those in need," she said.

Ms. Shabazz added that she's thankful they've been in a position to help, while helping to shine a positive imagine on their inner city Masjid, or place of worship.

Abdullah Muhammad Ali, founder and director of the ministries, said, "We're helping an economically disenfranchised area, to the best of our ability, by providing free clothes, and food."

Besides the basic food needs for sustainable health, there are slushy, hot dog, and popcorn machines for the children, as well as adults.

Mr. Ali and the other volunteers are aware that some people are concerned about close interaction, due to the Coronavirus, that's why they've delivered food

boxes to the doorsteps of those unable to pick up the food.

"Once we deliver the box, we'll call the person to whom we're delivering to, and let them know it's on their porch, or at their door; we don't leave until the box is inside," he said.

Mr. Ali extended a special thanks to three of his sponsors who've helped make the outreach a success; Imam Kamal Najeeb, Dr. Muhammad Zubair, and Imam Abdul Ibrahim.

Juanita Williams has received items more than once. She said she likes the fact a lot of the food is fresher, and more nutritious than some of the other food pantries she visited.

"I also like it here because everyone is so nice. They also help carry, and load the items into my car; I really

appreciate that help," she said.

The food pantry is open Tuesday 9a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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Abdullah Muhammad Ali loads food onto a dolly for Juanita Williams, front, and Azzie Flanigan.




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Malik Rashad helps an elderly family load food into their van.



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Members prepare to begin distribution of food.



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Hundreds gather at police station

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Ruth Leonard, administrative lead for CSRN, said the educational system has contributed to the growing racism in America because of the school to prison pipeline.



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Julian Mack, spokesman for CSRN, tells several hundred people that just because black people are in high places, doesn't mean they have black people's best interest at heart.

black man, the police prove they're incapable of policing themselves," he said.

Mr. Mack said, with the current system, after a period of time, a police officer's misconduct can be erased. He said that process has to be abolished, and that the people need to always know about an officer's behavior.

He went on to say that just because "We have black faces in high places," doesn't mean they have the best interest of Black people.

We need to put into place people who will truly uphold the law, Mr. Mack said.

He went on to say, that people aren't asking anymore, but taking their rights into their own hands. If a citizen's review board, with teeth, he added, isn't established that can truly represent the people, then they we'll establish such a board.

Mr. Mack also said the chock hold, which is still utilized by police, needs to be banned.

Emily Evans was at the rally with her son. She brought him to the rally because she wanted him to see for himself, a turning point in history.

Ms. Evan said she plans on becoming active with CSRN, and "No one should have to live in fear," she said.

Peaceful rally turned violent

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Completely surrounded by protesters, the police car couldn't move.

began surrounding it to the point it couldn't move. One protester began spray painting the police car.

The officers could be seen radioing for backup. They put on their sirens, and began slowly advancing through the angry crowd. At that point, water bottles began to get hurled at the police car. Other protesters arrived, and started yelling at the ones who confronted the police car; to calm them down, and get them to stop their assault.

Eventually, the backup arrived, including an armored personnel vehicle. Police began throwing tear gas canisters at the splinter group of protesters, and shooting some type of projectiles from what looked like paint guns.

By this time, the majority of protesters had headed towards Bancroft, while a few from amongst them tried to ease the tensions between those who confronted the police car, and the police. But it was that confrontation that would set the tone for similar throughout the rest of the day, and well into the night.



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While in a position it couldn't move, a, or some protesters spray painted the police car.

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Pros and Cons of COVID-19 Testing



By Glenn Ellis
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Late last month, the American Medical Association issued the following statement: "No therapies have yet to conclusively show effectiveness against COVID-19".

According to information on the CDC website, "Two kinds of tests are available for COVID-19: viral tests and antibody tests. A viral test tells you if you have a current infection. An antibody test tells you if you had a previous infection.

Antibodies are produced by a person's immune system, and these antibodies are critical for control and clearance of the virus. An antibody test may not be able to show if you have a current infection, because it can take 1-3 weeks after infection to make antibodies. We do not know yet if having antibodies to the virus can protect someone from getting infected with the virus again, or how long that protection might last.

With so much still unknown about immunity to COVID-19 and a dozens and dozens of antibody tests that have not been rigorously validated, experts worry that widespread antibody screening may give those who test positive a false sense of security.

The whole idea of antibody testing goes back to around the time of the influenza pandemic in 1918. Medical experts at the time thought that you could take serum (or plasma) from people who have had the infectious disease and have recovered. You then take their antibodies and inject them into someone who is having a severe case, or rapidly deteriorating, and protect them. Sounds reasonable.

With other diseases, the presence of antibodies often means you have acquired immunity against re-infection, for at least some period of time, but that is not known yet in the case of COVID-19. That means that a positive antibody test doesn't guarantee immunity. It has not been proven that the antibodies that are being produced are in fact neutralizing antibodies. It's possible that an antibody may bind to a part of the virus that the virus doesn't need to infect our cells. In order to be neutralizing, an antibody must prevent the virus from infecting our cells.

Just recently, the FDA cracked down on the nearly 200 commercial antibody tests that have hit the market, citing that some test kits are fraudulent and show inaccurate results. An accurate antibody test would help the scientists and researchers gather the data on who has gotten the virus, including those who've showed no symptoms of being sick. It could even help develop a treatment to fight the virus. But experts warn that they have not been able to determine if someone is immune once they've had it. We now know from all of this that a positive antibody test may not necessarily

mean you're safe from ever getting the virus again.

