Books For Buddies Focus on Literacy
When Better Becomes Worse

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.
The Truth Contributor

Love as written about by black women will not be based on the surrender of the woman’s power as it often is in the fiction of men. - Mary Helen Washington

High-profile unhappy men on the comeback trail never seem to lack for a captive audience. For their mistresses, this reach seems even broader, with ready opportunities for prime-time interrogations, movies, and books to feed our insatiable appetite for drama. Seldom, however, do we hear the wives’ stories.

I spoke about this with Ebony Utley, Ph.D., the author of When Better Becomes Worse: Black Wives Describe Their Experiences with Infidelity.

Utley: Please tell me about your intriguing work on African-American marriage and relationships.

Perryman: I’m interested in marriage and infidelity. When I was researching rapppers, all of them had wives and they all had mistresses and everybody knew it. I always wondered how their wives felt and how the mistresses get to tell their stories but wives don’t. So I started interviewing about their experiences and it was just fascinating seeing the resiliency of black women, learning how they thought about their families and made their decisions.

Utley: One of the women said to me that her husband was notoriously cheating on her and she stayed for her girls at the time. But in retrospect she wished that she had left because their dad would’ve been a better father if he’d been a weekend dad. That was really powerful because it would’ve forced him to actually pay attention to their kids. Otherwise he was just around in the home but never really had to engage them, he just left that up to her.

Perryman: What other insights can you share?

Utley: Most betrayed wives said they didn’t have anyone to talk to because many of their friends are jealous that they were married in the first place. There aren’t “enough” black men to go around when we account for the men that are in prison or that aren’t marriageable because they’re unemployed. So that increases the rates for infidelity but also, if you do have a man, it makes the friends who aren’t in relationships jealous. How do you tell your single girlfriend how bad your husband is when all they want is a husband? Unfortunately, for many women a husband is better than no husband at all. So that means that support in the community for these type of women is not there.

Utley: Many women wanted to leave but needed social services, extra child care, money or housing. The houses, the cars, weren’t in their names so financially, they were at a huge disadvantage. So, we need programs, counseling in place and resources to provide more options for these women that are trying to do something different.

Perryman: Often, those who lack the lived experience have the most advice to give, comedian Steve Harvey and his advice to women comes to mind. How can your work help parents to learn about the sorority’s youth affiliate program – Rhoer Club; Mott Branch Library; 2 to 4 pm: 419-509-3625

Utley: One, by pointing them in my direction and in the direction of women that are doing the work. I also think that men should be doing more work with men, on how to have healthy relationships. Your buddy Steve exacerbates me with this whole “I’m going to save women” thing. I’m like “listen, men are messed up too, you need to save them!”

Perryman: Have conversations with them about how important it is to get tested, and with men who are dating women who’ve experienced infidelity. Let them know that this is not a regular woman anymore, but a woman that’s been betrayed by the person who was supposed to love her most. So you can’t expect her to trust you in the way that maybe someone who hasn’t experienced that can trust you. And if these men aren’t prepared to deal with women that have had these experiences then, the relationships are going to go bad again.

Utley: Also, men need to stand up to other men, like “I’m not going to keep the secret for you, I’m not having dinner with you and your girlfriend knowing that your wife and kids are at home, I’m just not going to do that.” So, if men encouraged more integrity among men that would be enough of a start.

Perryman: Now those men would also make room, like they do it with me for women, to have these conversations. Our public’s view is so dominated by men’s voices. It’s difficult for women to enter the fray and be respected. So if men would be willing to say, “You know what? There’s an opportunity for me to speak about relationships, but I know a woman that’s equally, perhaps more qualified, why don’t you let her take my place?”

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Community Calendar

June 18-July 27
Canaan Outreach Center Summer Enrichment Program: For ages 5 to 14; Math and language arts, physical activity, drama, dance, field trips; 11 am to 3 pm; Pre-registration starts on June 13 from 11 am to 3 pm: 419-244-5700

July 12
Kwanzaa Park Neighborhood Community Meeting: The Padua Center; 6 to 7 pm; Speakers Councilwoman Paula Hicks-Hudson, Keisha Jackson of “Keeping It Together” and a community police report: 419-241-6645

Self Improvement Workshop Series: East Toledo Family Center; Presented Wayman Farmer and Washington Muhammad; “Dying to Love” – domestic violence and the men against it: 419-322-5107 or 419-283-1017 or 419-973-0248

July 14
Bereavement Meeting: 10 am; Bethlehem Baptist Church

July 15
Southern MBC Second Pastoral Anniversary: Rev. and First Lady Lemuel Quinn; 4 pm; Guests Rev. W.L. Perryman and Jerusalem MBC

United Church of God: Trial sermon got Bro DeVaughn Salter; 3 pm

Center of Hope Baptist Church 15th Pastoral Anniversary: Rev. D.L. Perryman and First Lady Willetta Perryman; 11:30 am; Guests Rev. Derek Arnold and Bethlehem Baptist

United Vision Baptist church 2nd Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Stanley Clerk and First Lady Pam Clark; 5 pm; Guests Pastor Tim Pettaway and Walk the Word Ministry

Greatest St. Mary’s in Christ Women’s Day Kickoff: “One Accord – Unlocking the Potential of Us.” 5 pm; Guest Pastor Robert Lyons of Marketplace Movement in Dayton: 419-973-4156 or 419-973-4157

July 17
Sigma Gamma Rho Soriory Open Recruitment Day: Opportunity for young women and parents to learn about the sorority’s youth affiliate program – Rhoe Club; Mott Branch Library; 2 to 4 pm: 419-509-3625

July 21
Canaan Outreach Center 2nd Annual Benefit Musical: A summer day for children 5 to 14 in classes of math, language arts, music, arts and crafts, health and physical activity; pm: 419-535-9933

