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DeAndre Ware, boxer/firefighter, receives memento for saving the life of Pete Susens in Las Vegas

By: Journal Staff Writer

On September 21, DeAndre Ware, professional boxer, and Toledo native, received an unexpected surprise at his home. Ted Lyons, a member of the Knuckleheads Pro Boxing Fraternity, drove from Indianapolis, Indiana to the boxer's home to, personally deliver, a memento to him from the gym.

"The right place, the right time. Thank you for your quick response," was written in the memento, which is shaped like the state of Ohio.

The gift was in response to Mr. Ware saving the life of Pete Susens, coordinator with Top Rank Boxing. The September 4 incident occurred in Las Vegas, Nevada, a day prior



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Ted Lyons from the Knuckleheads presented Mr. Ware with the plaque.

“
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to Mr. Ware's fight. The seven year veteran of the Toledo Fire Department jumped into action and began administering chest compressions after Mr. Susens suffered a heart attack. Mr. Ware was told by the on-sight doctor that if he hadn't started CPR, Mr. Susens

wouldn't have survived. "I wasn't expecting anything like that," Mr. Ware told The Toledo Journal when he received the gift, which completely covers Mr. Ware's body, from Knucklehead Pro Boxing Fraternity. "It was the highlight of my day.

I really appreciate the gift." Also, on September 30, Mr. Ware received a Resolution from the City of Toledo for his heroic act while in Las Vegas. Both the memento and the Resolution hang in Mr. Ware's home, along with his other accomplishments in life.



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From Left to Right: Chief Clapp, Paul Butler, Lt. Szumigala, Ronald Todd, DeAndre Ware, Kamal Parker, Phil Moline.

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With Toledo Public Schools resuming in person classes, next week, do you plan on sending your child or will he/she continue to learn from home; why or why not?



Janelle Campbell
Remote Test Scorer

My children will be staying home. I just don't believe TPS will be able to sufficiently keep the school cleaned well enough to fight off the coronavirus. Cleaning one day during the weekdays, and two days on the weekend doesn't seem like enough time to make sure the building will be completely sanitized. Even with the current system of trying to reduce the amount of kids in the building is still too risky for me. Also I just received a liver transplant, so I can't take any risk of being exposed to the virus.



Shonda Newbert
Mentor

My son doesn't go to TPS. He attends Emmanuel Baptist and they go five days a week, but I kind of wish he wasn't going at all and instead learning from home. He has said he feels safe, and I feel like the staff has been doing a good job keeping the school cleaned. Administrators have even spaced the lockers apart, so students aren't next to each other. I know nothing is 100% full proof, but I do feel safe about what has been put in place.



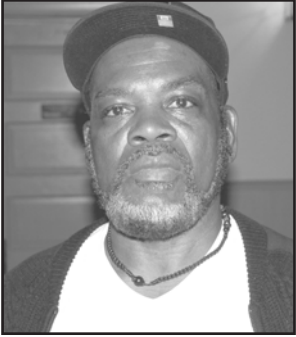
Bridgett Wheaton
STNA

No my children won't be going back to school because we're in a pandemic. Also one of my children has asthma and I can't take any chances at her contracting the virus; that's my biggest fear.



Lewis Coffee
Truck Driver

Yes they will be attending school. I really don't want them to go back, because I'm very leery about TPS's plan. But my children want to go back and they're excited about attending in person school.



Mike Neal
Material Handler

No, my children will not be attending school next week and they don't want to go back. Me and their mom are very concerned about TPS being able to keep the building clean enough to avoid anyone contracting the virus. And although I'm happy my kids don't want to go back, I kind of want them to get out of the house.



Aaron Braziel
Care Manager Assistant

Yes my children will be going back to school. They need socialization, and they need the specialized skill of an in person teacher, because I'm not a teacher. I gave them a choice, and they wanted to return to school.

Ongoing Events

Senior Centers Closed

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

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 Tuesday and Saturday
Toledo Masjid Al-Islam Through Tarbiyyatul Haqq MinistriesFood Pantry

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Now Thru Oct. 31st
Toledo Black Artist Coalition
Art in the Age of Solidarity Exhibition

The Toledo Black Artist Coalition is proud to present our first venture, bringing together working artists of diverse backgrounds to explore the meaning of solidarity. This exhibition is a symbolic offering that looks deeper at our current state and attempts to visualize a new society and the existence of an undefended space. This contemporary group was formed within the contest of the current national and international movement to end white supremacy. It is our ongoing goal to combat racial inequality as it continues to manifest within and in relation to Toledo institutions of culture.

We want thank Owens Community College for providing space and resources to continue this work of bringing new voices into the crucial conversation around race in America.

The Walter E. Turhune Gallery
30335 Oregon Rd, Perrysburg, OH 43551
Gallery hours - Monday-Friday - 10:00 - 4:30

Now Thru October
Every Tuesday "Tasty Tuesdays"

Back By Popular Demand, Grace Community Center Garden Cooperative Is Hosting "Tasty Tuesdays" Free Food Box & Produce, Chef-Prepared Delicious Food Samples. Face Mask/ Social Distancing Required. Join us in the Garden 406 West Delaware, 419-248-2467, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Voter Registration, Census, COVIC-19 Testing Information, Free Masks, & Financial Literacy Information Available.. Partnering with Ohio Coalition-Black Empowerment, Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union and Health Partners of Western Ohio.

Now Thru Nov. 3rd
Voter Ready with Tarta

With connections to the Lucas County Board of Elections, Toledo Public Libraries and other polling locations, TARTA makes accessing voter resources and the polls easier and safer than ever. TARTA and TARPS services are currently free and not collecting fares. This will continue through Election Day on Nov. 3.