Swab testing, despite being the "gold standard" for COVID-19 testing has its own drawbacks. The sample needs to be collected carefully from the correct area. It's estimated that errors can occur about eight to ten per cent of the time, which contributes to false negatives. Labs also need specialized equipment and skilled staff. Lab officials say the amount of virus in the upper respiratory tract seems to peak in the first week of symptoms and could fall too low to be detected later.

Another thing about the swab test. It doesn't end with just getting tested. Let me remind you that knowing if you are infected with the virus starts a whole series of questions for you and your healthcare team. If you are positive, decisions have to be made (sometimes, this can be without your agreement). Do you need to be hospitalized and separated from other patients? If you can go home, how should you isolate yourself?

Many people are anxious to get tested so that they can get back to their normal lives. Just know that there is a strong possibility, based the way this virus is spreading, that you might come up with a positive result! You should be prepared for the results; no matter what they conclude.

According to the COVID Tracking Project, only about 8.4 million Americans, or 2.5% of the total U.S. population, were tested for COVID-19 as of May 9. This reflects, to a large degree, the strain the demand for testing has placed on manufacturers and labs. Some diagnostic test suppliers have deliberately stopped testing for certain diseases, for example, to enable them to allocate more resources to manufacturing and supplying COVID-19 tests.

COVID-19 has forced us all to have to consider things that we never imagined. But it is for our benefit that we get good information to inform our decisions.

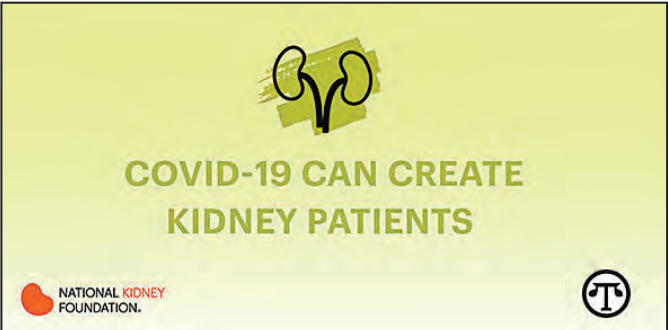
One last work about the "reopening of the country". My friend, Rev. John E. King, Jr., told me that there are three types of people: one-third can't wait to get back out there; another third of the people are waiting to see what happens to the first third before going back out; and the last third are those who don't care what happens to the first or second third, they ain't going back out there! Which third are you?

We need to know that testing is not the be all, end all, that we think they are. Some scientists believe that tests for the coronavirus are only about 70 percent accurate. A false negative is problematic because it tells the patient they don't have the virus.

Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible! The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. I do not dispense medical advice or prescribe the use of any technique as a replacement form of treatment for physical, mental or medical problems by your doctor either directly or indirectly.

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COVID-19 Can Cause Kidney Injury, Yet Most Americans Don't Know It



(NAPSI)—According to a recent Harris Poll, too many people don't know all they should about the dangers of coronavirus—particularly how it can affect the kidneys.

COVID-19, it seems, attacks more than just the lungs.

In the new National Kidney Foundation-Harris Poll Survey on COVID-19 and Kidney Health, the findings show low levels of awareness on both the risk of developing an acute kidney injury as a result of COVID-19 and of the long-term effects of kidney damage.

"A significant number of patients going into the hospital to be treated for COVID-19 are coming out as kidney patients," said Kevin Longino, CEO, National Kidney Foundation and a kidney transplant patient himself. "We believe this may be a looming healthcare crisis that will put a greater strain on hospitals, dialysis clinics and patients, for whom chronic kidney disease will be a lasting remnant of the

coronavirus crisis—even after a vaccine is, hopefully, found."

Acute kidney injury Acute kidney injury (AKI) is a sudden episode of kidney failure or kidney damage that happens within a few hours or a few days, and is happening in about 15 percent of all hospitalized coronavirus patients, many of whom now need dialysis.

If a patient ends up in the intensive care unit (ICU) their odds worsen; reports indicate that one in five intensive-care patients have lost kidney function. COVID-19 will likely result in a higher number of Americans with chronic kidney disease and/or kidney failure than before the pandemic. Once kidneys fail, dialysis or a transplant is needed to survive.

Hospital shortages Hospitals aren't prepared for the expected increase of kidney patients. In hot spots of the outbreak there are shortages of dialysis equipment, supplies and nurses

properly trained to administer dialysis in the ICU. Most Americans, according to the Harris Poll, are concerned and want the federal government to step in.

Further, the Harris Poll found that the vast majority of Americans want the federal government to provide more resources toward diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of kidney disease, and significantly increased funding for kidney research because of kidney-related illness from COVID-19.

More poll results The poll also found:

- Only 17 percent Americans are aware of acute kidney injury as a result of COVID-19;

- Only 46 percent of Americans are aware that COVID-19 will likely increase the number of Americans with chronic kidney disease or kidney failure;

- 58 percent of Americans are aware that COVID-19 can cause acute respiratory failure;

- 54 percent know it can cause pneumonia;

- 52 percent of those surveyed know COVID-19 can cause acute respiratory distress syndrome.

Learn More Additional information about COVID-19 and how it affects kidneys can be found at www.kidney.org/coronavirus.

What to Expect When Your Dentist's Office Reopens

(StatePoint) The COVID-19 pandemic has changed a lot of aspects of daily life, including regular visits to the dentist.

Now that some states are reopening, many dental practices are beginning to see patients for non-emergency appointments. To help protect patients and staff alike, the American Dental Association (ADA) has developed science-based guidance for dentists on extra steps they can take, in addition to the infection control procedures they've always followed. With this guidance in mind, here's what you can expect at your next appointment.