Toledo New Order Community Meeting: Kent Branch Library; 10 am to 12:30 pm; Host Pasotell Randall Parker III; Guest TPD Chief Digg: 419-255-4118

July 22
Southern MBC Second Pastoral Anniversary: Rev. and First Lady Lemuel Quinn; 4 pm; Guests Rev. Bobby Welborn and Charity MBC

Calvary Baptist Women’s Day: 11 am; Rev. April Hearns speaking: 419-242-9173

July 23-27
Pilgrims Church Vacation Bible School: 6 to 8:30 pm nightly; Children ages 4 to 5th grade; “Inside Out & Upside Down” Main Street: 419-478-6012

St. Stephens COGIC Vacation Bible School: 6 to 8 pm

Braden United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School: Ages 4- adult; 5 to 8 pm: 419-386-2700

July 28
St. Stephens COGIC Community Festival; 11 am to 5 pm; Food, face painting, gospel DJ

July 29
Ebenezer MBC Annual 100 Women in White Service: Guest Min. Sherica Lewis of Detroit; 4 pm; “It’s Getting Hot in Here, Are You Saved?” 419-729-1466
Mayor Bell Announces $6.5 Million in Financing for Capital Projects

Engineering Services to oversee construction of public works projects in 2013

Special to The Truth

Toledo Mayor Michael P. Bell last week announced $6.5 million in new construction projects to be completed in 2013 thanks to new grants and loans awarded to the city by the Ohio Public Works Commission. The projects, 12 in all, include street construction and utility improvements in all areas of the city.

“This infusion of financing assists us as we continue to plan for our capital needs by supplementing the capacity of our CIP fund,” said Bell. “I’m thankful that the Ohio Public Works Commission saw the value in the projects and the need to make the improvements in the city of Toledo.”

Toledo is represented on the OPWC by District 5 Councilman Tom Waniewski, who noted that the commission continues to be impressed by the projects Toledo selects for submission to the state agency for funding. The project awards include:

Street paving:
- Bancroft Street from Reynolds to Ottawa Hills
- Bennett Road from Sylvania to Eleanor
- Benore Road from Alexis to Matzinger/Hagman
- Cherrylawn Drive from Heatherlawn to Glendale
- East Broadway from Woodville to Nevada and Nevada to Sixth (two projects)
- Silver Creek from Stickney to Detroit
- Suder Avenue from Shoreland to Alexis
- Upton Avenue from Dow to Bancroft

Utility improvements:
- Dearden/Bridsall Sanitary Sewer construction
- Glendale Avenue 24’ Water Line Replacement from Anthony Wayne Trail to Oak Hill

Toledo Waterways Initiative:
- CSO Tunnel Optimization

All projects are slated for construction in 2013. The awards represent $3.8 million in grants and $2.7 million in loans.

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History of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union

In April of 1992 Bishop Duane C. Tisdale, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, received a “vision” from God that instructed him to open a financial institution. This was an amazing charge and Bishop Tisdale immediately sought the assistance of Suzette Cowell to work with him on this major endeavor. After much prayer, Suzette received a confirmation from God that instead they needed to open up a credit union.

After the 1992 execution-style shooting on the corner of Dorr Street and Parkside Blvd., Reverend Floyd Rose brought the community together for prayer and guidance. The number eight item for discussion on the agenda was the Credit Union. With that being said Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur inquired as to whether or not the credit union that was proposed to be opened could be designed specifically to assist the low to moderate income individuals in the community.

Everyone was in agreement with that idea and Suzette was instructed to form a committee to assist her. She was uncertain of where to start or who to call but she was “on fire” and determined to do whatever it took to see this to fruition. Suzette was able make contact with several people who made a commitment to work with her to accomplish the tremendous task at hand.

The founders of the credit union in addition to Suzette were, of course, Bishop Tisdale along with Bishop Terry Cook, Rev. Robert Culp, Minister Rick Hunter, Alto King, Jr., Edwin Mahrey, Ken Anderson, the late James Cobham and Roosevelt Gant. As a team everyone was committed to the mission from the very beginning. Along with the founders, a tremendous amount of help was received from George Cowell and family, Frances and David Smith, Dionne Furr, Edward Reiter, John Szuch, Mike Killian, Steve Kovatch, James Weber, Robert Seymour, Barry Shater, former Mayor Carlton Finkbeiner, Paul Mercer, Mark Sommer, Thelma Tisdale, Charles Welch and his wife the late Marjorie Welch, the late Gladys Mitchell as well as Sandra and her husband the late Morris Davis. Little did they know at the time the enormous amount of time and energy that would have to be expended to actually open a credit union.

In support of Congresswoman Kaptur’s suggestion the group immediately rallied the community together and was able to find out from them what they felt was needed, what they were concerned about that was lacking in the community in which they lived. It was decided that it was important that the credit union be beneficial to the central city and to do its best to address the concerns and needs of their neighbors.

On July 21, 1996 the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union (TUFCU) opened its doors. This was a great day in Toledo history. TUFCU was the first credit union in the Toledo area to be chartered as a Community Development Financial Institution which simply implies that the credit union was designated to serve the low to moderate income members of the community and surrounding areas.

The credit union has moved several times to accommodate the tremendous membership growth that they experienced. The current location is 1339 Dorr Street. With continuous hard work and dedication the credit union has had to add additional staff to assist with properly servicing their 2100 members.

TUFCU offers many products and services that have proven to be beneficial and they provide exceptional service to everyone who walks through their doors along with customized programs and services in an effort to meet the requirements of its members.

Then in 2005, Suzette Cowell, CEO of Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, received a Word from God that instructed her to organize a city-wide festival with the ultimate purpose of bringing the City of Toledo community members together. This was exciting yet overwhelming news because Suzette had never organized a festival before and she had no idea what her initial steps should be or if she could even accomplish such a task.

