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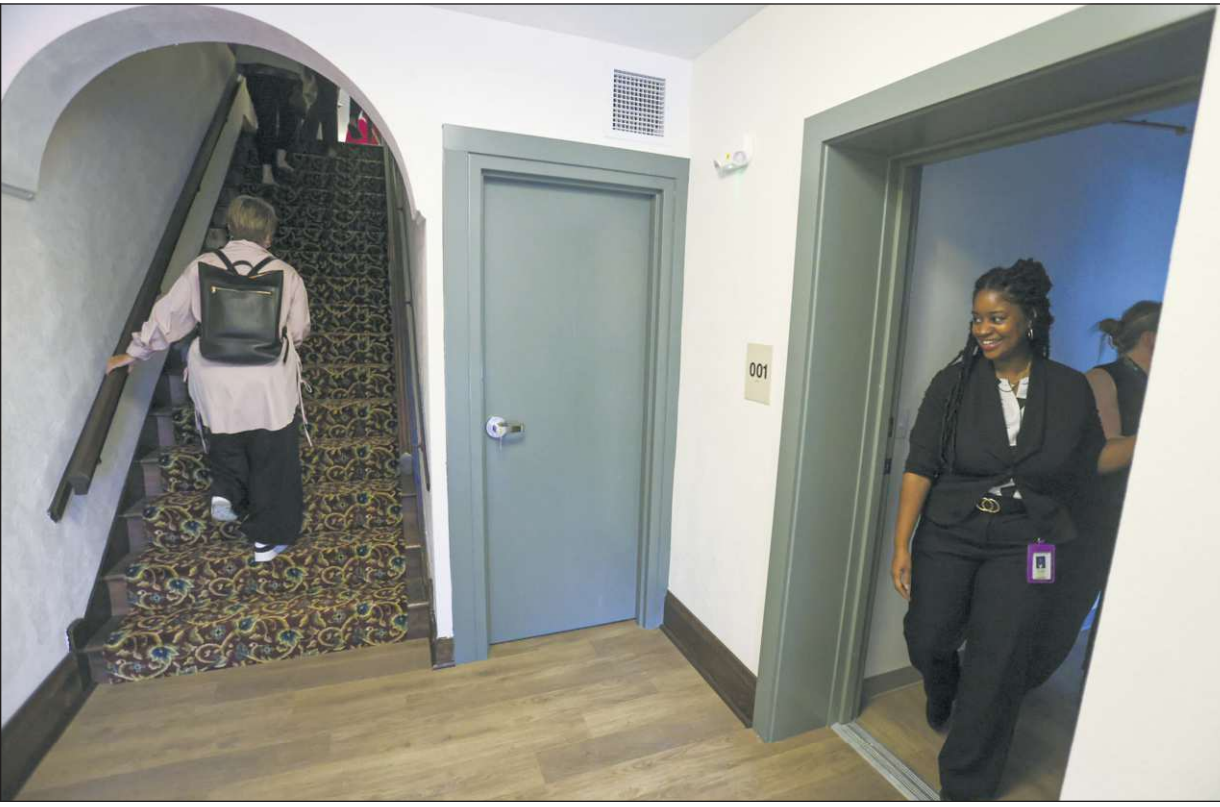
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RENOVATION OF CENTURY-OLD SITE COMPLETE



Guests get a look inside Whitney Manor, a permanent supportive housing community for adults who have experienced chronic homelessness in Toledo, following a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday.

Whitney Manor celebrated Building to house, support chronically homeless

By KELLY KACZALA

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John Keiser was walking down North Cove Boulevard on Thursday, glancing at Whitney Manor as he passed the renovated brick building that will provide 20 apartments for the chronically homeless.

"It's good to hear it will be helping people like me," said Mr. Keiser, who said he lives under a nearby bridge.

"I'm chronically homeless, and I have to see a heart specialist now, too," he said.

He recalls when the building was dilapidated, with broken windows.

"It was just run down," said Mr. Keiser, 45. "It's nice now."

The apartments Mr. Keiser was admiring were



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Elise Brooks, a MSS case manager for Unison Health, sits on the steps of Whitney Manor, which underwent a three-year renovation.

created specifically for people in circumstances like his.

Unison Health on Thurs-

day hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the manor, built in 1925, following a three-year renovation of the building.

When Whitney Manor first opened more than a century ago, its apartments were marketed as desirable homes, Unison Health President and CEO Jeffrey DeLay said at the ceremony.

"Whitney Manor was built to be a place where people would be proud to call home," Mr. DeLay said, quoting an advertisement that appeared in The Blade after the four-story building was constructed.

