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Keeping Watch Over Our Children

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

The Truth Contributor

No child is ever spoiled by too much attention. It is the lack of attention that spoils.

- Bessie Blake



A new school year has begun at the intersection of local elections and the acceleration of the delta variant of the coronavirus.

COVID-19 has had a disastrous impact on children's social, emotional, and academic well-being since it began pummeling families in January 2020. And, nearly 252,000 children have tested positive for COVID-19 in just the past week.

As a result, Black parents are frightened of sending their children back into classrooms.

As classes resume, who watches over our children?

I approached Christine Varwig for an answer. Varwig was elected to the Toledo Public Schools Board in 2013, re-elected in 2017, and is running for a third term in 2021.

We discussed her campaign and the challenges facing Toledo Public Schools.

Perryman: What specific strengths do you bring to the school board?

Varwig: I bring leadership from the time that my daughter was in TPS. I've been very active with the parent organization and served as president at Beverly, Byrnedale and Bowsher. I also was president of the district's parent congress, and it was a natural progression to go to the school board. As far as leadership abilities, I bring a parent perspective. I'm always seeking to make progress, and I'm a problem solver. I believe in collaboration. I think that is the way that you achieve great things in the district.

Perryman: What are your priorities for the district?

Varwig: How about we survive COVID? I would say COVID overall. But if we look at other issues within the district, I always will say the state is one of our biggest challenges because of its policies. At the local level, the challenges are the trauma our kids experience and bring to the district and then how, as a district, we're looking to help our students.

Perryman: A recent report from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children's Hospital Association reported nearly 252,000 children tested positive for COVID-19 just as schools were reopening. How does TPS keep our children safe with all of the trauma they are facing?

Varwig: That's a great question. It is masking certainly, which is what we have instituted already. We will follow all of the CDC guidelines, including safe distancing and handwashing. That is a priority.

In addition, when vaccines are available for the under-12 category, certainly we will encourage our parents to go ahead and do that. I will also say that a statehouse bill is looking to squash any mandates or vaccinations.

Perryman: How do you address parents who are anti-vaccine or anti-mask?

Varwig: Some folks cannot receive the vaccination for medical reasons. I get it. Even the masking, I know that some folks out there are very hesitant. They don't believe in what may be coming out from the health departments, the CDC or the media. But again, we have to encourage best practices, and I can't worry about politics. I have to worry about the health and safety of our students and our staff.

Perryman: Are you collecting and disaggregating mental health data on students?

Varwig: There are components of that, but again, I don't really... I'm not free to discuss the mental component aspect because there are some relevant HIPAA issues. So, we will be collecting some things, but again, I will defer to the administration on that topic.

Perryman: Defer as to whether you collect data or not?

Varwig: Correct, because I don't know precisely what they're collecting. I know that they talked about it, but again, I don't know. I don't want to speak of something I'm not entirely aware of.

Perryman: The head of the Teacher's Union has stated that TPS needs to triple its police presence in the schools. What is your opinion?

Varwig: Well, I can understand, especially with the recent issues that we've had at some of our schools. I am a huge advocate for the safety and security of our students and our staff. What I will say, though, is it needs to be a collaborative process. That includes having parents at the table, our police department, and our administration to genuinely discuss what we see as the needs in our buildings. I will defer to Dr. [Romules] Durant and his administration. As a board member, it is my job to govern and to provide input from the community. Dr. Durant would then make a recommendation and bring it to the board, and we can decide at that point.

Perryman: While the police are overrepresented in schools, TPS has only one half the recommended school nurses, one third the recommended school psychiatrists, one half school counselors, and only three percent of the social workers as recommended by the National Association of Social Workers.

Varwig: I will say that using the recently-awarded ARPA [American Rescue Plan Act] federal dollars will give us opportunities to provide additional resources for our students. I am a big believer in providing more counselors, more nurses and anyone who can assist with our students' socioemotional development. That is something that we definitely need in our buildings.

Perryman: Let's talk about diversity, equity and inclusion. You've recently lost half of your department. Where do we go from here?

Varwig: Well, diversity, equity and inclusion will remain in the district, and we're going to boost it if we can. I'm a big believer in incorporating DEI in all departments across the district. While I love the one department, the ideas that they're bringing forward can mesh throughout multiple departments. So, while we may be one down, we will grow again.

Perryman: We hear a lot of conservative political talk about Critical Race Theory (CRT). Do you think it is essential for children to learn the legacy of slavery?

Varwig: I not only think it's important for all children to be taught the truth, but our district is also looking at moving forward with Afrocentric

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September 19

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Annual Women's Day Celebration:
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Con Men Do Get Lonely

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

Hey, who says that con men don't get lonely? Of course they do! When it happens, their sure cure-all is to plan and plot their next caper!

Nothing keeps a con man happier than sitting down at his kitchen table and plotting how he can fleece his knucklehead sheep or sucker in new recruits to make his fat bank account even fatter.

Some cons are done in remote secret, like hacking a weakly secured website and scamming off with thousands of dollars. Some are done in broad daylight, like magicians telling you that they can levitate themselves without ropes or levers.

A con is a con! Sometimes we know that we are being conned, but we go along with the ride for the sheer amusement of knowing that we are being bamboozled. And for some, we are taken for a ride and when we find out we have been had, it is embarrassing to tell others since we had a high opinion of our abilities to spot the shyster in our midst.

Well, get ready, America! Because one of the greatest con men of all time is about to announce to the world that he is back for a curtain call because he wants the Wow! of the crowds and the adoration of his swooning masses to once again, venerate him.

Yes, I am talking about the orange hair grifter we have come to know as Herr Trump! Da Trump has announced that he is planning to run as the GOP candidate for president in 2024.

Trump, not satisfied to sit out and await the results of the multiple civil and criminal investigations into his career of conning the gullible and the intellectually challenged crowds that attend his mass rehearsals, wants to get back into the rapturous limelight.

Trump craves the adoration of his base (a/k/a: deplorables as described by Hillary Clinton) and his uncanny ability to charm both empty-headed women and spineless men to bend to his corrupted will.