Before Your Appointment To help make sure that patients arriving for their appointments are healthy, your dental office may call you before your appointment and ask you some questions about your current health. They may also repeat these questions when you arrive to make sure nothing has changed.

Your dentist's office staff may also ask that you limit the number of people you bring to the appointment. That could mean leaving your children at home or allowing older children to go into the office alone while

parents wait outside during their appointment.

At Your Appointment If your state or city is requiring people to wear masks in public, be sure to wear one to your appointment. When you arrive at the dental office, you may be asked to wait outside until they're ready for you. This is to reduce the number of people in the office and reduce the amount of time you're close to others. When you enter the office, you may have your temperature taken.

Inside the office, you may notice that items people often touch in the waiting room -- like toys or magazines -- have been removed. The office may have hand sanitizer available for you to use and staff may wipe down items you touch, such as pens, clipboards or furniture.

When you're in the dental chair, you may notice some things look different from the last time you were there. The dentist may have covered the computer keyboard with a disposable cover so it can be easily cleaned between patients, for example. Your dentist may also be using different protective equipment than used at previous appointments. This could include different masks, face

shields, gowns and goggles. These additional precautions help protect both you and the dentist.

After Your Appointment After your appointment, the staff will prepare for the next patient by thoroughly cleaning the areas where you've been with disinfectants effective against the virus that causes COVID-19. This helps reduce the risk of illness being passed to others.

If you start feeling ill with the symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days of your appointment, call the dental office. You may have already been carrying the virus at the time of your appointment, so anyone who came into contact with you could be at risk for getting sick too.

Visit mouthhealthy.org for up-to-date information around dental visits and COVID-19.

Remember, regular dental visits are an essential part of your oral hygiene routine and are important for your overall health. Be sure to reschedule your dental checkups once your local authorities allow dental practices to reopen. Your ADA dentist will make sure your visit is as safe as possible for everyone involved.

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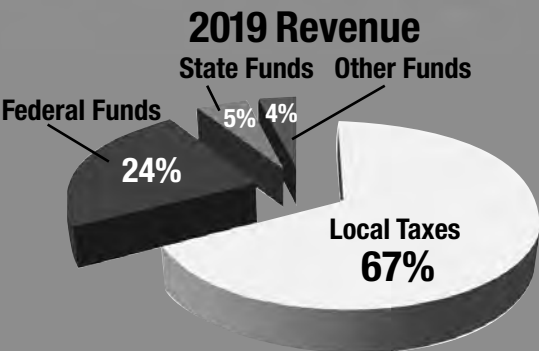
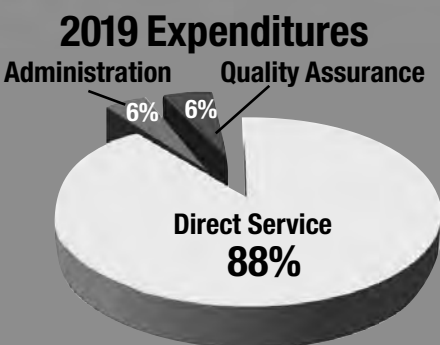
- Developing a vision for the future, taking into consideration an individual's strengths, interests and choices;
- Working to make our community more inclusive, so individuals can be employed, access housing, and find social opportunities; and
- Ensuring the voting public that we are good stewards of the public dollar.

Priorities for the Board include:

- An increased use of technology is assisting individuals reach higher levels of independence and privacy;
- Dual diagnosis training is helping staff better assist individuals with a developmental disability and a mental health concern;
- The emphasis will continue on trauma informed care to help individuals feel safer and more secure;
- Developing more partnerships, not just with other human services agencies, but the private sector, to increase community-based opportunities for the people we serve;
- Continue to support the ever-increasing network of service providers, including day services, residential, and employment;
- Assist with the recruitment and sustained employment of direct service professionals;
- Be a leader in the fight against human trafficking to reduce the risk to individuals with developmental disabilities; and
- Monitor the individual service plans for thousands of individuals in Lucas County who have developmental disabilities.



For more information about the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities, please visit our website www.lucasdd.org



This 5-Year Old is the Youngest CEO to Have Her Products Sold in Target Stores Nationwide



Lily Adeleye, a 5-year old young entrepreneur, is the youngest CEO to have her products hit the shelves of retail giant Target. Her company, a girls' fashion brand call Lily Frilly, has accessories now available for purchase at select locations across the country.

Lily Frilly offers hair bows, backpacks, lunch boxes, and dresses for little girls. The brand features glitzy and colorful little girl essentials that aim to instill pride and confidence to young girls. Lily exudes the same confidence in her very own company.

"I own my own company. I don't just like it, I love it," Lily told Black Enterprise.

Lily got the support she needed to start the business from her mother, Courtney Adeleye, who is an entrepreneur herself. She is the founder and CEO of The Mane Choice, a well-known haircare company also available in Target. She has been encouraging women to be their own boss and that includes her own daughter.

"From the time Lily was 3, I knew then she had a business mindset," Courtney said. "At an early age, as she watched me build a successful business from the ground up, it exposed her to many possibilities and goals, so with that, we didn't wait until she was an adult to help her pursue them."

This 11-Year Old Boy Scored Higher on His IQ Test Than Bill Gates and Albert Einstein

Black News

In 2014, 11-year old Ramarni Wilfred from London, UK took a Mensa test and was told that he had a higher IQ level than Steven Hawking, Bill Gates and even Albert Einstein. All of them have an IQ of 160, but Ramarni scored 162 on the test putting him in the top 1% in the UK.

