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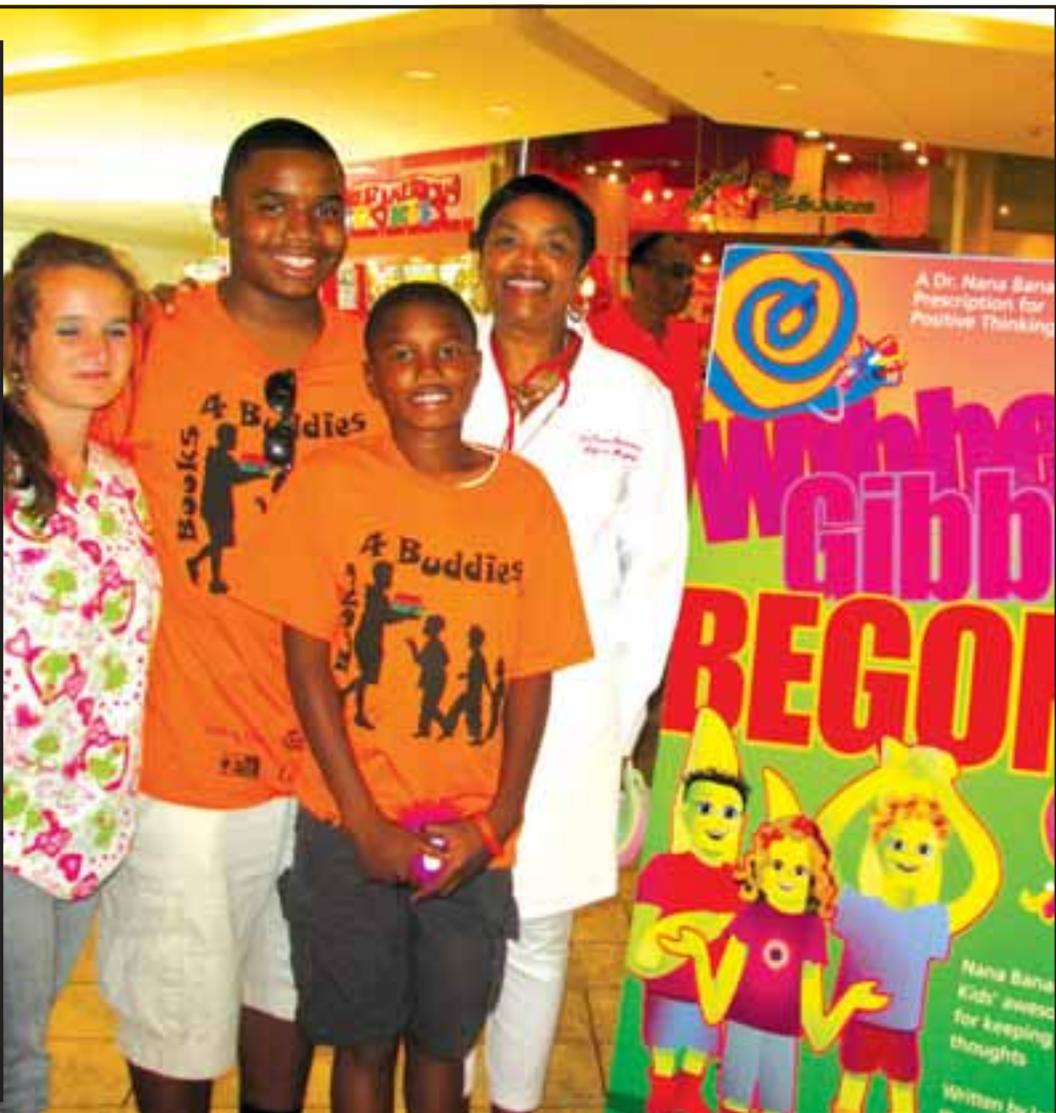
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When Better Becomes Worse

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 unfaithful men on the comeback trail never seem to lack for a captive audience. For their mistresses, the reach seems even broader, with ready opportunities for prime-time interviews, 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.

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

Utley: I'm interested in marriage and infidelity. When I was researching rappers, 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 wives 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.

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.

There was another woman who I sat at her dinner table as she cooked for me. We talked for hours. She was telling me about a second husband who would get angry and tell her that she could leave him and no one else would want her anymore because he made sure of that. She then told me about being in the hospital and sick for months and no one could figure out what was wrong until they realized that he'd given her HIV.

And she's telling me this and I'm sitting at her dinner table and then she smiles and says, "but he was wrong though, because my third husband is in the next room." And it was just one of those great moments again of black women and their resiliency when terrible things happen.

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 unemployable. 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 girlfriends 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.