Trump is ostensibly firing up his political machine to flood the market with the idea that their savior will return to redeem them from the corrupt Deep State and the vile far left-wing media barons.

If anybody knows what tune to play to a divided country that is spooked by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its cousin, the Delta mutant, it is Trump. Trump will play the usual card tricks of calling everyone who does not agree with him part of the Deep State or that they are latent communists or that they hate America.

Although Trump had four disastrous years as a president, Trump will blithely forget all his outrageous policy decisions and hope that you have a very short memory of how he single handedly caused the deaths of thousands of people because of his woeful stupidity in confronting COVID-19 head-on when it first appears on these shores.

And to really get his intelligently challenged base riled up, Trump has already started a "cultural war" by heralding the grand attributes of the racist Confederate general, Robert E. Lee.

Trump was outraged that the State of Virginia finally decided to yank the statute honoring the Southern traitor from Monument Row in Richmond, Virginia and retired it to a holding area not yet revealed.

Trump knows that much of the South holds that redneck general in high regard even though he was a traitor to the Union and wanted to keep Blacks in eternal servitude to White people.

So, when he launches additional PACs to raise money for his newest foray into politics, you can be assured that the money will roll into his accounts or will be under his control as he laughs all the way to the bank.

One great hope against this rise of a demagogue is the various legal charges in D.C., Georgia and New York will be underway so that by 2024, this shaman will be in someone's lockup regaling inmates with his tall stories of grabbing women by the ****y and calling Black women, "b*****es."

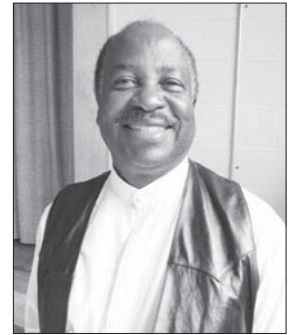
The feckless GOP leadership will dutifully shield their eyes when Herr Trump engages in political pornography and will self-induce itself into early dementia when asked about his outrageous acts against the Constitution and the rule of law.

When the Bible says that a little leaven, leavens the whole lump, it is applicable to this grifter. But, with no shame and seemingly devoid of any functioning conscience, Herr Trump (if he avoids jail time) will successfully run on the GOP ticket.

He will gleefully stir the deep slop jar of lies and half-truths with the spoon of fresh conspiracy theories and baseless attacks on the truth that will cause his disciples to rally with their votes and donations in a wretched attempt to return to "their" good ol' days of a political moron masquerading as a President.

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A New Wayman Palmer YMCA Building Is Coming to the Warren Sherman Neighborhood

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

A new Wayman Palmer YMCA is in the works and the enthusiasm during the Wednesday, August 8, unveiling of the plans was shared by all of the speakers.

"This is a monumental day for the Warren Sherman neighborhood; a monumental day for kids; a monumental day for Toledo," said Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz as he opened the announcement ceremony breaking the news about the coming new 50,500 square feet facility (twice the size of the current building) that is expected to open in 2024.

"It's a partnership, a robust partnership with dozens of [collaborators]," he said.

As the mayor related, Wednesday's announcement followed 12 to 15 months of work with those dozens of community partners that has resulted in a plan to invest \$21 million into a new facility to be located on Bancroft Street – to improve visibility and access – after which the current building will be razed and the space turned into outdoor park and recreational facility.

"This is another step in a series of investments in neighborhoods where people have been disinvested in for too long," he added. "All of these things are game changing investments. Talk is cheap, action is powerful."

Following the mayor's opening, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur said: "One can see over time, a community re-shape itself ... this particular construction will fit right in to 'Build Back Better.'"

As enthusiastic and emotional as the day was for most of the speakers and attendees, no one was more affected by the idea of a new, greatly improved Wayman Palmer YMCA than two councilwomen who grew up in the area, live in the area, used the facility over the years and now represent residents of the area.

Fourth District Councilwoman Vanice Williams and At-Large Councilwoman Cerssandra McPherson spoke about what such a new building

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Councilwoman Cerssandra McPherson



Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, Councilwoman Vanice Williams, YMCA CEO Brad Toft, Councilwoman Cerssandra McPherson



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will mean for them, their families and the many families who are part of the neighborhood.

"This is something this neighborhood has needed for decades," said Williams. "This needed to be done – we need to make this great for this neighborhood and this will be the best project to represent Wayman Palmer's vision for the neighborhood."

"This is beyond fabulous," added McPherson. "Our neighborhood deserves this; this is a dream come true. We are going to bring the 'neighbor' back into the 'hood.'"

The City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods Director Rosalyn Clemens laid out how the financing will work. The project's \$21 million price tag will come from a combination of sources: Community Development Block Grant funding, American Rescue Plan Act funding, the YMCA capital campaign and private sector donations.

The new building will have an indoor swimming pool, multipurpose rooms, a demonstra-

tion kitchen, a community lounge, gymnasiums, fitness rooms.

"These are the types of projects to make for equity and inclusion," said Clemens.

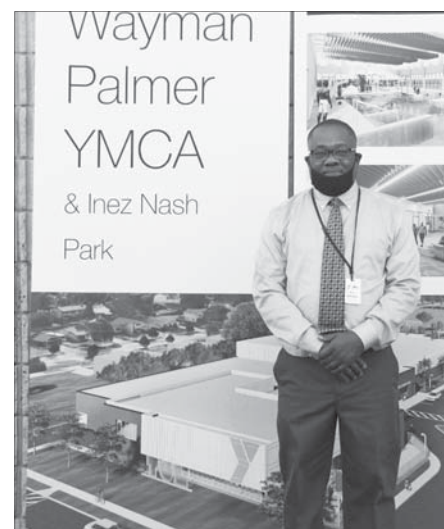
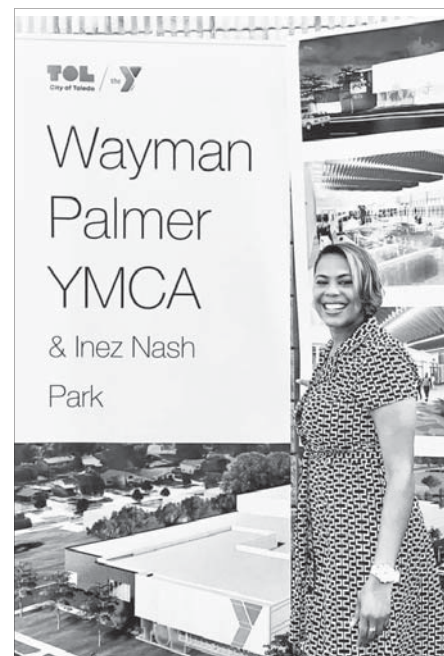
The city will host a community forum on Monday, September 27 to gather community input on the plan for the new building and park. It is anticipated that the funding plan will be in place by the end of 2021 and that construction will start in 2023, to be completed in 2024.