After much prayer Suzette began to get ideas and communicated with people who could assist her in this venture. Two people who were truly a blessing and really worked tirelessly to help me to complete this mission were Dawn Hefner and Mildred Cowell. It was decided that the festival would be held in July and that the mission of the festival would be to make it an event that provided live entertainment, food, rides for the kids, products and services from area businesses and more importantly to make available much needed health information and education.

The main objective was to make this event “a family affair” that everyone of all ages would enjoy. It was apparent to Suzette that one day would not be enough time to do all that she had in mind to do so from the onset it was agreed that this would be a two-day event but that it would be affordable so that as many people as possible could participate.

Suzette had the enormous task of not only finding a venue to hold this festival but to garner sponsors to financially assist with the expenses that would be incurred with organizing an event on the scale of what she was commanded to host. There were many who thought that the task was daunting and that the odds were stacked against a festival of this sort ever seeing the light of day. What many don’t understand is that when God assigns you a mission He will ensure that you have everything that you need to make it a success. That is not to say that there won’t be challenges, trials and tribulations because there will be and Suzette was faced with many but the end result was success.

Suzette had a committed group of people who were there 24/7 to help in any way needed and there was an enormous amount of work that needed to be done so the assistance was greatly appreciated. After much deliberation the location was selected and from that point it became a priority to solicit businesses and organizations to be vendors and to focus on how to engage the kids of the community so that the festival could be a “family affair.”

Another major aspect of the festival that had to be addressed was the live entertainment. Suzette had to serve as the “entertainment manager” amongst her other responsibilities and solicit for not only local but national recording artists to participate.

Keep in mind that while all of this festival planning was going on Suzette still had to manage the daily operations and the staff at Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union. Many days she operated on little to no sleep because there was so much going on and an enormous amount of work that needed to be done which required the majority of her time and energy.

As the July date drew closer much needed com-
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munity support and spon-

The African American Patrol-

men agreed to volunteer

their services at the festival

and Raynard Cooper was

instrumental in organizing

the various officers that

helped to make this venture a

success.

The grassroots advertis-

ers were George Hilliard

and James Stodgrass, Sr.

and they spearheaded get-

ting donations, ads, etc.

from the community in sup-

port of this event. Albert

Easterly, Fred Blanton and

Ed King are among the elec-

tricians who from the very

beginning offered their ser-

vices on the festival grounds

with whatever was needed and

they still handle the electrical needs at the festi-

val. Kim Hibbett and the late Carol Jones were both

faithful volunteers over the years.

Suzette kept God at the
center of everything and re-

mained prayerful through-

out the entire process be-

cause she couldn’t always see how things would even-
tually turn out even with all of the hard work and time
she was investing into this major project. Because of
her faith and belief system she thought it would be a
great idea to have a prayer breakfast, not only as a kick-
off to the festival but as a way to bring the community

Together for prayer, fellow-

ship and of course food.

In addition she started working on the details to
host a parade that would again bring the community
together and be a great way to get the weekend of fes-
tivities started. William “Will” & Patricia “Trish” Ellis
jumped right in and offered assistance. Will was the
spokesperson for the parade and Trish organized the
many festival volunteers that were needed to make
sure that every aspect of this event was covered. Even
now they are still active with helping with the festival.

Thankfully the pieces of the puzzle began to fall into
place and all the details were finalized and confirmed.
The 1st Annual African American Festival was in
July of 2005 and was held at the corner of Dorr and
Smead including Nelson Grace Park.

The prayer breakfast was held at Indiana Avenue Mis-

sionary Baptist Church, Rev. John E. Roberts, pas-
tor, and the parade which began at Smith Park and
ended at Nelson Grace Park included many participants
and was well attended. There were a reported 600
attendees over the entire weekend which was awes-
some considering that this was the first time in Toledo
history that a festival was hosted by an African-
American organization. This was just the start of

great things.

Mecca Temple #43 tradi-
tionally held their
Shiner’s Day celebration
on the second weekend of
July so for the second year
of the festival, Toledo Ur-
ban Federal Credit Union
partnered with Mecca
Temple #43, as a sugges-
tion by former Mayor Jack
Ford, and agreed to have
the parade and festival on
the second weekend of July.
This was an awesome deci-
sion and was complemen-
tary to both organizations.

In the years that followed
the attendance continued to
grow and the live entertain-
ment segment really began
to develop. Since the very
beginning, national record-
ing artist, The Rance Allen
Group has been the final
group to perform on Sun-

days, which is dedicated to
gospel music. The Rance
Allen Group always draws
a large crowd; they have a
faithful base of supporters.

Alexander Zonjic also
performed a few years and
was influential with the fes-
tival. Other guests that have
been featured over the years
are national recording art-
ists: Smokie Norful, J Moss,
First Creation, The Dramat-
ics, Slave, Zapp, Shirley
Murdock, The Manhattans,
Nick Colionne and Joyce
Cooling. Over the years the
festival has received enor-

mous support from spon-
sors throughout Ohio and
Michigan.

In 2007 it became quite
obvious that the festival was
outgrowing the current lo-
cation and fortunately To-
ledo Urban Federal Credit
Union formed a partnership
with The University of To-
ledo who agreed to allow the
festival to be held on the
beautiful grounds of the
Scott Park Campus. This
proved to be a perfect venue
and since relocating the at-
tendance has continued to
increase, there were a re-
ported 25,000 attendees
over the two-day event last
year. The festival organiz-
ers are grateful for the faith-
ful support of the commu-

nity and are indebted to the
many local organizations
and businesses that consis-
tently support and sponsor
the festival.