Mensa's chief executive at the time, John Stevenage, said: "Ramarni's score shows he has great potential and we are pleased to welcome him to Mensa." The IQ test consisted of a number of tasks that determine various measures of intelligence including short-term memory, analytical thinking, mathematical ability and spatial recognition.

Ramarni started showing signs that he was a genius as a toddler. He could read and write by the time he started pre-school, and his favorite book to read was an encyclopedia. Also, when he was just 10-years old, he wrote a philosophy paper on fairness that earned him an honorary award from the prestigious Oxford University.

After making history with his IQ test score, Ramarni began being invited to exclusive events and had the opportunity to mix with others who were considered to be extremely intelligent.

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14-Year Old From Chicago Earns Her Master's Degree



Nationwide — Meet Dorothy Jean Tillman also known as "DJ", a 14-year old genius from Chicago who has just earned her Master's degree in Environmental and Sustainable Science from Unity College in Unity, Maine.

While in high school, she managed to earn her Associate degree in Psychology at College of Lake County in Grayslake, Illinois, which she finished at age 11. She was just 12-years old when she earned her Bachelor's degree in humanities from Excelsior College in Albany, New York.

And now, two years later in 2020, she holds a Master's degree.

Her graduation was originally scheduled for May, but has been postponed until August due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Dorothy is planning to continue studying engineering and become an entrepreneur related to the field. She has already authored a book called Unlock the Jeanius Within available for pre-orders, and says that she wants to work with kids and inspire them to learn more.

"I love helping kids have bright futures. I feel like I'm here to make people happy and to help people find their purpose," she said during an interview with Rolling Out.

Five Things Small Black Churches Must Do in a Post-Covid-19 Reality



By Pastor W. Eric Croomes
Wire Writer

The “small” black church in America has, without warning, instantly become an endangered species. The COVID-19 pandemic has shuttered many churches across America, although, at this writing, many have begun to reopen their pews. While many small churches have not totally ceased operations during the COVID pandemic, the future for many of these congregations remain murky due to a post-pandemic bleak economic outlook. What is crucial is not

“operations” but rather the ability of its members to support such a task in a suddenly fragile economy.

Half of American churches have less than 150 members according to the National Congregations Study at Duke University. Organized churches are crucial for the spiritual and cultural sustenance of the black family and contribute to the black economy in multiple ways.

Most of these congregations, though, are in survival mode, having lost up to fifty percent of their weekly offerings.

The main reason: COVID has emaciated the ability of members – many of whom are blue-collar workers – to contribute to ministry costs. As a result, many churches have had to furlough what precious few staff they have, such as janitors, musicians and church clerks.

Is it possible that when the dust of the COVID pandemic settles, there will no longer be a church on every corner in the Black community? It is not a far-out possibility, given the precarious nature of how these churches operate daily.

I pastored a small congregation in

Dallas from June of 2017 to December of 2019. The sentiments expressed here are not reflective of my tenure with the congregation I pastored, but rather from a more panoramic estimation of the black community’s small congregations across the spectrum of Dallas-Fort Worth.

During my time as interim pastor, I made some notes and observations about how and why small black congregations could possibly become extinct.

Here are five areas where small churches must build in order to emerge from COVID-19 as a viable and sustaining institution.

1. Savings and investments. About a third of small congregations have no savings, according to the National Congregations Study. Most small churches do not have the financial means for a “rainy day” fund. This is the biggest negative impact most small churches will feel and remains the where the most opportunity lies for solvency.

2. Streaming services. COVID has disrupted the fellowship or the ability of members to experience communal

worship as only about twenty percent of small churches are able to stream live. This is a by-product of the so-called digital divide in the Black community.

3. Communication network. This is closely related to the previous point, as most small churches simply are not able to communicate with one another via rudimentary channels such as email and text messaging. As a result, many members are lost in the shuffle of survival.

4. Electronic footprint. This refers to the ability of churches to receive tithes and offerings online or through an electronic network. The inability is due to a lack critical financial infrastructure.

5. Senior Saints empowerment. As many small black churches are comprised of seniors, who tend to be uncomfortable with technology, emergency situations like COVID virtually cuts them off from the congregation. This is heart-rending because seniors have shown to be the most vulnerable population during the pandemic.

Small to medium black churches in America must find new ways of doing business for a post-COVID-19 reality.

International Ministerial Alliance statement to Colleagues and Friends on Poverty

Submitted

In January 2018 Pastor Cedric Brock, Pres. IMA and Pastor Lee Williams, V.P. IMA began a journey researching poverty in Lucas County. Out of this research a 14 page in depth document was created titled Poverty: Lucas County’s Greatest Barrier to Community Well-Being. The plan details statistics on poverty related to physical, mental and financial well-being but also identified options and partnerships with other entities that could help in the fight against poverty. In recent news we were all made aware of the impact that poverty, poor health conditions and accessibility to the proper health care can have on susceptibility to deadly viruses, particularly COVID-19. We also sadly were reminded that those in a certain group have a higher mortality rate and are less likely to make a full recovery from something that could be treated in most healthy individuals.

The IMA continues to seek partnerships with those who not only share this interest but are willing to put in the work in resolving these issues across the city of Toledo. Education by communication is key to winning this battle and the IMA will continue to arm our members with the most recent information available to help them determine the best course of action to safely return to work, school and religious activities since the lift of the Stay At Home Order.