Oct. 17th
Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Events

The Kapszukiewicz administration added additional Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Events this year, all of which will include free COVID-19 pop-up testing event. The remaining Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Event this year are as follows:

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 17 at The Believe Center Inc., 1 Aurora L Gonzalez Dr. The COVID-19 testing site will be in the same parking lot, opposite from the recycling event. Acceptable items include: electronic waste, but no televisions, CRT monitors, or appliances; 10 tires, on or off the rim, but no commercial tires; documents; houseware goods; clothing; toys; bulky items, and refuse. Latex paint will be accepted for \$1 per gallon.

Oct. 17th
Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce
Presents "Sylvania's Nite Lite Farmers Market"
The Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce Presents the Inaugural Nite Lite Farmers Market

on Saturday, from 3:00pm - 9:00pm in Historic Downtown Sylvania under the overhead canopy of lights along Main Street. The first hour from 3pm-4pm is intended for compromised shoppers.

The Sylvania Nite Lite Farmers Market will feature 40 local booths consisting of home-grown produce, hand-made products and other essential items.

The Sylvania Nite Lite Farmers Market will provide 150 pumpkin treat bags complete with a pie size pumpkin and stickers to decorate. Treat Bags are complimentary and will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning at 4pm.

Trick or Treat on Main Street will take place from 6pm-8pm. Families and children in costumes are encouraged. Candy will be available from the Sylvania Township Fire Department and farmers market booth vendors. Candy will be available until it runs out.

The market will feature live music 3pm-9pm.

Oct. 17th
2020 Fall Festival
Pumpkin Pickup & Drive-In Movie

The city of Toledo is proud to host a FREE Fall Festival with pumpkin path pickup and drive-in movie.

1. Kids will receive a free bag of candy and the first 150 kids will receive a pumpkin
2. There will be a marked path to drive through the park to pick up pumpkins being passed out by volunteers dressed in costumes. Families can watch the movie in their cars, chairs, or on blankets outside.
3. Families in cars not staying for the movie, can drive straight to exit and depart. Families staying will be directed to designated viewing area.

Featured Movie: Disney Halloweentown. Food trucks will be available and selling fresh coffee, funnel cakes and hot cocoa! Location: Ottawa Park, Ottawa Parkway, Toledo, OH 43606. Saturday 6pm - 9pm, Open-Air Shelter. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, masks must be worn whenever you're outside of your vehicle and within six feet of other people. (walking to the bathroom, approaching foodtrucks, talking to friends..etc.) Thank you

BANANA REPUBLICS DESERVE AN APOLOGY



Lafe Tolliver,
Attorney

Well folks, it is on! The President of this country has declared war on it and, get this...he is the commander in chief ripping up his own real estate!

If you were to submit a movie script about what Herr Trump has done and is doing to the integrity of the election system and how he is dissing voters who mail in their ballots, your script would be outright rejected as the product of a wacked mind floating on a cloud of meth fumes.

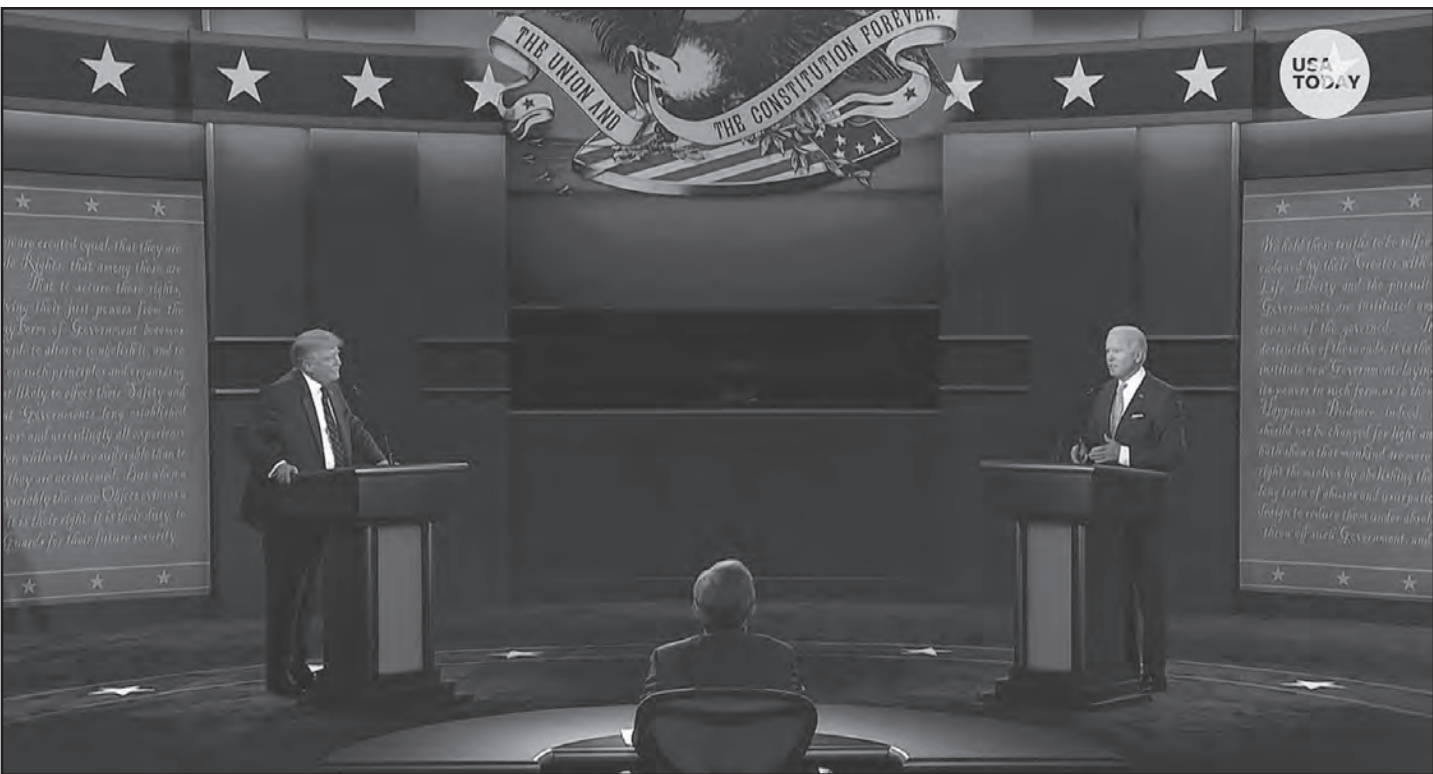
If you watched the circus known as the first presidential debate, you saw Herr Trump in full blowout crazy mode with his gibberish talk of intimidating voters and stating very clearly that he wants to void all votes that are counted after November third.