For the past three years
DeLise Simmons has been
working diligently with
Suzette handling all of the
intricate details of the festi-
val and making sure that
nothing gets overlooked.
DeLise oversees every as-
pect of the Prayer Break-
fast, Parade and Festival and
has a committed group of
volunteers that she works
diligently with to make sure
that everything moves for-
ward smoothly. DeLise is
the newest Member Ser-
vices staff addition at To-
ledo Urban Federal Credit
Union and she is available
to answer any questions that
you might have regarding
the festival.

This will be the eighth
year that the Toledo Urban
Federal Credit Union has
sponsored the Annual Af-
rican American Festival,
“Celebrating our History,
Health and Education." The
festival will be kicked

off with a Prayer Breakfast
on Friday, July 13, 2012 at
8AM at Serenity Soul Food.
This will be a wonderful
time of prayer and fellow-
ship.

This year’s Annual Par-
ade will be on Saturday,
July 14 at 10AM starting at
corner of Dorr Street and
Smead Avenue. The festi-
val featuring music by local
and national recording art-
ists, food, rides for the kids,
health and education booths
and many vendors will be on
Saturday, July 14 and
Sunday, July 15, 2012
again on the beautiful
grounds of The University
of Toledo Scott Park cam-
pus at the corner of Parkside
Blvd. and Nebraska Av-

ue.

This year’s headliners
are Harold Melvin and the
Blue Notes on Saturday and
Gospel great Vickie Winans
on Saturday along with the
Rance Allen Group. For
more information please
call 419.255.8876. Please
make plans now to attend!
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Library's Share Your Story Campaign Produces Amazing Tales

By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Media Relations Coordinator
The Truth Contributor

Your amazing stories just keep coming.
They range from how the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library has played a key role in your lives to online job search assistance and recalling fond childhood memories of visiting your neighborhood branch.

Library officials started its ongoing Share Your Story campaign in the spring to collect the numerous ways in which the system has truly changed lives.

When we asked the community to share their stories via Facebook and Twitter posts, with their librarians, and through e-mail—we were so moved by our users' testimonies, which confirmed the value and necessity of a public library system for Lucas County residents.

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library system is comprised of 18 neighborhood branch locations, a Main Library which serves as headquarters for the system, and Outreach Services which operates a bookmobile, cybermobile and book hauler. Last year, nearly 3 million visitors walked through our doors to utilize the many offerings of our system.

The numerous Share Your Story testimonials we collected spoke of our public access computers; computer training; family programming; online job search assistance; storytimes; activities for all ages; access to books, CDs, videos; downloadable access; faxing and scanning services; performing; printing; speakers, and so much more!

Here's a few of our Share Your Story testimonials from patrons and staff of the Mott and Kent branch locations:

- Taron Cunningham, Mott Branch Library: “It’s been over 15 years since I lived on Dorr Street growing up, yet some of my happiest memories were across the street from me at Mott Branch Library. (Upon returning to Toledo), when I needed a job, my library was my primary line of resource . . . It was equipped with the tools needed to manage an effective job search. Because of the library’s resources, I’ve gained professionally and I later earned a Career Development and Transition Job Coach certification . . . The value my library provides, I only hope to one day return a portion of the privilege it has given me to rise in my continuous learning pursuit.”

- Chime Nwankwo, Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center: “The Library has been a real blessing! I moved to Toledo after I transferred law schools, and the first thing I looked for was the Library. Little did I know that I would frequent the Kent Branch and the Main Library at least three or four times a week, escaping into books and looking for jobs . . . I had to pay my way through my law school education. The librarians continued to encourage me, and prompted me to apply for a job here at the Library. I am now a substitute librarian, working with the books I love and enjoyable people.”

- Patti Meyer, Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center: “My parents have always been strong supporters of the Library and encouraged me to visit regularly as a child. My childhood branch was West Toledo, and the children’s librarian, Mrs. Miller, was always at my service and suggested many books that she knew I would like. The Library was almost as comforting as being at home! . . . I love my library!

In addition to these stories there are so many similar tales. If you have your own stories, please share them on our official Facebook or Twitter pages, or tell them to your neighborhood branch librarians.

As you enjoy your summer, sign up for our Summer Reading Club online or at your neighborhood branch; take advantage of our computer training classes at the Kent Branch Library @CCESS Center, get your passport via our new passport services at Main Library in downtown Toledo, and so much more.

For more information about Share Your Story, or any of our offerings, programs and activities at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, please call 419.259.5200.
PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP, Ohio – Area youth ages 8 through 17 will have the opportunity to place themselves in shoes of first responders and explore the areas of emergency medical service, law enforcement and fire service as Owens Community College serves as host to Heroes Summer Youth Camp, July 31 – Aug. 2.

The Heroes Summer Youth Camp will take place at the College’s Center for Emergency Preparedness, which is located on Tracy Road in Lake Township. The College will offer two separate age-appropriate class sections as part of the three-day camp. Both class sections will take place Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

“Owens Community College is excited to once again provide a continuing education program that brings emergency medical service, law enforcement and fire service alive through fun, hands-on learning activities that are in a controlled, safe environment,” said Michael Cornell, Owens Director of the Center for Emergency Preparedness. “Attendees will have the opportunity of a lifetime to experience the first responders’ profession and how these individuals go about saving and protecting people’s lives on a daily basis.”

The first class section will explore basic first aid/CPR, introduce attendees to an air ambulance and discuss prevention of head injury and helmet safety. Campus instruction will also include K-9 demonstrations, firearm safety and crime prevention, as well as evacuation steps to take in a house fire emergency. Additionally, camp participants will be introduced to police cars, fire trucks and hose lines. The first class is for ages 8 through 12.