Sincerely,
Pastor Cedric Brock

Pastor Cedric Brock, President, IMA
Pastor Mt Nebo Missionary Baptist Church
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Pastor Marquisa Horton
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Pastor Corinth Missionary Baptist Church

Black Florida Woman Turns 109-Years Old Becomes One of the Oldest People in the World

Submitted

Louisa Gunter, a grandmother from Florida, just recently turned 109-years old. Having been born in 1911, Gunter has lived through both the Spanish flu epidemic in 1918 and the current coronavirus pandemic.

Gunter was the 14th of 15 children born in Levy, Florida but has been living in Baldwin, Florida for over 80 years.

Gunter has 9 children, 26 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren. One of

her sons, Almon, sadly died last year at the age of 76.



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109-Year Old Louisa Gunter

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First Federal Bank and Home Savings Bank announce name change to Premier Bank

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First Federal Bank of the Midwest (“First Federal Bank”) and Home Savings Bank, announced recently the upcoming unification of their banking businesses under the new name of Premier Bank. This announcement was planned as part of the strategic merger and upcoming integration of the two bank systems set to be complete in July of this year. At that time, both banks will begin operating under the name Premier Bank.

“I’m truly excited to announce this upcoming name change that will bring together all of our branches under one brand,” stated Donald P. Hileman, CEO of First Federal Bank and Home Savings Bank. “We achieved our goal of selecting a name that represents and honors the commitment both banks have made to our customers and communities by providing the best in financial partnerships for over a century.”

The combined 77 branches will begin adopting the Premier Bank name and new branding in June with the transition being complete by mid-July. “Whether our customers walk into a First Federal Bank branch or a Home Savings Bank branch today, they know they can count on us to provide them with the banking products and services they need and greet them with familiar, friendly faces who have their best interest at heart,” explained Gary M. Small, President of First Federal Bank and Home Savings Bank. “This name change will bring additional consistency throughout our entire footprint and an elevated promise to deliver the best in community banking.”

Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer, Head of Community Banking, Vince Liuzzi, added, “We made sure our employees and customers had a voice during this rebranding process to ensure our outcome would reflect what sets us apart in the communities we serve. We know that our customers value us as their trusted advisors known for the local decision making, quick answers and flexibility that our unique market leadership structure provides. The Premier Bank name and brand are a reflection of our commitment to helping customers, employees and our communities achieve their best.”

Additional details of the new brand will continue to be developed and released in the coming months.

\$1.7 million federal grant to assist older Ohioans through COVID-19 CARES Act funds will provide needed resources to seniors

Submitted

The Ohio Department of Aging announced last Tuesday, May 26, 2020, it has received a \$1.7 million federal grant to strengthen services that support the health, safety, and independence of older Ohioans challenged by the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.

The grant, issued under the federal government’s Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, will help the department and the state’s 12 area agencies on aging to:

- Rapidly assess the needs of older adults, available services, and the workforce available to deliver those services;
- Enhance accessibility – including virtual access – of services across Ohio; and
- Fight social isolation by connecting with older adults and referring them to available services.

“This grant will improve our ability to provide needed resources to Ohio’s seniors during this pandemic,” said Governor DeWine.

“As we take on this public health emergency, I am deeply grateful for this federal grant and for the continued commitment of Ohio’s aging network to older Ohioans,” said Ursel McElroy, director of the Ohio Department of Aging. “Their dedication and agility allowed us to secure this federal funding quickly and help many of our older friends and neighbors across the state.”

In announcing the grant, Lance Robertson, assistant secretary for aging with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, praised the state’s efforts to take care of older Ohioans.

“As we know, our older adult populations are finding themselves in uncharted waters – having to navigate new challenges created by the COVID-19 emergency,” Robertson said. “We greatly appreciate Ohio’s application and your dedicated focus to strengthening services that help your older citizens remain healthy, safe, and independent in their homes and communities.”

The Department of Aging will use the funding to bolster the assistance area agencies on aging provide to older adults throughout the state. This grant opportunity will enable Ohio’s Aging and Disability Resource Centers to add capacity, which may include extended hours of operation, cultivate a richer pool of providers and resources from which to draw, and increase capacity to directly support older Ohioans who may be asking for help for the first time.

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Submit resume with cover letter describing how you meet the qualifications outlined above by 4:30 p.m., June 15, 2020 to The Court Administrator's Office (Attn: HR-AsstCom), Toledo Municipal Court Judges' Division, 2nd Floor, 555 N. Erie, Toledo, OH 43604. Email applications not accepted. For complete job description go to <http://tmc.toledomunicipalcourt.org/docs/>.

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Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County is accepting applications to fill the positions of Finance Manger until position is filled. Additional information regarding the duties is available on the Lucas County web site (www.co.lucas.oh.us). Click on "Apply for a Job" and then select Finance Manager from the list to read more or apply.

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June 6, 1869: Dillard University chartered in New Orleans, La. founded.

June 5, 1894: G.W. Murray patents cotton chopper.

June 3, 1904: Dr. Charle Richard Drew pioneer of blood plasma research, born.

June 7, 1917: Gwendolyn Brooks, poet and first to be awarded a Pulitzer Prize, born.

June 9, 1929: Johnny Ace, R&B singer was born in Memphis, Tennessee.

June 4, 1946: Mississippi Valley State University is founded in Itta Bena, Miss.

June 5, 1955: King, Jr. is awarded his doctorate in systematic theology from Boston University in Boston, Mass.

June 5, 1968: Presidential candidate Sen. Robert Kennedy assassinated in Los Angeles, Calif., and passes away the next day.