"This is an impact that is going to last generations," said Brad Toft, CEO of the YMCA of Greater Toledo.

According to Eric Williams, executive director of the Wayman Palmer Y, the YMCA had been working on plans for a capital campaign for several years, but just with the intention of raising funds for renovations of the current facility. The city of Toledo approached the Y with the idea of raising public and private funds to build a new facility.

"We are going to continue to do the hard work and rebuild our neighborhoods," said

Kapszukiewicz closing out the announcement. "We are moving and making progress and we are going to continue to do it."



Eric Williams

A Letter to the Editor

In the Blade September 9th, it was reported that I had called for the refurbishing of the Wayman Palmer YMCA. In fact, I had called for a **new**, not refurbished, facility, which was reported in the Blade on September 2nd in a headline that states "Finkbeiner Calls For A New YMCA".

I called for this change based on the comments I heard at the Inez Nash Park festival, a few days before. If the Mayor and his staff had bothered attending this festival they would have heard the neighbors indicate not only their support for a new YMCA, but the need for significant improvements in the Warren Sherman neighborhood.

I did listen and that's why I support the effort to build a new YMCA. I also call for the demolition of the Moody Manor apartments (with relocation of the residents to appropriate public private housing elsewhere) and the creation of a beautiful Greenfield, in this space, that would complement the new Y, yet offer open space for the neighborhood to enjoy.

I envision that this new park could be re-

dedicated to Ms. Nash and I would then seek private support to improve and maintain the site, including St. Vincent's Hospital which is an anchor to this area and a great asset to our community.

It is important that improvements to the needs of the entire neighborhood be addressed. I would seek new owners for the shopping center on Bancroft and Franklin, with new businesses that would support the needs of the community.

In closing, I question if the people pictured in the paper today have sought the priorities of the residents in the Warren Sherman neighborhood. I challenge the Mayor and City Council to address all of the needs of this neighborhood, and listen to what the citizens are saying. According to the Warren Sherman Village Council, they have not.

I am, and will continue to do so.

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Lucas County Children Services Names New Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Strategy

Special to The Truth

Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) has named Hope Bland, Ph.D., MSW, LSW, to the newly created position of Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Strategy.

Bland joins LCCS from Toledo Public Schools, where she most recently served as the director and administrator for the school district's equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives. In her new position, Bland will ensure that LCCS practices, policies and plans reflect the organization's commitment to these values and employs them as a resource agency wide.

Before focusing her career on equity and diversity, Bland held several positions in which she worked with children and families as a social worker, including time as a child welfare caseworker in Franklin County, Ohio.

She earned a bachelor's degree in social work from University of Toledo; an MSW from Wayne State University; and her Ph.D. in human services from Capella University, along with graduate certificates in diversity studies, and in social work and community services. She is a licensed social worker in the State of Ohio.

At LCCS, Bland will report directly to executive director, Robin Reese, and will lead the development of a new Diversity Department and champion its impact in the community.

The mission of Lucas County Children Services is to lead the community in the protection of children at risk of abuse and neglect. This is accomplished by working with families, service providers and community members to assess risk and coordinate community-based services resulting in



Hope Bland

safe, stable, and permanent families for children

TARTA Vehicles Rolling Again Down Improved Summit Street in Downtown Toledo

Special to The Truth

After close to 16 months, Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) routes will be returning to a revamped Summit Street in Toledo's downtown area.

In support of greater mobility and access to different modes of transit throughout the region, TARTA applauds recent infrastructure improvements, including the Summit Street project. The work required extended detours for several TARTA fixed-line routes, which will return to their regular routes with stops on Summit Street on Monday, Sept. 13.

"TARTA is proud to play a critical role in the downtown Toledo transportation system and especially on a signature road such as Summit Street," said Laura Koprowski, Deputy Chief Executive Officer at TARTA. "Increased public transit accessibility is crucial to the economic development and vibrancy of a downtown, so we are looking forward to TARTA being available again on Summit Street to move people to work or to enjoy a restaurant or anywhere else their day-to-day lives take them."

Returning to Summit Street stops from detours will be routes 2, 5, 10L, 27, 28, 31, 32, and 34. Riders depending on these routes can visit tarta.com/routes for more information on stop location along Summit Street.

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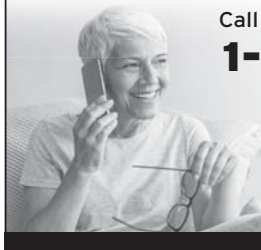
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Equal Districts Coalition Denounces Republicans' Proposed District Maps as Unconstitutional, Unacceptable

Last week, the Equal Districts Coalition — a unified group of 30+ Ohio advocacy organizations and unions engaged in the 2021 redistricting process — blasted the Republican members of the redistricting commission for voting to propose blatantly unconstitutional maps drawn behind closed doors.

"For the last decade, Ohioans have lived under some of the most gerrymandered maps in the country, and the Republicans managed to propose new maps that are even worse than the ones we have now," said Katy Shanahan, Ohio State Director of All On The Line. "Our reform in 2015 was a flat rejection of what happened in 2011, when our maps were drawn behind closed doors to gerrymander the Republicans into supermajorities in seats that they just aren't winning in votes at the ballot box. These proposed maps ignore everything we fought for in the reforms."