The delusional president who resides in his own La La Land of alternative facts, senses that he is about to lose the upcoming election and he has been prepping the voters to understand that their vote is nigh futile since if he loses, he will go to the courts to attempt to toss out the election results.

And to assist him in this Putin inspired caper, Trump is attempting to ram rod through the Senate his current nominee for the now vacant seat of the late Ruth B. Ginsburg.

Nothing is sacrosanct for Herr Trump. Everything is transactional and expendable as long as he gets what he wants which is four more years in the White House so he can avoid criminal prosecution for possible crimes committed due to his tax returns.

Trump even further debased himself by issuing a not to subtle call for the white supremacy group, The Proud Boys, to, “stand by” when he gives the call for help.



Already, The Proud Boys have issued at their websites their response that they will answer the bell when it rings!

Folks, Herr Trump is almost complete in his dismantlement of the integrity of the voting system and its platforms and with the help of his puppet master, Vladimir Putin, America is in for a rough ride until January 20, 2020 which is still set as the swearing in date for the elected president, be it Herr Trump or Joe Biden.

Make no mistake about it, if you are a wall flower or a whiny buttercup who does not like conflict or confrontation, Trump is hoping that his scare tactics will have you remain under your bed covers on election day.

Between now and election day, Trump will rachet up his baseless rhetoric to inflict maximum mental damage on undecided voters to the point that he is hoping that they will stay home and by their dereliction of duty of voting, have the election thrown to him.

The head of the FBI is already issuing warning that they sense that Russian trolls and fellow cyber actors are pouncing and will continue their social media warfare so that the voter will feel confused, angry and fearful of voting.

Trump wants you to knuckle under and fear his tin coated wrath and for you to duck and hide while he throws his autocratic based verbal bombs at you and you will sit this one out.

Trump traffics in fear and being a bully and not having a shred of a conscience,

he is incapable of being remorseful for his despicable acts of treachery and his seemingly hatred or the norms of government that cement people together as a nation (in spite of this country's awful history of bigotry against people of color and Native Americans).

Expect the following scenarios being played out between now and January 20, 2020:

[1] Trump will continue to harangue about his crafted lies of voter fraud and will stoke the flames of voters purportedly voting twice and stealing ballots and rigging the state and county elections to the point that it will seem as if all of the voting is being done by left wing radicals.

[2] Trump, who has earlier voted by a mail in ballot, will attempt to shame any voter who uses such a voting method as being a dupe of the Democratic Party and they are to be closely watched.

[3] Trump is threatening to send an “army” of poll watchers to closely monitor what occurs at various polling stations as if somehow people will come in, vote, turn around and go back outside, change clothes, put on a wig and sunglasses and return to vote another time! Yes, that is how sick this man is.

[4] If and when the final vote tally shows that Trump has lost the Electoral College (an anachronistic process that needs to be terminated), Trump will, along with his favorite lapdog, Attorney General William Barr, issue an executive order

that due to so much election fraud and millions of dubious votes, he must remain in office until the matter is properly sorted out to his satisfaction.

[5] Of course, the above scenario will cause a national uproar and will further polarize an already intensively divided nation, that Trump is hoping that his people will take to the streets (armed of course) so he can declare martial law.

In the interim, Vladimir Putin is drinking champagne by the bucket full realizing that his pet stooge has more than accomplished his goal of underlining democracy as being a viable alternative to communism.

And during this tumultuous time, where is the GOP? Doing the usual of hiding in their Senate cloakroom closets hoping and feverishly praying that Herr Trump does not send out a mean tweet about them.

My advice to all? Buckle up, buttercup, we are in very interesting times led by a pathological liar who worships only at the shrine of Donald Trump.

And oh...to all the banana republics that were constantly mocked by US politicians as being examples of having autocrats who were destroying normative institutions of government and not having rudiments of democratic civilities, I apologize on behalf of a nation that unless they wake up, will join the banana bunch.

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Good Vs. Necessary



By Dr. E. Faye Williams, Esq.
Wire Writer

TriceEdneyWire.com — “It may be good to you, but it’s not good for you” is one of the first thought-provoking sayings I can remember spoken by elders.

Being young and naïve, when I asked about where the statement originated and its’ meaning, elders would only say, “I didn’t make it up!” Like sayings passed forward by ancestors, its meaning was situational and, with a manipulated explanation, could relate to a variety of circumstances.

Despite its warning, many friends (and, sometimes I) would only seek that thought to feel good. Many who read this can say the same thing. Most of us proceed through life looking only for good, often to the detriment of long-term outcomes. Other courses create stress and challenges we mostly desire not to face.

Rather than situations, we must frequently evaluate good in a person. This is much more difficult than evaluating situa-

tional good; situations are less complex and lack feelings. For the considerate person, personal offence is not easily delivered, but we sometimes have no alternative. Thus, we are led to our evaluation of Supreme Court nominee, Amy Coney Barrett.

I only know what I’ve read about Barrett. I cannot attribute motives to that which cannot be explained by word or action. Readings on Barrett describe her as a “Good Mother.” This evaluation is based on her being the mother of seven children, including two adopted children of color from Haiti and one developmentally challenged child with Down Syndrome.