June 8, 1982: Baseball legend pitcher Satchel Paige dies in Kansas City, Missouri.

June 7, 1999: New Hampshire Govenor Jean Shaheen signs the King Holiday legislation into law, completing enactment of the MLK holiday as a paid holiday in all 50 states. In New Hampshire, MLK Day replaces the optional Civil Rights Day.

First Woman Representative: Shirley Chisholm was the first African American woman elected to the

House of Representatives. She was elected in **1968** and represented the state of **New York**. She broke ground again four years later in **1972** when she was the first major party African American candidate and the first female candidate for president of the United States.

Self-Made Millionaire: Madam C.J. Walker was born on a cotton plantation in **Louisiana** and became wealthy after inventing a line of African American hair care products. She established Madame C.J. Walker Laboratories and was also known for her philanthropy.

Oscar Winner: In 1940, **Hattie McDaniel** was the first African American performer to win an Academy Award - the film industry's highest honor - for her portrayal of a loyal slave governess in *Gone With the Wind*.

First Professional Black Baseball Player: On April 5, 1947, **Jackie Robinson** became the first African

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed Bids will be received by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority for all labor, material, insurance, and equipment necessary for the Rehabilitate Taxiway D - Phase 2 project located at Toledo Express Airport in Swanton, Ohio 43558, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. The engineer's opinion of probable construction cost is approximately \$9,249,745.00.

Bids will be received at the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority's administrative offices, 1st floor reception area at One Maritime Plaza, Toledo, OH 43604 until Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud via conference call. Conference call-in information will be shared in addendum no.1.

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Please note that there will be a pre-bid meeting for this project for all prospective bidders on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 10:00 AM, this meeting will be held online via Zoom Video Conference. Prospective Bidders interested in joining in the Pre-Bid meeting should contact Russell Boroski (Russell.Boroski@rsandh.com) at RS&H Ohio, Inc. for a copy for the meeting invitation to be used. This meeting invitation will include a link to the video conference as well as separate call-in numbers to join either by video or by phone. Attendance is suggested, but not mandatory. Please submit all questions to the Port Authority, Tina Perkins at TPerkins@Toledoport.org by Friday, June 5, 2020 at 10:00 AM local time. Additional information can be found at www.toledoport.org

Thomas J. Winston
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Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority

American to play Major League Baseball when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers. He led the league in stolen bases that season and was named Rookie of the Year.

First Black Billionaire: Before **Oprah Winfrey**, and **Michael Jordan** joined the billionaire's club, Robert Johnson became the first African American billionaire when he sold the cable station he founded, Black Entertainment Television (BET) in 2001.

NAACP: On February 12, 2019, the **NAACP** marked its 110th anniversary. Spurred by growing racial violence in the early 20th century, and particularly by 1908 race riots in Springfield, Illinois, a group of African American leaders joined together to form a new permanent civil rights organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colorerd People (NAACP). February 12, 1909, was chosen because it was the centennial anniversary of the birth of **Abraham Lincoln**.

April, 1910: The National Urban League was established.

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From the desk of Felicia

Before You Say “Yes to the Dress”



By Felicia T. Simpson
Wire Writer

Years ago, I read the book *Before You Do* by Bishop T.D. Jakes where it expounds on what you need to do before you do certain life changing and sometimes critical things in your life or have to make big decisions about that will be life changing. So of course there’s a chapter in the book that talks about before you get married, conversations you should be having with your fiancé before the two of you say, “I do.” Quick note here, whenever I’m asked to list books that have changed my life, this book is one of them.

In the old days, women were taught only how to literally be housewives which were the norms back then. We’re in the year 2020 and I’m sure I don’t have to tell you that times, technology and resources have most certainly changed since those old teachings. This is not to say let’s throw away traditional teachings of marriage like loyalty, stability and so forth. But let’s be realistic, in today’s society most minority women especially, do not aspire to sit at home, bare the children and live

off of one income. Realistically in today’s society, it’s not the smartest thing to do in any household because the job you or your partner have today could be gone tomorrow.

Even if you are a stay at home mom, there are tons of ways that you can make money of your own, from the comforts of your own home. So before you go proudly say yes to the dress and start walking down that aisle to holy matrimony, ask your fiancé what does he/she see as the foundation of your marriage outside and within the home? Some couples have a problem with gender roles and for others, gender roles work perfectly fine. I’m perfectly fine in my relationship not doing maintenance work around the house, taking out the garbage, etc., and allowing my partner to do all of the aforementioned. These are the things that we talked about before entering into a committed relationship.

Before you say yes to the dress, please, please, please discuss how you will deal with disagreements. During some down time the other day, I was watching a reality tv show and the engaged couple who were scheduled to get married within 24 hours, had a big disagreement. The soon to be groom cut communication off with his fiancé and spent the night at his mother’s house. Of course the bride was worried, crying, etc., but remember this was on television so of course she showed up to the venue preparing for her perfect wedding day that they had planned. In reality, you’re going to have disagreements so therefore you should discuss before the wedding how you will handle difficult situations.

No marriage is perfect but some things can be prevented from happening when couples communicate clearly their expectations before walking down that aisle.

Social Security and

Protecting Elders

from Scams



By Erin Thompson
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

June is World Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Throughout the month, government agencies, businesses, and organizations sponsor events to unite communities, seniors, caregivers, governments, and the private sector to prevent the mistreatment of and violence against older people.