The Republican-dominated commission voted along party lines to make the Republicans' unconstitutional maps the official maps proposed by the commission. These maps, which were presented eight days past the deadline required by Ohio's Constitution, are far less compact than the maps presented on time by the Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus and the citizen-led Ohio Citizens' Redistricting Commission (OCRC).

"Ohio's Constitution clearly says legislative map drawers must aim for representational fairness based on voters' preferences over the past decade. It's clear the Republicans ignored the Constitution in drafting their maps," said Desiree Tims, President and CEO of Innovation Ohio. "Republicans only win about 55 percent of Ohio's vote. A constitutional map will not give them more than 55 percent of government seats."

Based on initial review of the Republicans' maps, they are unconstitutional and/or problematic in the following ways:

- + The Republicans' proposed maps appear to preserve unearned Republican supermajorities in both chambers.

- * The Ohio Constitution and federal law require map drawers to consider whether communities of color have adequate and real pathways to political representation. The Republican commissioners admitted publicly at today's hearing that they did not take this into consideration.

- + The Republicans' proposed maps crack and pack Ohio's communities of color, diluting their political power and denying them adequate representation.

- + For example, Cuyahoga County — a county with a population that is more than 30 percent Black — would be unlikely to have even one Black state senator under these proposed maps.

- + Additionally, the state Senate map draws the Black communities in and around Dayton together with white, rural Preble, Drake and Miami counties, rather than connecting them with similar communities in Jefferson Township, Montgomery County.

- + In Lucas County, House map drawers drew rural northern Hancock County together with northwestern Toledo suburbs such as Sylvania — while simultaneously combining neighboring suburbs (Holland and Maumee) with Ottawa County rather than with Toledo.

- + Suburbs around major metros are drawn into questionable-looking districts that snake around metros to connect to rural areas. Medium-sized cities and suburbs are wholesale separated from larger cities/metros to dilute with rural areas.

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education programs. I am a big believer in teaching the truth. CRT is not taught in public schools. I'm very concerned about house bills 322 and 327 because that really prohibits the promotion, teaching and training of "divisive" concepts, such a loose topic. When students go to school, they should be able to engage freely on various topics and learn the truth about our nation and our world. Those house bills are one of our biggest challenges because they aim to limit what our students can learn. There should never be a limit on the possibilities of education.

Perryman: Let's go back to the Afrocentric High School. Previously, TPS opened Escuela SMART academy for Spanish-speaking families. When can we expect the Afrocentric Academy?

Varwig: I will say this, we had a curriculum committee meeting yesterday, talking about Afrocentric education. The board has been very interested in pursuing this opportunity. We've had folks from our administration check out Columbus City Schools' model. Our district, including

our DEI Department, has been heavily involved in this. I don't want to talk too much about that because that will be coming. They're not finished with all of their data gathering and how they're going to lay some things out. So, I don't want to spoil the surprise, I guess, but I will just let you know that we are very active in pursuing Afrocentric education.

Perryman: And that we can expect a surprise at some time in the future?

Varwig: Absolutely, I would say within the following year. I shouldn't even call it a surprise. Here's the thing, it's just the right thing to do. I always look at education as student-centered decision-making and opportunities for our children. This is another avenue for opportunities for our children.

Perryman: Finally, our readers can visit your website at www.christinevarwig.com, but what is your campaign message in a nutshell?

Varwig: I will say that I am passionate about public education. I'm always looking for collaboration and problem solving, and opportunities for our students. I love Toledo Public Schools. I love our students. They have such dynamic minds, and I want to give them everything they need to pursue the dreams they have ahead of them.

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NAACP/Black Media “Building a Stronger Ohio”

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The Ohio NAACP and the Ohio Black Media Collective joined forces on Friday, September 10 to hold a Black Media Luncheon in Columbus, Ohio at the Crown Plaza Hotel. The theme of the luncheon was “Building a Stronger Ohio.”

Mike McNair, PhD, publisher of the *Buckeye Review*, served as the master of ceremonies for the luncheon and Tom Roberts, the Ohio NAACP president, was also part of the program to welcome guests and offer comments about the contributions of the various components of the state's black media to the quest for an equitable society.

Toledo's own Montrice Terry delivered the welcome for the Secretary of State Frank LaRose, who explained his office's approach to ensuring that Ohio's citizens have an opportunity to know how they can easily cast their ballots at election time.

The luncheon's guest speaker was Ray Miller, former Ohio State senator and the president and publisher of the *Columbus African American News Journal*. Miller served in the Ohio General Assembly for 24 years – 16 years in the House of Representatives and eight years as a state senator. He is well known for being the chief sponsor of legislation which established the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, the Institute for Urban Education at Central State University, the Mental Health Reform Act, first time state funding for Head Start in the state of Ohio along with many other public policy and systemic change initiatives.

“We wear the mask that grins and lies,” said Miller, quoting the poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar, as he addressed the variety of difficulties African Americans have always endured and the trouble they have had in dealing with such difficulties. His long-time work with issues such as health disparities, substance abuses, mental health and education, he explained, stems from his very personal family connection to such matters as a youth.

Sharing the head table with McNair, Miller and LaRose, was William Ellis, Jr., editor/publisher of *The Reporter* (Akron), who introduced Miller.

The Ohio Black Media Collective is a recently-formed organization of Ohio African American newspapers and radio stations.



Ray Miller and Montrice Terry



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What Hawkins didn’t know how to do, however, was run a successful company of her own, so she sought the assistance of ASSETS Toledo.

“That helped me with structure,” she says of the business program. “I wanted to start a business and was checking the web, but I got confused. ASSETS Toledo was a good way to have a classroom style setting and clear my mind on

so many details.”

In 2005, while she was laid off from her 9 to 5, she decided to follow her dream and make her passion for computers profitable. She saved up her unemployment insurance money and opened Your Computer Needs of Toledo, LLC.

The mission is explained as: “Through the tool of computer training, tasks were accomplished in the forms of onsite/online training and consulting, keynote speaking, stand-alone trainings, lectures, workshops, certification tracks and webinars are customized to meet each need, along with the selling of computers on the company’s website and e-mobile computer learning.”