Barrett has been identified as a devout Catholic. Much of her life is centered around her church. She attended law school at The

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The Perfect Storm for Disaster - Covid, Winter, and Economic Slowdown



By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - On October 2, the Bureau of Labor Statistics issued the last unemployment report we will see until after the election. Based on this report, Congress and the Senate must pass the HEROES Act that would give individuals, cities, and states much-needed relief from the corona recession, which continues. Some would say we don't need those funds because we are in the middle of an economic recovery, but winter is coming. COVID is currently unchecked in ten states and close to containment in only four – Alaska, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and Vermont.

With more people gathering inside during the winter, we are likely to see more COVID cases. We are not prepared. There seems to have been some progress in developing a vaccine, but most experts say the vaccine will not be widely available until mid-2021. Winter also ushers in the flu season, and hundreds of thousands of people need flu shots and may not be able to get them. While the flu is neither as contagious nor as lethal as COVID, God bless the person who gets them both! Without a vaccine, the coming of winter puts pressure on small business owners and others and will have some economic consequences.

In September, the unemployment treat dropped from 8.4 percent to 7.9 percent, which seems like progress until you realize that the drop in the unemployment rate happened because almost 700,000 people dropped out of the labor market. The lower unemployment rate means that things are getting better for fewer people. The long-term unemployed, who have



been out of work for more than half a year, has increased to 2.4 million. Of course, unemployment rate differentials remain. The unemployment rate was 7 percent for whites and 12.1 percent for African Americans. While that unemployment rate gap is as constant as structural racism, it is frustrating to find policymakers behaving like Black unemployment is supposed to be higher than the white rate. Otherwise, why have Democratic and Republican leaders done little or nothing to address that gap and close it.

Ten million fewer Americans had jobs in September than in pre-COVID February, and just last week, two airlines said they would lay off 32,000 people. If the HEROES Act does not pass, there may be even more without work. States and local governments are laying people off because they don't have the revenue stream they projected at the beginning of the fiscal year. Public servants will be cut – teachers, municipal workers, transportation services, sanitation services, and other services. And the pace of job creation is slowing – in July, the economy generated 1.78 million new jobs; in August, 1.49 million. Last month the economy created only 661,000 new jobs, less than half as many as the previous month.

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If there was a job creation momentum, it is slowing.

Congress can prevent this by passing the HEROES Act. While House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, negotiating for the Democrats, has trimmed the Democratic request from \$3 trillion to \$2.2 trillion, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin seems less flexible, offering \$1.6 trillion. They say they are moving closer to an agreement. Tell that to someone who doesn't have a paycheck.

Just like the coronavirus has hit people unevenly by race and income, so has the economic downturn. Those with more income recover more quickly and hurt less, but the lower-income people recover far more slowly. One in five of the workforce is teleworking. How many are low-income people?

Business on Capitol Hill goes on as usual, except for the fact that so many Senators have been exposed to COVID (along with the President and close advisors) that they will not do any legislative work until October 19. However, they may still hold hearings on Amy Comey Barrett, who 45 has nominated to the Supreme Court. Mitch McConnell will rush through confirmation for Barrett, but slow walk aid for others. His priority is partisan control, not the people.

Partisanship won't do much for McConnell if the confluence of winter, job loss, and COVID hit the economy. Legislators were surprised by COVID and its economic impact in March. If they ignore this now, with the coming storm, it's because they really don't care.

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Dr. Faye: Good Vs. Necessary

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University of Notre Dame and later served as a law school professor there.

She distinguished herself as an accomplished attorney and served as law clerk for (the equally devout Associate Supreme Court Justice) Antonin Scalia. She was later appointed as a judge on the 7th Circuit of the US Federal Court.

Her accomplishments notwithstanding, Barrett is not being considered as a good mother, good professor, or a good Catholic. She is being considered for the skills, ability, deliberations, and the sensitivities she

brings as a nominee for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. What must be considered is her fitness for the position opposed to how she is considered among her friends.

As much as freedom OF religion, the First Amendment gives us freedom FROM the imposition of religion. Barrett is known to have referred to abortion as “always immoral” and, based on her own principles, has twice ruled to restrict abortion access. These actions foreshadow her inclination to reverse Roe v. Wade and impose state directed reproductive control over the lives of women and the reintroduction of associated back-alley abortion consequences.

“ Barrett may be a good person to her family and associates, but she is not what is necessary for our contemporary society, a society resistant to the regressive reversal of achieved progress. The patently political and hypocritical confirmation process that drives her nomination may be inevitable, but, when power is regained, I support a response in-kind to address the injustice of this action. ”

In November, SCOTUS will have to decide the Constitutional-

ity of the ACA. Barrett has already criticized Chief Justice John Roberts' upholding the Affordable Care Act as judicial overreach.

Should she decide, as expected, against the ACA, during our current pandemic millions of Americans will lose healthcare benefits and loss of protections for pre-existing medical conditions.

Her conservatism strongly suggests her support of positions against immigration, environmental protections, LGBTQ+ rights, voting protections, limits on corporate power, and Civil and Women's Rights. If confirmed, at 48 years old, she would be the youngest Associate Justice and positioned to potentially influence SCOTUS decisions for the next 30 years.

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(E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women. She also hosts “Wake Up and Stay Woke” on WPFW-89.3 FM.)

Mattie Taylor Brown celebrates her 'over 18' birthday



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Mattie Taylor Brown shows the flowers given for her birthday.

By:Jurry Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

On Friday evening, October 9, Mattie Taylor Brown, and family and friends celebrated her “over 18” birthday. Not wanting to reveal her age, she told The Toledo Journal, “just say I’m over 18;” which she followed up with a laugh.

“My aunt is beautiful, warm and always helps others.”

Her celebration was held at Jackpot Palace on Holland Sylvania Rd. where Ms. Taylor Brown said she was trying to “beat the house.” Pizza, cake, and gifts for the birthday girl, added to the façade of the location.

Ms. Taylor Brown, said she has stayed active all her life, which she believes has allowed her to live a long life.