"That's exactly what we want it to be again. We're reopening it with the same number of apartments," Whitney Manor features 20 one-bedroom apartments for single adults or couples. The opening

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Audit: Ohio fines lowest among in U.S.

By DANNY ELDREDGE

BLADE COLUMBUS BUREAU CHIEF

COLUMBUS — Ohio's civil penalties for gas pipeline safety violations are among the lowest in the nation, according to a state performance audit of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Gas pipeline penalties probed

The state could lose regulatory autonomy over gas pipeline safety if the Ohio General Assembly fails to increase the penalties soon, Ohio Auditor Keith Faber's office said.

Under Ohio law, PUCO can impose a maximum penalty of \$100,000 for each day of each violation of noncompliance — up to a maximum aggregate forfeiture of \$1 million for

any related series of violations. Those are currently the minimum amounts required by federal law.

State lawmakers haven't updated the daily maximum violation amount since 2012, and they

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Congress mulls costs of data sites

Kaptur votes for bill in return to Washington

By ALICE MOMANY

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Federal lawmakers are pursuing the first major legislation aimed at data center costs, though some question whether the proposal goes far enough.

The U.S. House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly on Wednesday to approve the Ratepayer Protection Act. The bill would require state public utility commissions to consider, but not mandate, a strategy aimed at making data centers pay for energy infrastructure costs associated with their developments.

The bill passed the House 417-3, with U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D., Toledo) joining the overwhelming majority in support. The vote marked Ms. Kaptur's return to Washington this week

following an August car accident that sent the congressman to the hospital with a leg injury.

An attempt to advance the Senate version by unanimous consent was blocked Thursday.

U.S. Sen. Jon Husted (R., Ohio) brought his bill to the Senate floor on Thursday, seeking passage by unanimous consent, meaning it would have passed unless another senator objected.

U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich (D., N.M.) did object to Mr. Husted's bill, arguing the Ratepayer Protection Act falls short.

In seeking unanimous consent, Mr. Husted encouraged his colleagues to support the bill, saying companies creating new demands for electricity should

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DATA CENTERS IN OHIO

Lima, Pioneer pass moratoriums

By TOM HENRY

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The city of Lima and the village of Pioneer are the latest pair of northwest Ohio municipalities to approve data center moratoriums.

Lima's is for 18 months. Pioneer's is for six months.

Votes came at the respective Lima and Pioneer council meetings on Monday night. Both were unanimous decisions, although Lima's vote had an abstention from Councilman Jesse Lowe.

The Lima moratorium came at the request of Lima Mayor Sharetta Smith. The council granted her request for an 18-month pause.

"Mayor Smith requested the moratorium to give the city time to establish clear standards for future data center development before making additional long-term

commitments of city resources and infrastructure," Jessica Begonia, Lima public information officer, said.

"With data center development accelerating," she continued, "and state and federal policies continuing to evolve, the 18-month pause allows Lima to evaluate those changes while protecting its ability to reliably serve residents and existing industries and preserve capacity for a diverse range of future economic development opportunities."

Mayor Smith was not available to elaborate on that statement Tuesday.

Councilmen Lowe told other council members during the meeting he was abstaining because he "did not have enough information"

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Flock talk

Toledo residents voice concerns about Flock cameras at an informational meeting.

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Schedule set

The University of Toledo announces its 2027 nonconference football schedule.

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Judge: Kennedy Center must give notice before any change

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WASHINGTON — A federal judge on Thursday ordered the Kennedy Center to provide 30 days' notice before making any major physical changes to the building, including demolishing it as President Trump has threatened.

U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper said his ruling would "avoid any confusion on that score given more recent events," including the building's sudden closure to the public on Wednesday.

Matt Floca, the Kennedy Center's executive director and chief operating officer, said he closed the iconic performing arts

center temporarily because of "acute risks to public safety resulting from continued structural deterioration" of the aging building.

The building will be closed for at least seven days to "assess existing safety risks in those portions of the main building exhibiting severe structural deterioration," he said.

The temporary closure, which occurred without notice, is separate from a vote Tuesday by the Kennedy Center's board to close the center indefinitely for repairs, Mr. Floca and other officials said. The closure was

based on an inspection of the roof terrace canopy and a partial ceiling collapse earlier this month, he said.

The closure may be extended after evaluation next week, he added.

The announcement of the closure came in response to a court case filed by a Democratic congressman who is a trustee and sought an emergency court hearing to prevent what she called the building's "unlawful closing."

Rep. Joyce Beatty, an Ohio Democrat and an ex-officio member of the Kennedy Center board, has led

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