Now, 16 years later, Hawkins’ clientele are not usually facing quite the same dilemma – the people who have computers, use them for business and personal use, has grown exponentially. However, there are still enormous challenges, says Hawkins. Her clients are “more technologically advanced but they need help in trying to understand different devices – phones, tablets, watches.”

They also need to understand how to effectively use social media for personal and business purposes – how to connect virtually, remotely; how to transfer and store information.

The pandemic, she notes, “exposed who was computer and technologically savvy and who was not.”

So even as her business initially took a hit at the onset of the pandemic, “business has been and is improving” as time has gone on these past 18 months. Hawkins’ clients are a mix of individuals and corporate – the companies being mostly small to mid-sized businesses.

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With the start of the state's fiscal year, the Ohio Equal Opportunity Division became part of the Minority Business Development Division at the Ohio Department of Development (Development).

For eligible businesses, this creates a more efficient process in which they can apply for state certifications and receive no-cost business counseling in the same place. Previously, the Equal Opportunity Division was housed in the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

"This merger streamlines services for minority-, woman-, veteran-owned, and economically disadvantaged business owners seeking assistance," Development Director Lydia Mihalik said. "We're excited about the opportunity to expand our services to businesses that are so important to the Ohio economy."

Certifications now available within Development's Minority Business Development Division and Development's network of Minority Business

Assistance Centers across the state include:

- **Minority Business Enterprise (MBE):** An MBE-certified business must be owned and controlled by a U.S. citizen who is a resident of Ohio and a member of one or more of the following minority groups: Blacks or African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics or Latinos, and Asians, in addition to other criteria.
- **Woman-owned Business Enterprise (WBE):** A WBE-certified business must be owned and controlled by a woman who is a U.S. citizen and has an established residency in the state of Ohio or a reciprocal state, in addition to other criteria.
- **Veteran-friendly Business Enterprise (VBE):** Businesses must meet criteria based on U.S. military service.
- **Encouraging Diversity, Growth, and Equity (EDGE):** An EDGE-certified business must be owned and controlled by a U.S. citizen who is a resident of Ohio. A business may qualify for EDGE certification if its owner is both socially and economically disadvantaged or the business is located in a qualified census tract and the owner is economically disadvantaged, in addition to other criteria.

In addition to providing certification services, the division is responsible for providing access to financing and capital for eligible businesses

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The advertisement for XI Models features a collage of three photos of models. The text reads: "XI Models Expressions International Model Management", "Your Fast Track To The Modeling Industry", "Now Located At 151 N. Michigan St. Suite 316 (Downtown Toledo, OH)", "OPEN CALL for MODELS By Appointment Only!!!", "Call: 419.810.8848", and "Print.Runway.Television".

The advertisement for The Social Butterfly Fall Open-Air Community Expo features a background image of a butterfly. The text reads: "The Social Butterfly presents", "Fall Open-Air Community Expo", "Great Shopping ~ Great Food", "All Festivities Free & Open To The Public", "Saturday, September 18, 2021", "10:00am - 4:00pm", "Aldersgate United Methodist Church", "4030 Douglas Rd., Toledo, OH 43613", "Please Bring Non-perishable Items For Aldersgate UM Church's Annual Food Drive", "A Special 'Thank You' To Our Sponsors:", "Taylor Automotive Family • Molina Health Care", "The Truth Newspaper • Adventurous Travels", "The Huntington National Bank", "Donnetta Carter, MSW", "Event Organizer", "(419) 367-9765", "thesocialbutterflyevents@yahoo.com", and logos for Taylor Automotive Family, KIA, Vauxhall, and Hyundai.

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Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP)

Want to improve the IRS? SPEAK UP

By Andrea Price, TAP member representing Ohio
The Truth Contributor

The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel comprises civic-minded citizen volunteers from all walks of life representing each state, D.C., Puerto Rico, and an international member (citizens living, working, or doing business abroad). TAP is a Federal Advisory Committee whose mission is to listen to taxpayers, identify taxpayers' issues, and make suggestions for improving the IRS service and customer satisfaction.

Everyone has something to say about taxes and the IRS. Please take a moment to give us your suggestions for TAP to consider by contacting one of the following:

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Accelerating Digital Communications to Improve the Taxpayer Experience: CL-21-22, July 16, 2021

De Lon Harris, IRS Commissioner for Small Business/Self Employed (SB/SE) Examination, and his team have created a high-priority Taxpayer Digital Communication (TDC) initiative to enhance communications with taxpayers through digital channels.

The Taxpayer Digital Communication initiatives include secure messaging, a text chat function, and outbound notifications to support taxpayers.

One of the benefits of Secure Messaging is that it allows IRS customer service representatives (CSRs) to upload large files up to 1GB in size. To date, over 21,000 taxpayers have successfully signed up to take advantage of this service. These improvements have seen digital communication help resolve audits quicker and improve taxpayer satisfaction, with an overall satisfaction rate of over 83% on their customer satisfaction surveys.

Another function is text Chat that allows the IRS to offer real-time chat assistance to taxpayers and enables CSRs to exchange text messages, files, webpages, and other information to address taxpayer queries. In October 2018, additional chat buttons were added to Letter 16, Please Call Us About Your Overdue Taxes, and Letter 24, We've Received Your Payment Proposal. In March 2019, a proactive chat was implemented on the Additional Instructions on Payment Plans webpage. Proactive chat is a pop-up text chat bot that displays when a taxpayer has been on a web page for 30 seconds, but only if a live CSR is available. Authenticated chat was launched in June 2019 to handle Online Payment Agreement questions, and the ability for taxpayers to upload attachments was made available in June 2020.

The average Automatic Collection System Chat handle time is between six minutes and about 23 minutes, with an average wait time of 35 seconds.

Taxpayer Digital Communication – Outbound Notification is a web-based application that gives individual taxpayers access to specific IRS notifications through the Online Account to access notifications and view account balances to make payments. Taxpayers can register for an online account at <https://www.irs.gov/irs-pdf/5533.pdf>.