From her early years in Mississippi, that active lifestyle showed. From a star basketball player in high school, to her beginning years as a teacher,

Ms. Taylor Brown said both have given her drive, and determination to keep moving in life.

When she arrived in Toledo, that active lifestyle continued, and even magnified to a degree. Publicity Chairman for the Toledo Travelers Motorcycle Club, officer, and committee member for the 250 Pack Boy Scout Troop of America, site manager, in Spencer Township, for the Area of Office on Aging’s Nutrition program,



PHOTO CREDIT / TOLEDO JOURNAL
Mattie Taylor Brown, sitting, surrounded by family and friends.



PHOTO CREDIT / TOLEDO JOURNAL
The birthday girl cutting her cake.

being inducted into the Hall of Honor for the Area Office on Aging, are just some of her accomplishments in her “over 18 years” of living.

Kelly Session Williams, Ms. Taylor Brown’s niece, said of her aunt, “She

always gave me good advice. She has told me never let anyone influence me negatively, and to always put God first.”

“My aunt is beautiful, warm and always helps others,” said Hilda Harris. “She has been like a mother to me.”

Eddie McCoy, owner of Jackpot Palace, explained we he allowed Ms. Taylor Brown to hold her party at his establishment.

“Not only is she a regular customer, but more importantly, she’s a nice person. Anytime she walks in, I feel positive,” he said.

“I’m thankful to still be alive,” Ms. Taylor Brown said. “I want to thank everyone who came out this evening, including Mr. McCoy, my niece Hilda and her son Lincoln, my daughter Matilda, and son Arthur Jr. and Mr. Nabel.

Ms. Taylor Brown added that, although she’s over 18, she doesn’t plan on letting that age stop her from doing more traveling across the country, including an upcoming planned trip to the Bahamas.

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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is October 24

Submitted

The next National Take Back Day will be October 24, 2020. This event is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs at locations in communities throughout the country.

The October 2019 Take Back Day brought in 882,919 pounds (almost 442 tons) of unused or expired prescription medication and vape devices.

This brings the total amount of prescription drugs collected by DEA since the fall of 2010 to nearly 12.7 million pounds. Read more about the most recent Take Back Day totals here.

Did you know that how you dispose of your prescription medicines is an urgent public health issue?

Expired or unused prescription medicines that are kept at home or disposed of improperly often end up in the wrong hands with dangerous results. According to the DEA's 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health¹:

What you can do in the meantime

Most people who misuse prescription drugs get them from family, friends, and acquaintances.

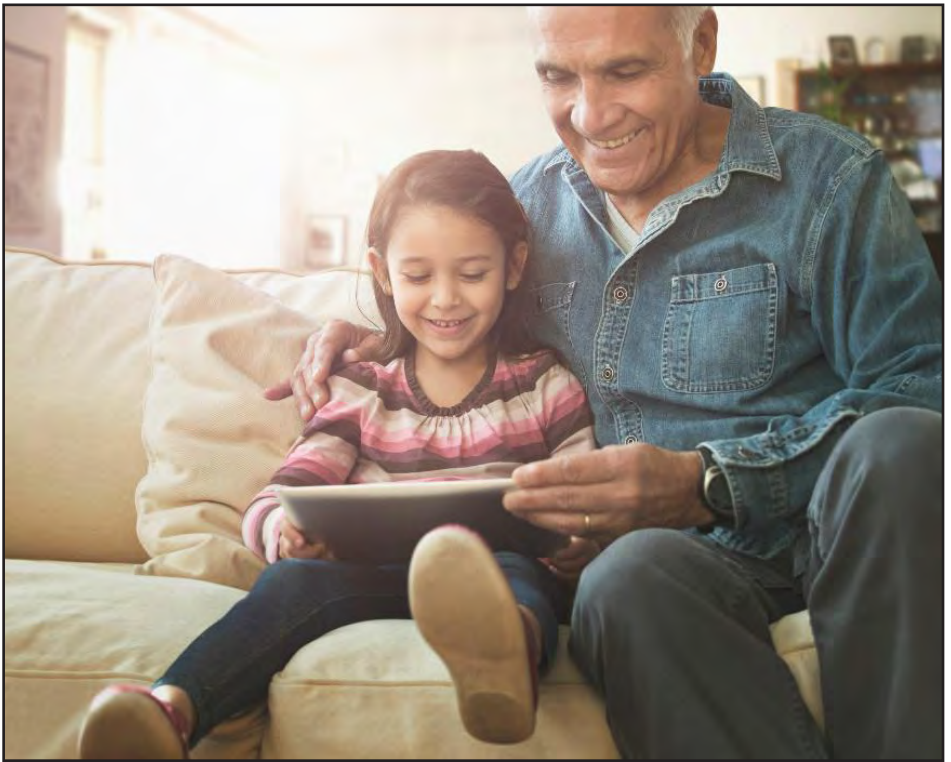
You can make a difference by keeping track of the medicine you have, by rethinking where and how you keep your medications in your home, and by safely disposing of any unused medications.

The connection to the national opioid epidemic

Opioids are a class of drugs that includes prescription painkillers and illegal drugs like heroin. When used properly, prescription pain medicines are an important tool for relieving suffering. But according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, we're currently facing an opioid abuse crisis. In 2017, more than 70,000 people died from drug overdoses, and of those deaths, almost 68% involved a prescription or illicit opioid.² By keeping unused pain medicine out of the wrong hands, National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is an important way to help prevent opioid addiction and overdose.



Understanding Social Security Survivors Benefits



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

We are here for surviving family members when a worker dies. In the event of your death, certain members of your family may be eligible for survivors benefits. These include widows and widowers, divorced widows and widowers, children, and dependent parents.

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cords. You can do this by creating a personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. A my Social Security account is secure and gives you immediate access to your earnings records, Social Security benefit estimates, and a printable Social Security Statement to see an estimate of survivors benefits we could pay your family.