Scammers often target older people. They use fear to pressure people into providing personal information or money. In times like the current pandemic when people are particularly vulnerable, scammers will pretend to be government employees, often from Social Security, to gain people’s trust to steal their money and personal information. The most effective way to defeat scammers is by knowing how to identify scams then hanging up or ignoring the calls.

What you can do

If you get a Social Security scam phone call, hang up, report it to our law enforcement office at oig.ssa.gov, and tell your family and friends about it! We’re telling

as many people as we can that government agencies will never:

Tell you that your Social Security number has been suspended.

Tell you about crimes committed in your name, or offer to resolve identity theft or a benefit problem in exchange for payment.

Request a specific means of debt repayment, like a retail gift card, prepaid debit card, wire transfer, internet currency, or cash.

Insist on secrecy about a legal problem, or tell you to make up stories to tell family, friends, or store employees.

Scammers continue to develop new ways to mislead you. They might use the names of Social Security officials and tell you to look them up on our public websites (where they learned the names themselves). Or, they might email you official-looking documents with a letterhead that looks like it’s from Social Security or Social Security’s Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Don’t believe them! Social Security will NEVER email you attachments that have your personal information in them.

If you ever owe money to Social Security, the agency will mail you a letter, explaining your payment options and your appeal rights. If you get a call about a Social Security problem, be very cautious. If you do not have ongoing business with the agency, or if the caller mentions suspending your Social Security number or makes other threats, the call is likely a scam. Ignore it, hang up, and report it to us at oig.ssa.gov. We are working to stop the scams and educate people to avoid becoming victims.

Black Woman Founder of Streaming Service

Launches Live 24-Hour Movie Channel

Submitted

(Black News) - DeShuna Spencer, founder and CEO of KweliTV, one of the first Black woman-owned digital networks that celebrates Black stories and culture from the US and across the globe, has expanded her distribution by launching a 24-hour movie channel.

KweliTV allows viewers to discover and enjoy Black-curated indie films, documentaries, web series, kids programming, news and live experiences from around the world - North America, Africa, Latin America, Europe and the Caribbean.

98% of the platform’s films have been official selections at film festivals and more than 65% are award-winning. Even more, it provides more than 300 indie filmmakers of color across the globe a space to showcase and make money off of their content.

Streaming videos from Black filmmakers 24-hours a day

KweliTV now broadcasts a new 24-hour live channel that streams a limited selection of its critically-acclaimed independent films, documentaries,

shows and kids programming created and produced by mostly Black filmmakers. This free, ad-supported channel is accessible on the website and all of its apps as well as on Comcast Xfinity X-1 and Xfinity Flex.

The addition of this live channel gives their customers more choices on ways in which to engage with the platform’s content. Now, customers can stream more than 15,000 hours of content on the company’s subscription on-demand channel for \$5.99 a month or \$49.99 per year; rent any of their 400+ titles for a day for a one-time fee; or watch the ad-supported 24-hour live stream of a curated collection of films and shows for free.

DeShuna comments, “This year, KweliTV is laser focused on spreading our content across various distribution channels to make it much easier to reach our audience in a number of ways. Given the fact that COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting our community’s health and pocketbooks, our live, free channel allows us to connect with customers who may be

experiencing financial challenges.”

Kweli, which means truth in Swahili, supports the company’s ultimate mission and goal to curate content that is a true reflection of the global Black experience.

KweliTV can be viewed on the web and on several major streaming devices and platforms including Roku, Amazon Fire, AppleTV, iOS, GooglePlay/Android, and Comcast

Xfinity. For more details and/or to sign up, visit www.kweli.tv

Giving Back

Through the ad-supported channel, DeShuna says that her platform is also planning to dedicate a portion of affordable sponsorship airtime to Black-owned small businesses that would give them the opportunity to reach hundreds of thousands of potential new customers.

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Autographed Air Jordan sneakers sell for more than a half-million dollars at auction



Michael Jordan

By Frederick H. Lowe
Wire Writer

Chicago Bulls and NBA great Michael Jordan's autographed red and white high-top Nike Air Jordan sneakers soared in price like a crowd-screaming after a three-point shot is made from half-court.

The sneakers with the Nike swoosh that Jordan wore in 1985, at the beginning of his career, sold for \$560,000 during a 10 day-online auction that ended May 17. The bidding began May 8. The winning bidder was not disclosed. Sotheby handled the auction.

The sale occurred on the final installment of the extremely popular 10-part documentary series "The Last Dance," which is about Michael Jordan and the Bulls dynasty.

The documentary shown on ESPN and ESPN 2.

The sneakers' sales price far exceeded the high sales estimate of \$150,000.

The final bid also smashed the previous record held by the 1972 Nike Waffle Racing Flat Moon Shoe, which sold for \$437,500 in July 2019, according to Sotheby's.

Bidders from four continents, ranging in age from 19 to 50 and over, bid on the Air Jordan sneakers.

Michael Jordan autographed the right shoe with a black permanent marker unlike other shoes that he signed with a ballpoint pen. Jordan



Sneakers sold in auction for \$560,000.

wore mismatched sized shoes during most of his career-a size 13 on his left foot and 13.5 on his right foot.

In 1984, Michael Jordan's black and red shoes (Air Ships) became controversial after the NBA sent a letter to Nike in February of 1985 informing the company that Jordan's colorful shoes were a violation of the league's uniformity of uniform clause and forbade Jordan from wearing them.

Nike responded by creating an ad campaign around Jordan's banned shoes, remarking that while "the NBA threw them out of the game, fortunately, the NBA can't stop you from wearing them."