The following notices are now available through taxpayers' online accounts:

- CP-21A – Recalculation – Balance Due
- CP-60 – We Removed Payments from Your Account – Balance Due
- CP-14I – Return Filed – IRA Taxes or Penalties Due
- CP-521 – Monthly Installment Agreement Payment Reminder (SB/SE Notice)
- CP-01A – We Assigned You an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN)
- CP-62 – We Credited Your Account
- CP-14 – Balance Due
- CP-49 – Refund Offset (SB/SE Notice)
- CP-39 – Overpaid Taxes Applied – Balance Due
- CP-14H – Owed Minimum Essential Health Coverage Payment (Shared Responsibility Payment)
- CP-501 – Balance Due-First Notice

This fall, taxpayers will be able to opt-Out of receiving select paper-based notices via U.S. Postal Service (USPS), opt-In to receiving select paper-based notices via USPS, sign up to receive Email Notifications when a new notice has been added to Online Account, and report Erroneous Correspondence within the Notices and Letters page.



Andrea Price

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and overseeing the Minority Business Assistance Centers, which include seven host organizations and 14 offices and satellite offices around Ohio.

The state budget also included two new loan programs, one to support woman-owned businesses and a micro-loan program for minority businesses. More information about the two loan programs will be available soon.

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45 Percent Jump in Ohio Billionaire Wealth – Almost All Tax-Free – Shows Need for Biden's Investment and Tax Plans

Groups Call on Senator Sherrod Brown to Support \$3.5 Trillion Investment Agenda Now Before Congress Paid for by Taxing the Wealthy and Corporations

By Black Women Rising

Guest Column

Ohio's eight billionaires increased their wealth during the pandemic by 45 percent, or almost half—from \$12.8 billion since the start of the pandemic on March 18, 2020, to \$18.6 billion on Aug. 17 of this year, according to a report from Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF) and Health Care for America Now (HCAN) analyzing Forbes wealth data and released by Black Women Rising. [See table below]

This billionaire bonanza demonstrates what's wrong with our current economic and tax systems, as Democrats in Congress try to remedy some of the glaring inequities by advancing a \$3.5 trillion budget package, which has passed the U.S. Senate. If it becomes law through the budget reconciliation process this fall, it will invest tens of billions of dollars in Ohio communities and working families by making healthcare, eldercare, childcare, housing and education more affordable, investing in clean energy, expanding the Child Tax Credit and providing 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave. It will be paid for by making the wealthy

and corporations pay their fair share of taxes, and it will not raise taxes on anyone making under \$400,000 a year.

The report found that U.S. billionaire wealth overall grew by 62 percent during the pandemic, or by **\$1.8 trillion**, rising from **\$2.95 trillion** on March 18, 2020, to \$4.77 trillion on Aug. 17, 2021, when there were 708 billionaires. That increased wealth, which will not be taxed unless billionaires sell their assets, would pay for more than half of Biden's 10-year \$3.5 trillion investment package.

"This report shows why we need the entire state congressional delegation, especially Senator Sherrod Brown, to support President Biden's Build Back Better plan being debated in Washington right now," said Bishop Marcia Dinkins, executive director, Black Women Rising. "That plan will invest \$3.5 trillion in working families and our communities by making the rich and corporations pay their fair share of taxes. It will provide the funding we need to create thousands of good-paying jobs in Ohio and help people afford healthcare, eldercare, childcare, education, housing and more."

"It's time Ohio billionaires and big corporations step up to the plate and pay their fair share," said Micaiah Malone, Owner of Mi & Me Cleaning. "It's time that lawmakers prioritize working people by rewarding work not wealth and closing huge tax loopholes. President Biden's plan levels the playing field and ensures that everyone in America, not just the rich and corporations, can get a fair shot at a good-paying job, affordable health care and a real opportunity at a better future. Biden's plan won't raise taxes on anyone earning under \$400,000, meaning that 99 percent of Americans and 97 percent of small business owners won't pay any more in taxes while the rich and corporations will finally pay a fairer share."

The state's billionaire wealth bonanza over the past 17 months is all the more appalling when contrasted with the devastating impact of coronavirus on working people. In Ohio: 3,480,412 have lost jobs, over 1,171,000 have been sickened by the virus, and over 20,600 have died from it.

President Biden's investment proposals contained in the Senate passed budget resolutions would significantly improve Ohio residents' health by making private insurance in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) exchanges more affordable; expanding Medicare to cover dental, vision and hearing benefits; increasing long-term care benefits to help people afford home and community-based ser-

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Billionaire	Net Worth Mar. 18, 2020 (\$ Millions)	Net Worth Aug. 17, 2021 (\$ Millions)	17 Month Wealth Growth (\$ Millions)	17 Month % Wealth Growth	Wealth Source	Industry
OHIO TOTAL	\$12,800	\$18,583	\$5,783	45.2%		
Les Wexner	\$4,000	\$6,262	\$2,262	56.5%	retail	Fashion & Retail
Denise York	\$3,200	\$3,973	\$773	24.2%	San Francisco 49ers	Sports
Clayton Mathile	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$0	0.0%	pet food	Food & Beverage
August Troendle	N/A	\$1,636	N/A	N/A	pharmaceutical services	Healthcare
Norma Lerner	\$1,100	\$1,133	\$33	3.0%	banking	Finance & Investments
Nancy Lerner	\$1,100	\$1,123	\$23	2.1%	banking, credit cards	Finance & Investments
Randolph Lerner	\$1,100	\$1,122	\$22	2.0%	banking, credit cards	Finance & Investments

Sources: March 18, 2020 data: Forbes, "Forbes Publishes 34th Annual List Of Global Billionaires" March 18, 2020 August 17, 2021 data: Forbes, "The World's Real-Time Billionaires, Today's Winners and Losers," accessed August 17, 2021



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Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate, and Sisterhood by Dawn Turner

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

Go left or go right?

It seems that at every point in life, you need a decision: take a familiar street, or a route you rarely travel? A restaurant you frequent, or something new for dinner? Sometimes, the choices won't matter next week or in a year, but – as in the new book **Three Girls from Bronzeville** by Dawn Turner – other decisions are more consequential.