You may also want to visit our Benefits Planner for Survivors to help you better understand your and your family's Social Security protections as you plan for your financial future at www.ssa.gov/planners/survivors.

Please visit www.ssa.gov or read our

publication Survivors Benefits at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10084.pdf for more information. You can also help us spread the word by sharing this information with your family and friends.

Protect your loved ones



Got unused or expired medications?

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10 am–2pm

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The collection sites for **Lucas County Drug Take Back Day**

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Kroger 7059 Orchard Centre Dr., Holland	Toledo Family Pharmacy 1601 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo
Springfield Twp Fire Station #3 7145 Garden Rd., Maumee	Toledo Family Pharmacy 324 Main St., Toledo
Monclova Twp Fire Dept 4395 Albon Rd., Maumee	Meijer 1500 E. Alexis, Toledo
Maumee Police Division 109 E. Dudley, Maumee (use Gibbs St. Entrance)	Toledo-Lucas County Health Dept 625 Erie St., Toledo
St. Luke's Hospital 5901 Monclova Rd., Maumee (use #3 yellow entrance)	NW District Police Station 2330 W Sylvania Ave., Toledo
Swanton Municipal Bldg 219 Chestnut, Swanton	Scott Park District Police Station 2301 Nebraska Ave., Toledo
Ottawa Hills Police Dept 2125 Richards Rd., Ottawa Hills	UTMC Health/Science Campus Library Circle , Toledo
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Lisa Rice, NFHA, outlines plan of defense against Trump Administration

By: Journal Staff Writer

Founded in 1988, and based in Washington DC, the National Fair Housing Alliance, NFHA, is the only national organization dedicated to combating, and ending housing discrimination. At the helm of such a strategic and powerful organization is Lisa Rice, President/CEO, and Toledo native.

She spoke to The Toledo Journal, via phone, days before her scheduled speech to be delivered at the annual Access to Justice Awards, which was held on Wednesday, September 30. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the event took place online, with Ms. Rice giving the keynote address.

During the phone interview, Ms. Rice shared the details of her speech. Combating the Trump Administration's

new policy that will weaken the Disparate Impact Rule, is at the forefront of her talk. The rule protects people of color, women, LGBTQ, and disabled people from being discriminated against when it comes to housing. The new ruling will also make it harder to prove that discrimination exists.

"Years ago, discrimination was more outwardly, but now, it's hidden," Ms. Rice said. "The progress made under the Obama Administration, which was wonderful, is being dismantled."

She explained how the Disparate Impact Rule has helped people all over the country, and specifically in Toledo.

"This rule has been used for the past 50 years and been upheld by the Supreme Court, but the Trump Administration

is dismantling it, and raising the threshold, at proving discrimination exists," Ms. Rice said.

Even though society is more technologically advanced, and utilize algorithms, those algorithms are still developed by humans, and can manifest discrimination, she said.

"The NFHA will use every tool available to fight back against the changes being implemented. We have lawsuits against some of the changes the Trump Administration is trying to put into place. We're also working with Attorney Generals from various states in an effort to rely less on the federal government," Ms. Rice explained.

She added ways in which everyday citizens can help fight against housing discrimination. "Support local



Lisa Rice, President and CEO of the NFHA.

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civil rights organizations like Fair Housing, the Urban League, and the NAACP. Follow them on social media, and share their message; help amplify their objectives.

The only way discrimination against people of color, women, LGBTQ, and disabled people will be defeated is if everyone gets involved."

Meet Dionn Meggison, the 11-Year Old Genius from TX Who Just Started High School

Submitted

Dionn is a student at the school's inaugural class at the Early College Academy where she's taking honors Biology, English, Spanish, AP Human Geography, Dance and Culinary Arts.

Last week, she just completed her first week in high school and she is already excited for what's next to come.

"I'm looking forward to going

deeper into my classes," she told Because of Them We Can.

Dionn's parents noticed her thirst for knowledge years prior even at her early age.

"We realized Dionn was unique at a very early age, before she could walk. Teachers at her daycare would always tell us that Dionn was very smart and



that she knew a lot for her age. It was suggested by them that we have her tested when she got into elementary school," said Dionn's mother, Sharon.

After taking the test while in Kindergarten, Dionn was promoted to first grade through credit by exam (CBE). She

received the Principal's Award each year from grade 1 to 4, which is the highest student recognition at her elementary school. At 9-years old, she entered 6th grade when she was allowed to skip 5th grade.

Now, she hopes to graduate from high school at the age of 14. She dreams of attending Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, where she would study Mathematics to be like her role model, Katherine Johnson.



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Coming Events

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Oct. 17th
The Perfecting Care Department of Perfecting Church Toledo and Lucas County Children Services presents a 'Diaper Donation Drive Thru!'

The event's theme is, "Help Us Fill This Truck!" The event will take place on Saturday, 9am-3pm at Perfecting Church Toledo located at 4609 Glendale Ave, Toledo, Ohio 43609. The goal is to receive enough donated items of any brand of pampers, pull ups and wipes to fill the back of a pick-up truck. All of the donations will benefit the families of LCCS. Thanking you in advance for your support. Perfecting Church Toledo,

Oct. 17th
Walk With Us Against Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault/Rape, and Child Abuse!

This October Women Helping Encouraging Women aka WHEW, Inc. is honoring Domestic Violence Awareness Month by presenting its newest initiative S.O.F.R.A (Stand Oneness Facing Real Abusers). This event will be kicked off with staggered registration at 9am at 545 Dorr Street by the Dollar Tree in the plaza located between Collingwood Blvd, and Dorr Street. The walk will commence at 10am up Indiana Avenue ending in the Frederick Douglass parking lot where walkers/chanters, ambassadors, advocates, students, and community will speak on Domestic Violence in our own community. To register for this event go to: <https://www.facebook.com/WomenHelpingEncouragingWomen/> or <https://runsignup.com/DonationWebsite/WalkWithUsAgainstDomesticViolenceSexualAssaultRapeandChildAbuse> For more information contact: Rochelle (567) 315-8860

Nov. 14th
City of Toledo Human Relations Commission A peace rally to combat the effects of gun violence and help HEAL our neighborhoods

Heal, Live DJ, Free Food, Guest Speakers/Re-

BLACK HISTORY FACTS

October 14, 1834: Henry Blair patents his corn-planting machine.