The second class section is for ages 13 through 17 and will feature similar topics and activities as the younger age group as well as target practice using non-firearm air soft trainers. In addition, attendees will experience a mock bank robbery where they will ride along with a SWAT team, attack a structure fire inside the College’s virtual fire training system, repel off an indoor training tower and use the Jaws of Life to rescue a simulated victim trapped inside a vehicle.

The Center for Emergency Preparedness is the premier all-hazards national training facility located at Owens Community College. As the world continues to change so will the critical training demands for the men and women who place themselves in harm’s way. The Center for Emergency Preparedness is dedicated to securing the homeland and assuring the safety of our citizens by building a well-trained community of first responders, first receivers and allied professionals who are ready to safely respond to and mitigate the effects of an all-hazards event.

All Heroes Summer Youth Camp staff are state-certified Emergency Service Instructors who are active in the emergency services fields. For more information, or to register, call (567) 661-2411 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 2411.

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To learn more about classes in Archbold, contact Nikki Nichols at 800.968.0011 ext. 4150, or nnnikki.nichols@arbor.edu. For more information about Spring Arbor University, visit www.arbor.edu/SocialWork.
Books for Buddies Focus on Literacy

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner’s Truth Reporter

While most students’ summers include vacations, watching television or spending time with friends, 14-year-old Tourè McCord II decided to spearhead the inaugural Books for Buddies donation drive.

This one-day launch on Saturday, June 30 at Westfield Franklin Park Mall near bd’s Mongolian Grill entrance from noon to 6 p.m. urged supporters to drop off gently used or new books or cash donations.

Organizer McCord began planning four years ago while residing in Atlanta, then started collaborating with family and friends five months ago. “I thought this would be a great way to give back, Toledo is my hometown. My grandmother Laneta Goings and family friend Eddie Allen, and with Toledo Lucas Public Library, helped with the planning,” said McCord.

Along with collecting books, the event featured local free-family-friendly entertainment. Cumulus Radio opened with remote broadcasting, Toledo Lucas County Public Library sponsored a puppet show and story time, then came Dr. Nana Bananas’ Happy Kids program called “teaching kids the magical power of positive thinking.” The event closed with Danny Humberger and His Buddies live band performance.

The campaign focused on two initiatives, collecting books for local agencies which service low income youth and enlisting support from high-school aged boys called Book Ambassadors. These young men assisted the book collection. Book Ambassadors are: Tourè McCord II of Moeller High School, Jesus Avila of St. John’s Jesuit High School in Cincinnati, Jesus Dye of St. John’s Jesuit, Lorenda Hurtado of Toledo School of the Arts and Aaron Thompson of St. John’s Jesuit.

“I’m excited for our diverse ambassadors, these young boys represent the various educational institutions in Toledo. As this program grows, we will recruit more young boys,” said McCord.

Books for Buddies hits close to home for the Goings’ family, since literacy and comprehension was an issue they faced with young Touré. “Young boys need to understand if they have a reading problem not to give up, His mom read to him every day. When it was his turn, he stumbled and became frustrated. His mother worked with him every day, over and over again, and never lost her patience. Now he understands and has excellent comprehension,” says Laneta Goings.

Books for Buddies’ goal is to collect over 1,000 books by the end of summer. These books will be donated to Adelante, Boys & Girls Club of Toledo, Cordelia Martin, Frederick Douglas Community Association, LMHA, Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Northwest Ohio, Children Services Board, East Toledo Family Center, and Jimmy Jackson and Todd Mitchell Basketball Camp.

“Reading opens wide opportunities to all young people. My favorite books are adventures, history, science and realistic science. I want to stay with Books for Buddies through college as a second job and become a lawyer one day,” said McCord.

Channel 13 and Buckeye Cablesystem are book drop off locations. On August 12, during the 29th Northwest Ohio Rib Off in Maumee, the second book drive will occur from noon to 6 p.m. Books for Buddies is also recruiting volunteers to sort the donated books or tutor can call 1-866-944-1119.

Books for Buddies sponsors include: Buckeye Cablesystem, Cedar Creek Church, Lucas County Sheriff’s Office, The Blade, Toledo Lucas County Public Library, Toledo Public Schools, Toledo unit of NAACP, WTVG 13, and 100.7 The Zone.

Books for Buddies Board of Advisors: Cecelia Adams, Rarey one day,” said McCord.
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PhD, Eddie Allen, Toledo Mayor Michael Bell, Phlana Marie Hoiles, Pastor Cedric Brock, Jonnathan Bush, John Fedderke, Jim Funk, Andrea Goings, M.D., Bill Goings, Laneta Goings, Robin Goings, Richard Jackson, Jerome Pecko, PhD, Yanice Rice-Lamb, Charles Stewart, Clyde Scoles, John Tharp and Baldemar Velasquez

Captains (L to R)
Touré McCord II with family and advisors Laneta Goings and Eddie Allen

Book Ambassadors: Peter Funk, Ivan Dye, Touré McCord II, David Hart, Nathaniel Stromon, and Jesus Avila.

Jesus Avila and Ivan Dye, collect book donations

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Law & Leadership Summer Institute Now Running on All Cylinders

Toledo-area high school students study at Toledo Law

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The first class to enter the Law and Leadership Institute (LLI) at Toledo Law will graduate from the program this school year. Supported by the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio State Bar Association, Ohio’s nine law schools, and others, LLI is an initiative to increase the number of minorities involved in the legal profession.

In 2009, Toledo Law’s LLI program began with a single ninth grade class; a new class has joined the program each following year. This summer, for the first time, Toledo-area high school incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will participate in the five-week program.

During students’ first LLI summer, they complete course work in criminal law and court procedure taught by Toledo Law students, with the assistance of high school teachers. Students meet attorneys and judges in class and on field trips to courtrooms and law offices. The first year program concludes with a mock trial competition that gives participants the opportunity to test their skills in front of practicing judges and lawyers.