The Air Jordans were created in the wake of the famous banned Nike ad campaign and established MJ as the league's leader in shoe style.

Your Nose Knows: Six Vehicle Warning Signs You Can Smell

Submitted

(PRNewswire) - Most vehicles start out with a "new car smell," but there are other specific odors that motorists should never ignore. Identifying these suspect smells early on can help car owners be car care aware and avoid the hassle and expense of an unexpected breakdown, says the Car Care Council.

"Unusual smells can be the sign of serious, and potentially costly, trouble for your vehicle. By acting quickly and making necessary repairs, you'll be able to breathe easy knowing there is no harmful damage to your car," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council.

The Car Care Council recommends a sniff test of your vehicle to identify any unusual smells, including the following six warning signs:

1. The smell of burnt rubber could be slipping drive belts or misplaced loose hoses that might be rubbing against rotating accessory drive pulleys. Do not reach in if the engine compartment is hot.
2. The smell of hot oil could mean that oil is leaking onto the exhaust system. To verify the leak, look for oil on the pavement or smoke coming from the engine area.
3. The smell of gasoline is likely the sign of a gas leak in some area of the vehicle such as a fuel injector line or the fuel tank. Any smell of fuel can result in a possible fire hazard, so immediate attention should be given.
4. The sweet smell of syrup may be a sign that your car is leaking engine coolant from a leaky component related to the car's cooling system. Do

not open the radiator cap when it is hot.

5. The smell of burning carpet could be a sign of brake trouble and a safety hazard. Have your brakes checked right away, especially if this smell is happening during normal driving conditions.
6. The smell of rotten eggs is never a good one and, if you smell it coming from your vehicle, it could mean a problem with your catalytic converter not converting the hydrogen sulfide in the exhaust

to sulfur dioxide properly. This smell can also be attributed to a poor running engine, causing the catalytic converter to become overloaded and fail due to meltdown.

"When you smell any peculiar odor, you should not ignore it. Instead bring your vehicle to a professional service technician that you trust to get an informed opinion on the nature of the odor," concluded White.



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Ongoing Events

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Senior Centers Closed
At the advice of the local health commissioners, the following senior centers are still closed to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus:

- Lucas County senior centers
- Sandusky County senior centers
- Williams County senior centers
- Wood County senior centers

The Area Office on Aging is recommending that all senior centers contact their participants and determine

if anyone needs home-delivered meals, medical or personal supplies or any assistance during the period of closure. Additionally, the Area Office on Aging is recommending that a core team remain accessible to older adults and caregivers as needs arise.

Every Tuesday
Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's Free Food Pantry
Open from 11:00am-1:00pm. Everyone is eligible to benefit from this service regardless of income or circumstance. No identification required, no appointments necessary. Protein, canned goods, fresh produce and baked goods are available. Items may vary weekly.

Every 3rd Saturday
River of Life Church Free Food Distribution
Hosts "The Storehouse" free food distribution from 11:00am to 1:00pm , 3611 Upton Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43613. Ephesians 6:7 - NLT - Work with enthusiasm,

as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

June 7th
Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church Pastoral Appreciation postponed
Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic situation. The 55th Pastoral Appreciation of Rev. Dr. John E. & Mother Bernice Roberts of the Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church will be held at a later date. God Bless and stay safe.

Sept. 12th
11th Annual Toledo Sister Cities International Festival
Jim Hartung, President, Toledo Sister Cities International Board of Trustees, has announced that the Eleventh Annual International Festival has been postponed until September, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

TARTA Returns Call-a-Ride and Express Services on June 8

By Laura Koprowski
TARTA Chief Communications and Customer Experience Officer

In response to the re-opening of Ohio's businesses, the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) will return its Call-a-Ride and Express Service on June 8 but with new COVID-19 protocols for the safety of riders and drivers. In addition, TARTA is introducing two pilot bus routes in Rossford and Sylvania (township and city) using 35-foot vehicles to be able to accommodate up to 10 passengers in these higher demand service areas. On June 8, TARTA's current service will

also expand its hours of operations to 7:30a.m. to 7:30p.m. Monday through Friday.

TARTA will continue to require that all trips be for essential reasons only such as commuting to work, grocery shopping, medical appointments and treatments, pharmacy visits, and participating in summer school lunch programs. All passengers must use a facial covering and TARTA is able to provide these complimentary if needed.

Call-a-Ride
Call-a-Ride will operate Monday-Saturday from 9a.m. to 4p.m. in these local communities: Maumee, Ottawa Hills, Rossford, Sylvania, Sylvania

Township and Waterville. TARTA is introducing the following new rider safety protocols to minimize the spread of COVID-19:

- Call-a-Ride reservations must be made by 3p.m. the day before the requested service by calling 419-243 RIDE (7433). For Monday service, reservations must be made by 3p.m. on Saturday.
- Call-a-Ride is by reservations only. There is no walk-on option.
- There will be no fee to use Call-a-Ride.
- To ensure social distancing within vehicles, there is a limit of 2 passengers at all times. Customers are limited to

one round-trip per day to help manage demand.

New Rossford and Sylvania Service
In order to meet ridership demand in Rossford, Sylvania and Sylvania Township, TARTA is testing new service options in these communities through fixed-routes that will run Monday – Saturday.

No fares will be collected, and customers are required to enter the bus from the rear door.

Express Service
TARTA will return Express Service to downtown Toledo for Maumee and Waterville commuters. This service is offered Monday through Friday.

Now Hiring

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To uphold the mission of serving our community, applicants must meet the following requirements for all TARTA positions:

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