October 17, 1888: First Bank For Blacks was the Capital Savings Bank of Washington D.C.

October 15, 1890: Savannah State College established.

October 20, 1898: The first African-American owned Insurance Company established.

October 19, 1944: US Navy accepted black women.

October 18, 1945: Actor, singer, athlete and activist, Paul Robeson, receives Spingarn Medal.

October 19 to 27, 1960: Eight months after lunch counter sit-ins begin in Greensboro, N.C., Dr. King and 51 other demonstrators are arrested during a sit-in while waiting to be served at an Atlanta restaurant.

October 16, 1962: Dr. King meets with U.S. President John F. Kennedy at the White House for a one-hour conference.

October 18, 1979: King Center breaks ground for Freedom Hall Complex in Atlanta, Ga.

October 16, 1995: The Nation of Islam organizes The Million Man March on Washington.

October 16, 2011: The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial is dedicated at the National Mall in Wash-

ington, D.C. The official address of the monument, 1964 Independence Ave. SW, commemorates the year the Civil Rights Act of 1964 became law.

The first African-American to coach an NBA team was **Bill Russell**. He coached the Boston Celtics in 1966.

Don Newcome was the first African-American to win the Cy Young Award as the top pitcher in MLB in 1956.

In 2004, **Robert L. Johnson** became the first African-American principal owner of a major-league sports franchise in the US.

The first black athlete to win a Grand Slam Tournament was **Althea Gibson**. She won the French Open in 1956, and went on to win four more Grand Slam Tournaments. After tennis, she moved to golf, and was the first African American on the LPGA Tour in 1963.

Willie O'Ree became the first African-American to play in the NHL in 1958.

In 2002 **Vonetta Flowers** was the first African-American Winter Olympic gold medal winner.

In 1988 **Johnny Grier** became the first African-American NFL referee.

David Blackwell: At the age of 22, David Blackwell received his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Illinois. He became the first black tenured faculty member at the University of California's Berkeley campus when he accepted the position of chair of the Statistics Department, as well as the first African American to be inducted into the National Academy of Sciences.

George Poage: George Poage was the first black student to become an athlete for the University of Wisconsin's track team. In 1904, he competed in the third Olympic games at the World's Fair Park in St. Louis, where he placed third in the 220-yard hurdles and the 440-yard hurdles. His two bronze medals marked the first time a black athlete won an Olympic medal.

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING...

Beware of Those Seeking a Pat on the Back! Disaster Ahead!



By: James A. Washington Jr.
Wire Writer

My mother used to have a phrase when she was alive. Usually referring to me and my attitude when I thought I had done something particularly noteworthy. She used it when describing somebody who started acting like they were better than someone else or, basically felt their No. 2 didn't stink. She would say that person was simply, "smelling him or herself." I came to see it as fishing for a compliment.

The bible says unless your deeds are done to glorify God rather than yourself, you're 'smellin yoself.' I'm here to tell you it's at these times that one ought to be very careful because spiritually,

you're entering deep water. "Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward in heaven." Matthew 6:1.

It appears that intent and motivation are the true indicators of a person's real character and ultimately how he or she is viewed by God. Doing the right thing for the wrong reasons gets you nothing, zilch, nada. I mean, supposedly, if you are trying to impress friends and family, or trying to receive honors from your fellow man for doing good deeds, you're smelling yourself and sorely in need of some Right Guard.

Doing what you know is right — forgiving your enemies, turning the other cheek, helping the less fortunate, speaking truth to power — these are the things that are supposed to be done so that others might see the deed(s) as glorifying the Almighty; not so that people will be impressed with you.

Even in prayer, the bible says, "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Your Father will reward you. Matthew 6:6.

Haven't we all been unimpressed with someone who appears to sincerely help us or help another person out of what appears to be the goodness of their heart,

only to find them with their hands out to get theirs, or their backs turned so the world can pat them on it? God tells us in His own ways that if you do that, talk to the Hand because the ears ain't listening. You don't give to receive, and you don't love to be loved. That's blackmail. That's extortion. It's impure and spiritually unacceptable.

Give because you want to and love because it's who you are. Anything else is a fraud and an affront to Jesus who gave His all and loved

unconditionally, so that we all might live. "In the same way let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise the father in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

Granted, walking around with that level of purity in one's heart might be a bit much for most of us, present company included. However, it's pretty easy to know, acknowledge and understand that the real reason we reach out to someone else is to be seen as a good person by others.

We all want to be thought highly of by our peers, our parents and those closest to us. But in reality, only God counts when it comes to appreciating who we really are. Anything else is show. The rest is ego. "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 186:18.

All of this points to being true to one's self, then talking the talk and walking the walk. The echo of mother wit resonates in my mind as I try to remember exactly what mom was trying to teach me about myself.

Before I get too full of me, the real test just might be a good whiff of the fragrance underneath my arm. Nobody can pour anything into a full vessel. How you 'smellin' today?

May God bless and keep you always.