Law and Leadership Institutes also will take place at law schools in Cleveland, Akron, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton this summer. The LLI program was piloted in 2008 with a class of 50 students in Cleveland and Columbus. The program has now grown to nearly 400 students statewide.

The ninth graders’ mock trial is Thursday, July 26, at 6 p.m., and the 12th graders’ mock trial, which culminates the LLI student scholar’s experience, takes place Friday, July 20, at 10 a.m.

For more information, visit the LLI web site at lawandleadership.org or contact Marilyn Preston, professor of legal writing and Toledo Law’s LLI director, at 419-530-2863 or marilyn.preston@utoledo.edu.

@CCESS Center to Offer Free Computer Classes at Kent Branch

Special to The Truth

The Kent Branch @CCESS Center will be offering free BTOP training and computer classes for anyone who is interested in learning about and gaining more access to the technology that is available.

The Kent Branch @CCESS Center opened earlier this year and includes state of the art computer training rooms, a research lab and a gaming room, all open to the public for FREE! The Kent Branch expanded the interior more than 900 square-feet, and upgraded from the original 30 computers they had before renovation, to 129 high-speed computers. These classes will help individuals learn the necessary skills for working with computers and other technology.

Clyde Scoles, Library Director, said the new Kent Branch @CCESS Center is already benefitting many patrons:

“From those interested in learning new job skills and computer literacy to adding training for small-business owners and business start-ups.”

Sign up for any of the following classes online through the registration database or call Kent Branch at 419-259-5340. These methods are preferred, however walk-ins are welcome!

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Check out toledolibrary.org to find detailed schedules for these classes and more!
The King of New Orleans by Greg Klein

$19.95 U.S. and Canada
180 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

The King of New Orleans

You were practically pinned to your seat. They called it a smack down, but you knew it as pure adrenaline. The good guy with white tights and the bad guy in blue, in the ring together, and you were never more excited about anything in your life—so much so, that they were miles away from your living room and couldn’t possibly hear you, but you screamed encouragement until the match was done and so were you. Some say pro wrestling is fake, but you don’t care: you love it, but what do you know about it? Read The King of New Orleans by Greg Klein, and you might learn something new.

Born in North Carolina in December, 1952, Sylvester Ritter was raised by his grandmother because neither of his parents were around to do it. He was a good kid but not much of a scholar, so he was happy when his school integrated with the white school. Integration meant that Ritter had a better chance at football. In eighth grade, at over six feet tall and 228 pounds, he seemed made for the game.

After high school, Ritter played football at Fayetteville State University and later tried out with the Oilers and the Packers, but injuries kept him from getting a pigskin career. His dreams “dashed,” he joined his hometown sheriff’s department where, during his career, he discovered a talent for pro wrestling.

Eager to lose his amateur status, Ritter headed for Canada and threw himself in the ring to learn. By 1979, he was back in New Orleans—which was good because Crescent City residents adored Ritter, who was performing as The Junkyard Dog. They cheered for him, worried he会被 shipped, filled arenas for him and physically assaulted his ring-side “enemies” on his behalf. Finally, Watts had his “superstar” and “JYD” had pockets filled with cash.

Cash that, unfortunately, also bought cocaine.

So you say you’re not really a wrestling fan? That’s okay. Go read the business section because this book isn’t for you anyhow.

Author Greg Klein writes with a fan’s-eye view of pro wrestling before it became a TV sensation, and that’s going to appeal to anyone who follows the sport. I liked that Klein explains in detail why Sylvester Ritter’s career is noteworthy and why it’s important to remember his contributions.

What I couldn’t appreciate are all the names. There seemed to be hundreds of men involved in the few years about which Klein writes and, even for fans, that’s a lot to keep track of. Still… if you’re a wrestling fan, how could you pass up a book like this? Could you live, not knowing this history? No, you can’t… because, for you, The King of New Orleans is a knockout.

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Toledo
2 - 6 p.m.

Sat., July 14
Afrikan American Festival
UT Scott Park
Toldeo
2 - 6 p.m.

Mon., July 16
Perrysburg Heights
Association Center
12992 Jefferson St.
Perrysburg
2 - 7 p.m.

Tue., July 17
Cornelly Martin Ctr.
439 Nebraska Ave.
Toledo
noon - 5 p.m.

Wed., July 18
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- Foreclosure prevention info
- “Tips for Today”—Save more, spend less, evaluate your finances
- Refreshments, prizes and giveaways

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Barnes & Noble Grand Opening at Gateway July 11

Special To The Truth

Barnes & Noble will hold a grand opening Wednesday, July 11, for its new store at UT’s Gateway Project, which also will house the new University Bookstore.

“The opening of Barnes & Noble is a great way to kick off Gateway phase one and to showcase the institution’s commitment to creating a student-centered environment,” said Matt Schroeder, vice president for real estate and business development at The University of Toledo Foundation. “The Gateway Project will be a much-needed destination for students and help to stimulate investment within the Dorr Street commercial corridor.”

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at noon at the corner of Dorr Street and Secor Road, followed by special events, promotions and appearances.

Tom Barden, Ph.D., dean of the UT Honors College, will sign his book titled Steinbeck in Vietnam from 1 to 3 p.m. There also will be a book signing with one of UT’s mascots, Rocky, for his book titled Here’s Rocky!

Coupons will be handed out to the first 100 customers July 11 for specials in the bookstore, and patrons also can register to win prizes, including a NOOK Simple Touch, Starbucks gift cards, UT clothing and items, and more.

Special appearances will be made by Rocky, Rocky Blue Crew and the UT cheerleaders, and entertainment will be provided by the University’s radio station WXUT. Free samples from the convenience area will be served as well as select items from the Starbucks café, which is located in the University Bookstore.