One of her earliest memories involves her newborn sister.

Dawn Turner was no more than a toddler herself then, living in a hotel room with her mother because her father was gone again. Turner remembers the weight of her baby sister, Kim, and knowing that everything had changed.

For the rest of their childhoods, the girls were inseparable though, like many big sisters, Turner sometimes resented Kim's tag-alonging. That became more pronounced when Turner found her first best friend, who lived in the apartment directly above theirs in a new housing project in Chicago's Bronzeville.

Turner wanted Debra to herself, but she had to share the friendship with Kim and that was fine. Summer days and after-school was often better with three. The girls made their own fun, hiding from maintenance men in the building, hanging out on fire escapes, and reading in a secret spot on an accessible rooftop. In the shadows of deteriorating apartment complexes and abandoned buildings, their childhoods were almost idyllic.

And things changed again.

As high school loomed, Turner and Debra slowly started to drift apart, a slide that was defined by Debra's family's move to Indianapolis. Turner began to plan for college, while Kim struggled in school. Time passed and as the neighborhood that nurtured three little girls fell into a state of disrepair, so did the girls' bond and suddenly, they "were on different trajectories." One went south, one went to college, boys came around, and so did trouble.

One took a gin bottle, one took a baby bottle, and one took a gun...

Have you ever wondered what life might've been like if you'd made different choices, picked a different spouse or another job? Yep, then **Three Girls from Bronzeville** is for you.

And yet, this book isn't entirely about choices; it's also about taking what life seems to hand you and molding it to fit. On that, author Dawn Turner is irresistibly nostalgic and her memories will leave you with a sense of carefree childhood in the city – but she's also realistic, describing her surroundings with decreasing enthusiasm that speaks

volumes.

Turner points no fingers here but you'll see likely culprits to blame along the way. Substance abuse plays a large part in this tale. Opportunities existed to seize or discard freely, the latter of which is painful to watch. Responsibility is taken for wrong turns.

And readers will be thrilled to see that angels existed, too.

This is one of those books that's warm to the start and envelopes you like a hug mixed with gravel. It's harsh and gracious, jagged and loving. Yep, **Three Girls from Bronzeville** is all right.



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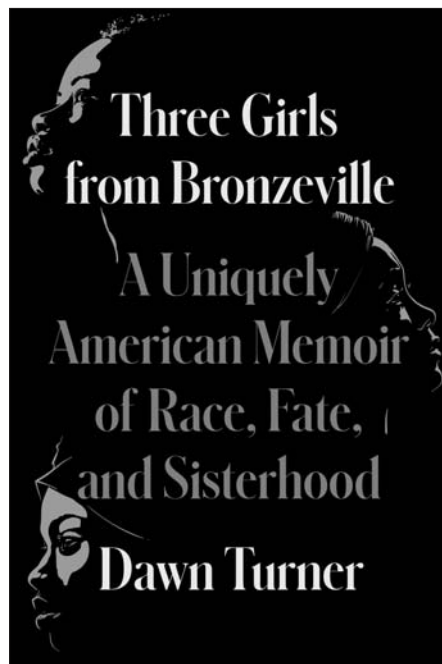
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vices; and lowering the cost of prescription drugs by giving Medicare the authority to negotiate lower prices with drug corporations.

Biden's proposed investments would reduce health insurance premiums for 9 million people. An average 60-year-old in Ohio making \$55,000 annually would save almost \$400 on their monthly premium for an ACA insurance policy. The cost of extending these subsidies is \$163 billion over 10 years, per the Treasury Department. That means the \$6 billion increase in Ohio billionaire wealth over the last 17 months could pay for almost 4% of the entire 10-year cost of making healthcare more affordable for 9 million people.

While these investments in healthcare would benefit millions of Americans and save money in the long run, the ballooning wealth of billionaires benefits no one but the super-rich. That's because the current tax code is riddled with loopholes and special breaks that allow the super wealthy to avoid paying their fair share of taxes.

A more direct way to tax billionaire wealth is to tax the wealth itself instead of just its growth. If the wealth tax proposed by Sen. Elizabeth Warren had been in effect in 2020, the nation's billionaires alone would have paid \$114 billion for that year—and would pay an estimated combined total of \$1.4 trillion over 10 years.



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COVID-19 UPDATE: In the event the office is not staffed to receive early, hand-delivered bids, bidders may drop off sealed bids to the aforementioned office address through the front door slot. Staff will be present at the Fallen Timbers Field Office for one hour prior to bid opening. If social distancing becomes problematic due to bid-opening turnout, the opening will be held outside or in an adjacent larger facility. Advise mask use per current CDC guidelines.

THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of construction of a ~6,175 sq. ft. pre-engineered metal building to replace a fully removed, fire damaged maintenance structure. General construction involves the general building trades plus plumbing, mechanical and electrical. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at www.newfaxcorp.com. Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$20 is required for each set of full-size documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184, jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoleado.com.

EACH BIDDER MUST FURNISH either (1) a bond for the full amount of the bid or (2) a certified check, cashier's check or irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid with its bid. The successful bidder must furnish a 100 percent (100%) Performance Bond and a 100 percent (100%) Labor and Materials Bond.

No bidder may withdraw its bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in bidding.

By order of the Board of Park Commissioners
METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA

David D. Zenk, Director



JOB POSTING

Rudolph Libbe Inc. (RLI) offers a complete range of project contract delivery methods including general contracting, design/build and construction management. Based in Toledo, Ohio for more than 60 years, RLI is part of the Rudolph Libbe Group of companies with offices in Cleveland, Columbus and Lima, Ohio, and Plymouth, Michigan. For additional information, visit RLGBuilds.com.

We are seeking a Survey Specialist for our Rudolph Libbe Inc. Walbridge, OH office. The Survey Specialist stakes out a variety of surveying assignments to facilitate the completion of buildings, building sites, roads, property/boundary limits and site control. Field surveys will be conducted to determine property boundary lines from plan documents, verify existing site conditions, gather topographic information for estimates, as-built installed materials and set/verify vertical control.