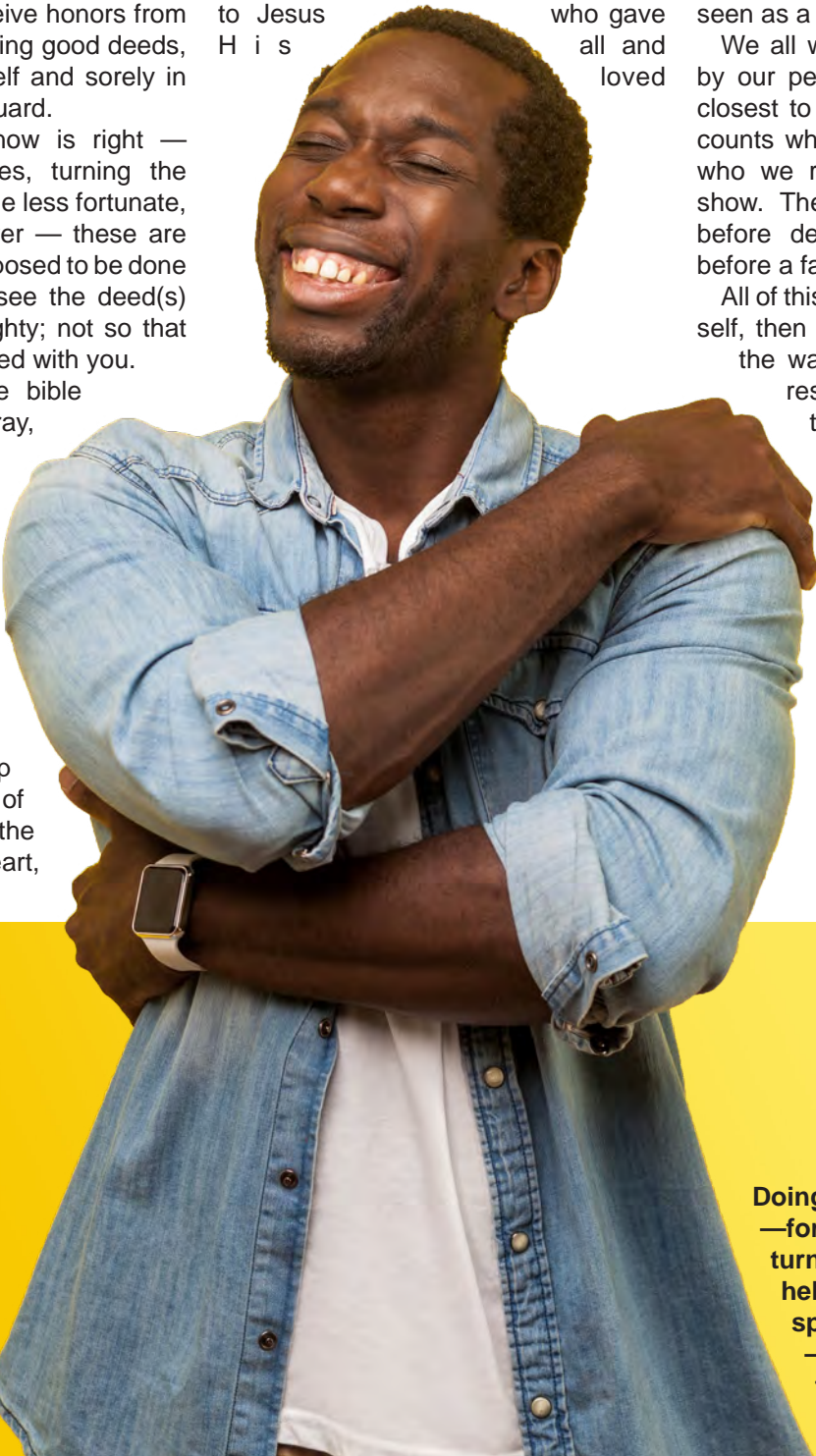


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More Than a Vote: King James Leads Plans to Increase Poll Workers

By: Lauren Victoria Burke,
Wire Writer

In effort by pro athletes called More Than a Vote is working to increase the number of poll workers in Black electoral districts has amassed 10,000 volunteers since it began.

State elections officials in many cities have sounded the alarm regarding a shortage of poll workers to handle in-person voting. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has caused an unexpected problem for local officials. The problem is a bigger issue in Black communities that have far longer wait times to vote than polls in white communities.

The specific plan to increase workers at the polls is called We Got Next. The efforts will include a partnership with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and was focused on during the first game of the NBA Finals between the Miami Heat and the Los Angeles Lakers. As the national anthem was played for game one, players on both teams knelt and wore shirts with the word "vote" on them in large letters.

"We are Black athletes and artists working together. Our priority right now is combating systemic, racist voter



suppression by educating, energizing, and protecting our community in 2020. Please read our letter asking fans to join us in the fight against Black voter suppression," reads the website for the initiative which can be viewed at www.morethanavote.org.

The cities that will be focused on feature thousands of Black voters and include Birmingham, Montgomery, Jackson, Houston, Charlotte, Cleveland, Detroit, Flint, Milwaukee and Philadelphia.

A second phase of the initiative would be even more targeted and will be aimed at 11 cities, "where significant poll worker shortages remain."

Voter Ready with TARTA Kicks Off

Providing Transportation Options for Early Voting and on Election Day

Submitted

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) and Toledo Area Regional Paratransit Service (TARPS) are connecting Northwest Ohio residents to voter resources and transportation options this election year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, TARTA and TARPS understand that residents will need to plan ahead to participate in early voting and Election Day on Nov. 3. Therefore, both transit services are ready to assist riders with getting to the polls in the following ways:

- Information about TARTA's 16 fixed-route bus lines and Call-A-Ride door-to-door service are available at www.tarta.com or by calling the Rider Information Line at 419- 243-7433 (RIDE). Routes and schedules are also available on mobile trip planners such as

Google Maps, Passio Go! And Transit app.

- For residents eligible to use TARPS due to a physical disability, they may call 419-382- 9901 to make a reservation to their voting location.
- Riders with specialized mobility needs should contact TARTA's Mobility Management program at 419-725-5281. TARTA also offers complimentary travel training to assist riders with becoming more familiar with using the fixed-route bus system. Details are available at www.tarta.com.
- TARTA and TARPS services are currently free and not collecting fares. This will continue through Election Day on Nov. 3.
- Additional voter resources and polling locations are available on TARTA's website at www.tarta.com.



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