The new Barnes & Noble will have a full-service Starbucks café with specialty coffee drinks, soups, bagels, cookies, hot pretzels, baked goods and more. It also will have a convenience area with snacks, drinks, and health and beauty aids.

The new expanded general reading area will provide customers with a comfortable, quiet place to sit and read. Books available will include more than just textbooks; best-sellers, bargain books and gifts will be available on the new shelves.

There will be a new children’s area with an extensive title list and game section, with story time every Thursday at 11 a.m. beginning in August. Live performances and readings will occur in the café regularly—including performances by UT students.

The bookstore and café will be open Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

In addition to the Barnes & Noble bookstore, the Gateway Project will include Gradkowski’s Sports Grille, Jimmy John’s, Great Clips, Yogurt U and other retailers. The upper floors are Lofts at Gateway apartments for UT students. The 48 units will house 112 students in two- and four-bedroom modern, fully furnished apartments.
2012 Prayer Breakfast Honorees

Regardless of the gruff outward appearance, Mr. Braswell is actually a tender teddy bear. His wife Kamisha tells us that Spencer is “very family oriented and will do anything for everyone. He would pick up a stranger off the street to offer him help (which he actually did during a recent rain storm.) He always says ‘take time to help someone, it is good for you’ in only a way that Spencer could.

Mr. Braswell has worked for City of Toledo for the past 7 years. Prior to that, he worked as a security guard for various or local businesses.

This past April marked the Braswell’s 6th wedding anniversary, which followed a 14 year relationship. There is a total of four children, Spencer Braswell, Jr., Shamice Larde, Jermaine Braswell, and Josiah Braswell. Mrs. Braswell says that he is a GREAT husband and awesome father and lives to support his children in all of their sport careers. Currently, he is working with his son Jermaine by managing the fundraising efforts for his football team at Central Catholic High School.

Spencer has worked with the African American Festival since its inception in 2004 AAF since inception, serving as a security guard and refuse clean up.

Mrs. Easterly is the Owner and Administrator of Quality Time Child Care Center located at 2301 Dorr Street and Quality Time Too Child Care Center located at 2111 Dorr both in Toledo, Ohio. She has served in this field for the past 12 years, and sees no end to her service and support of children and their families.

She has been married to Albert Eastern for six years and together as a blended family they have 6 children. She is the grandmother of three (3) and is expecting her grandchild the end of July.

Aleatha has been working with the African American Festival since its inception in 2004, by serving in various capacities ranging from entrance gate attendant to hostess of the VIP tent, and also has sponsored the past four (4) years.

Aleatha is a member and worship at Friendship Baptist Church in Toledo, OH under leadership of Bishop Duane C. Tisdale.

Attorney Eddie M. Cole is one of Toledo’s “Precious Gems.” He is a Retired Attorney as of June 30, 2011 after practicing law for 60 years. His practice covered Probate, Litigation and Real Estate Law. He studied at the University of Toledo earning his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate. His admission into law occurred in 1951 in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Cole was married for 54 years to the late Edrene Benson - Cole, who passed in January of 2007. Of their union they have two children, son, Mr. Edwin Cole of Detroit, MI and daughter Mrs. Elicia Smith of Rogers, AR. In addition, he is the proud grandfather of three (3) grandchildren.

Mr. Cole has not only supported the African American Festival since its inception in 2004, but has also served as an integral part of the growth of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union. He is a key supporter of fundraising and the membership drives.

Mr. Cole has been a faithful member and servant of Braden United Methodist Church since 1946 serving as Chairman for Program Committee of the United Methodist Men. Although retired, he is yet active in the Thurgood Marshall Law Association, the Toledo Bar Association, and the Lucas County Bar Association.

Mrs. Turner is the Owner and Creative Designer of Blessed Blossoms Flower Shop located at 3300 Lagrange Street in Toledo, Ohio and she has been in business for over 11 years. She says that her business has been built through a loyal and satisfied customer base who will tell you there is something different and special about the service and arrangements that they receive.

She has been married to Toledo Police Officer, Charles Turner for 24 years and they are looking forward to celebrating 25 in January 2013. They have three children, Brandon, Justin and Morgan, whom are all graduates of post secondary education.

Stacey has been working with the African American Festival since its inception in 2004, by preparing all of the floral arrangements for each Prayer Breakfast and serving as hostess of the VIP tent.

She and her family are members and worship at Friendship Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio under the leadership of Bishop Duane C. Tisdale.

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By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

WHAT A DRAG: Male actors playing around in women’s clothes.

There used to be re-runs of this show called “Bosom Buddies.” The re-runs came on in the 90s, but the show was from the late 70s.

The central plot involved two grown-ass men dressing up and pretending to be women because it gave them access to housing in an all-female apartment community and they absolutely had no place else to go. One of the stars on this show was Tom Hanks.

A Hollywood A-lister for two decades, Tom Hanks has had an extraordinarily successful acting career with what seems to be zero backlash from his former days playing “Buffy.”

Dustin Hoffman, Adam Sandler, Jim Carey, Patrick Swayze and many more white male actors have also done films in full drag acting as women with little to no outrage from viewers. Dresses, make up, stockings, the whole nine… and no outrage, bias or conspiracy talk.

The following black male actors have all appeared in film roles involving dressing in drag and portraying women: Eddie Murphy, Chris Rock, Wesley Snipes, Jamie Foxx, Martin Lawrence and many more.

Notice any common ground between most of the two lists? What I notice is that the majority of the actors of both races are comedians.

Charlie Chaplin, the world’s first comedic movie star dressed in drag in 1914 for the film A Busy Day. He played the jealous wife of another man. Nearly 100 years later, the sight of black male actors portraying women draws sharp criticism as an attack on black male masculinity.