A bachelor's degree in Construction Management, Engineering or similar, or completion of an apprenticeship in a construction related trade, at least 5+ years' field survey experience, and a valid drivers' license required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, VISIT: WWW.RLGBUILDS.COM/CAREERS.

Rudolph Libbe Inc. is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.



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The Rudolph Libbe Group is a one-stop provider of construction and consulting services that range from site selection and financing to ongoing facility management. RLG, comprised of Rudolph Libbe Inc., GEM Inc., GEM Energy, Lehman Daman and Rudolph Libbe Properties, operates as one team. RLG is headquartered in Toledo with offices in Cleveland, Columbus and Lima, Ohio; and Plymouth, Michigan. For additional information, visit RLGBuilds.com.

We are seeking an organized, detail oriented team player for the role of **SiteLine Coordinator for Rudolph Libbe Properties in Walbridge, OH**. The SiteLine Coordinator is responsible for assembling information on prospective sites/buildings and coordinating the due diligence process with our pre-construction team for a seamless purchase and transition to construction. Duties include document management, scheduling and ensuring we meet deadlines for our client's property acquisition. This person will coordinate the work of the client, real estate staff, due diligence professionals and pre-construction team on assignments.

Bachelor's degree and 2-5 years of real estate or construction experience preferred.

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For more information and to apply, visit: www.rlgbuilds.com/careers.

MARKETING AND DIGITAL MEDIA SPECIALIST

WGTE Public Media seeks a highly organized, creative, and knowledgeable professional to execute marketing and communication tactics for digital, print, television, and radio that advance business outcomes.

Candidate must have strong written and oral communications skills, excellent team collaborating abilities, and be able to handle multiple, time-sensitive projects. Experience with creating and managing content through existing social/digital platforms and systems required. The ideal candidate should have direct experience with website content management systems, email marketing administration, and digital analytics. Knowledge of photo and video editing software, photography, lighting, audio recording, and shooting video on smartphones and video cameras is strongly preferred.

A bachelor's degree in communications, journalism, media, or related discipline is strongly preferred or a minimum of an Associate's degree in a similar discipline or two years related experience.

WGTE Public Media is committed to attracting and retaining a diverse staff that honors your experience, perspective, and unique identity. Together, our community strives to create and maintain working and learning environments that are inclusive, equitable, and welcoming.

Send your letter and résumé to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 30, Toledo, OH, 43614 or at employment@wgte.org. EOE/ADA

**NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY**

Qualifications: Licensed Social Worker (LSW) or Registered Nurse (RN)

Job Title: Care Manager

Program: AETNA

Compensation: \$55,000 (Annually)

Qualifications: Clinical experience in home and community-based service. To conduct care management, and assessments for individuals in need of community based long-term care.

Benefits: Excellent which includes flexible work hours, 3 weeks' vacation the first year, healthcare, retirement plan, tuition reimbursement, eligible for bonus pay, eligible for raise after probation and will work primarily remotely following training. Very welcoming, professional, family friendly work environment

Valid driver's license, insurance, reliable transportation, successfully passing criminal background check, MVR check and drug/alcohol screening. Excellent Benefits. EEO/AAP, Bilingual and minority applicants encouraged to apply.

Deadline for application: Until position filled

Submit resumes to:
Samuel H. Hancock Ed.D.
Vice- President Human
Resources
Area Office on Aging of
NW Ohio, Inc.
2155 Arlington Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43609

Or

jobs@areaofficeonaging.com

This description is intended to indicate the kind of tasks and level of work difficulty required of the position. The title of this job shall not be construed as declaring the specific duties and responsibilities of the position. This position description and/or job vacancy notice is not intended to limit or in any way modify the rights of any supervisor to assign, direct, and control the work of employees under supervision. The use of this particular expression or illustration describing duties shall not be held to exclude other duties not mentioned.

MANAGER AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

WGTE Public Media seeks a strategic, yet, tactical, creative, highly organized professional to lead its marketing/communication activities. Working with all aspects of WGTE Public Media, including television and radio production and distribution services, educational services, community engagement, etc., you will craft, refine and implement an innovative, cost-effective marketing/communication strategy to support WGTE's brand and objectives. The manager will implement, maintain and optimize content for WGTE's website, social media platforms, and its app to improve and enhance user experiences.

This position will oversee all marketing activities, focusing on existing and emerging digital media, including display ads, content marketing, SEO/SEM, social and email. The manager will develop compelling marketing campaigns that grow WGTE Public Media's reach and develop promotional strategies for each of the organization's platforms. The manager will identify KPIs, define target audiences, and craft campaign strategies that make WGTE Public Media more visible, relevant, and engaging to our community.

A successful candidate should have a bachelor's degree in marketing, communications, PR, or journalism and five years of results-oriented experience in a fast-paced business. Proven, advanced skills in writing/editing marketing copy, promotional campaign development, project management, team leadership, and relevant technologies are essential. Experience in developing fundraising promotions and digital marketing is also key.

Work experience in a media or nonprofit environment is a plus. This position works frequently with other teams across the organization and must be both a team player and a self-starter. The individual must also be innovative, and an accountable problem solver.

Must have a strong command of the following software: Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and other Office applications. The candidate should also have experience with social media marketing and creating email marketing campaigns.

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\$100 Grocery Gift and Free Lunch for Those Vaccinated at Area Office on Aging Event

Special to The Truth

On Thursday September 9, the Area Office on Aging held an event featuring food, music, vendors and vaccines at their 2155 Arlington Avenue location. The attendees who received a vaccine received a \$100 grocery gift card per household.

Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were available at the event. Those receiving their first dose or second dose were eligible for the grocery gift card. Those who are Aetna or Buckeye Community Health Plan members and were vaccinated at the event received an additional \$100 gift card.

Regardless of whether or not someone was vaccinated at the event, those in attendance received free food from food trucks, prizes and giveaways, as well as valuable information provided by local physicians.

This event was provided with support from Aetna, Buckeye, Lucas County Children Services, YWCA, NHA, United Way of Greater Toledo, and the Sight Center.



Area Office on Aging Board Chairman Bill Harris



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