I’m usually on board with most conspiracy theories, because I realize most of what we are shown is pure BS I we are told. I mean damn, I’ve applauded when he has given us great work (Daddy’s Girls, Family That Preys), and accentuated the positive when he gave us marginal work (Madea’ Goes To Jail, Madea’s Big Happy Family), but this? I can’t defend this crap. This was a new level of awful. Not even awful like Why Did I Get Married Too? which is barely bearable for 70 percent of the way then just gets worse and worse towards the end.

This didn’t even pretend to be a decent film. Don’t even bother seeing it. GoodDeeds is still a good watch though, I recommend that.

Madea’s Witness Protection is F.
**History**

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Prayer Breakfast
Friday, July 13, 2012 @ 8AM – 10AM
Serenity Soul Food – 725 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH
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Festival @ UT Scott Park Campus
Saturday, July 14 – 2pm – 10pm
* gates open at 1:00PM both days
Sunday, July 15 – 2pm – 9pm
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The lease for the 3,000 to 4,000 square feet would be for approximately four months beginning September 1, 2012 and run through December 31, 2012. This location will be the only Early Vote Center in Lucas County. It is anticipated that upwards of 25,000 registered voters will be utilizing this location to cast their vote for this years Presidential Election. The Board is looking for space that consists of a large open area that can easily be segmented to allow for the multi-step early vote process. The criteria that will be considered in reviewing the proposals includes the following: geographically located within the City of Toledo, access to public transportation, ADA accessible, full complement of utilities including multiple phone lines, access to Buckeye TeleSystems metro ether net fiber optic plant or the ability to achieve said access by September 1, 2012, parking, restrooms, loading area, ability to secure IT servers and store sensitive election materials, and a building security system.

Proposals shall be submitted no later that 2:00 PM on July 23, 2012 to the Board of Lucas County Commissioners, One Government Center, Suite 800, Toledo, Ohio 43604-2259, Attention: Kelly Roberts, Director of Office of Management and Budget, Lucas County Commissioners. Proposals shall be clearly marked “Lucas County Early Vote Center.” Please submit five (5) hard copies of your proposal. Bids will be opened immediately following the submission deadline.

Note: Late submittals will not be considered.

This notice is also posted on the Lucas County Website http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/Bids

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Accepting Applications
John H. McKissick Senior Apartments are accepting applications for 1 bedroom waiting list for elderly housing, 62 years or older. Rent will be based on income. Applications will be taken on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS on Thursday, July 5, 2012 from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at 1030 Brookview Drive, Toledo, Ohio. For further information, call (419) 389-0361, M-F 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

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Unison Behavioral Health Group is seeking a full-time Maintenance Technician. Responsibilities will include duties such as performing routine maintenance, painting, completing repairs, building renovations, moving furniture/equipment, grounds maintenance and snow removal.

Qualified candidates must have at least two years experience in facility repair and maintenance (i.e., electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.) in a health care setting, be able to lift 50 pounds routinely, possess a valid driver’s license and must be able to be insured under Unison’s commercial automobile policy. Previous experience in dealing with individuals with mental illness and CDL license is preferred.

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Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY13-5, (Project # 5005-11-1625) for Medical Mall Phase II, Interiors Package for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Main Campus, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43614 before 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 3:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of $120.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Brandon Andrzejczak of The Collaborative Inc. at 419-242-7405. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Health Education Building, Room 105, at the University of Toledo, Health Science Campus, 3000 Arlington Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 10%. Project Estimate: $3,990,562.00; Breakdown: General Const: $1,869,736.00; Plumbing: $227,001.00; Fire Protection: $200,000.00; HVAC: $1,040,279.00 & Electrical: $653,546.00.

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Volunteers are needed in the following areas: fund-raising, event planning, clerical assistance, computer experience, organizational skills, fundraising, processing donated clothing, and organizing craft rooms and clothing rooms.

We also need volunteers to share their talent for our Summervest “NOPH GOT TALENT SHOW” Monday, Aug 27 at 4pm.

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Contact: Jan Volunteer Coordinator 419-381-1881 Ext. 4464 wasielej@mh.state.oh.us

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Abundant Life of Perrysburg is a subsidized independent housing facility for those 62 or older. We are located in a beautiful, quiet residential setting in Perrysburg. Abundant Life offers one bedroom garden apartments with private patios, indoor mailboxes, reserved parking and busing to local grocery stores.

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Order of the Eastern Star Donates to NAOMI House

Special to The Truth

Order of Eastern Star, Naomi Chapter #25 donated non-perishable items, food and clothing to Toledo’s “NAOMI House,” a transition home for homeless, battered women with substance addictions who are seeking to rebuild a wholesome healthy lifestyle.

The Naomi Chapter confirms that it is within their objectives and purposes to cultivate and minister to the needs of women. As a pledge to maintain an uncompromised position, they are obligated to the labor of assisting in charities and toiling in the cause of human progress, based on the Holy Scriptures.

Naomi Chapter #25 takes great pleasure in the joy of giving! Worthy Matron - Renee Heard, Associate Matron - Diane Benton, Secretary - Norma Long, Worthy Patron - Jesse Harris, P.W.M./Advisor - Vivian Smith.

Access and information, call 419-699-7330.

President Obama Makes Maumee Campaign Stop

Sojourner’s Truth Staff

Surrounded by Ohio Democratic allies such as Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and former Governor Ted Strickland, President Barack Obama paid a visit to northwest Ohio last week and touted the success of his initiatives, particularly the Affordable Care Act and the decision to bail out the auto industry.

“I’m running because I believe, in America, nobody should go bankrupt because they get sick,” said the president. “I’m running because after a decade of war, it’s time to do some nation-building at home.”

The president’s visit to Maumee was the start of his “Betting on America” tour. From Maumee, he headed to Sandusky and from there to Parma, OH.