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 me and my male colleagues counsel the women who come to us?

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!"

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.

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.

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?"

Ebony Utley, Ph.D. is an associate professor of communications studies at California State University Long Beach. Her writing has appeared in a variety of high-profile publications.

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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: 419-241-6465

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 DeV Vaughn 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

Greater St. Mary's in Christ Women's Day Kickoff: "One Accord – Unlocking the Potential of Unit;" 5 pm; Guest Pastor Robert Lyons of MarketPlace Movement in Dayton: 419-973-4156 or 419-973-4157

July 17

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Open Recruitment Day: Opportunity for young women and parents to learn about the sorority's youth affiliate program – Rhoer 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; 6 pm: 419-535-0933

Toledo New Order Community Meeting: Kent Branch Library; 10 am to 12:30 pm; Host Pastor Randall Parker III; Guest TPD Chief Diggs: 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 Hearn speaking: 419-242-9173

July 23-27

Pilgrim Church Vacation Bible School: 6 to 8:30 pm nightly; Children ages 4 to 5th grade; "Inside Out & Upside Down on 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. Sherea Lewis of Detroit; 4 pm; "It's Getting Hot in Here, Are You Saved:" 419-729-1466

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Community Gathering in Central Toledo

Special to The Truth

On Saturday, July 21, residents will gather at Scott High School to discuss the neighborhood, share thoughts and ideas, and help Toledo residents get plugged in to solutions. The event is brought to you by Frederick Douglass Community Association, Glass City All-Stars, Toledo Public Schools, United Way of Greater Toledo, Velocity Heights, Village 50 and Vipers Elite Basketball.

One purpose of the event is to share what United Way has been learning about the neighborhoods around the

Scott High School feeder pattern and get community feedback about that information.

"We have been holding community conversations in those neighborhoods for a year now, and have picked out some significant themes we hear again and again," said Jane Moore, United Way's interim president & CEO. "We want to present those themes to those who shared them and make sure we got it right. This will help drive our work moving forward."

The other purpose of the event is to give individuals and organizations a chance to share positive activities going on around their neighborhoods and how people are already addressing community issues.

"There are so many great things already going on that residents can get involved with," said Karl Parker, board chair at Frederick Douglass Community Association. "We want people to realize how important it is to step up and take responsibility for the issues. We can really

make a difference and create the future we want if everyone gets involved."

We want this to be a positive event," Moore added. "While there are certainly issues that exist in our community, this event is to ac-

knowledge the positive actions and possibilities that exist."

The event begins at 11 a.m., with a free community lunch being served afterward. People are being asked to register at

unitedwaytoledo.org/community for a food count, but RSVPs are not necessary to attend.

For more information, call 419-254-4715 or visit unitedwaytoledo.org/community.

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
- Cherylawn 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 Dorr 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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City of Toledo Hosts Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo at Sleepy Hollow Park

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The City of Toledo Division of Parks, Forestry and Recreation will host the 2012 Kids Fishing Rodeo from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2012. The event is held each year at Sleepy Hollow Park near the corner of Dorr Street and Richards Road.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and all participants must register prior to fishing. Fishing begins at 9 a.m. for all age groups. Prizes will be awarded to the boy and girl within each age bracket who catch the biggest fish.

Rules:

- Kids must provide proof of age if they appear older than 15 years.
- Kids can fish with rods & reels, poles & lines, or throw lines of their choosing.
- Bobbers may be used. Sinkers of any kind, weight and size are allowed.
- Kids can use only one line, with just one hook of any size and shape.
- Kids must furnish their own fishing equipment, bait, and stringer or bucket.
- Kids will begin fishing at the sound of the starting horn and may continue to fish until the horn signals the end of the session.

The 2012 Fishing Rodeo is presented by the City of Toledo, Department of Public Service, The Toledo City Parks Commission, Seven-Up Bottling Toledo McDonalds, Roof Top Brands and Grace Community Church.

For more information, contact the Division of Parks, Recreation and Forestry at 419-245-3388.



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History of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union

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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 to 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 Mabrey, 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 Szych, Mike Killian, Steve Kovatch, James Weber,

Robert Seymour, Barry Shaner, 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 (TUFUCU) opened its doors. This was a great day in Toledo history. TUFUCU 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. TUFUCU 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 Heffner 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

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



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.

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 success.

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munity support and sponsorship began to pour in from all over the city. The African American Patrolmen 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 advertisers were George Hilliard and James Snodgrass, Sr. and they spearheaded getting donations, ads, etc. from the community in support of this event. Albert Easterly, Fred Blanton and Ed King are among the electricians who from the very beginning offered their services on the festival grounds with whatever was needed and they still handle the electrical needs at the festival. Kim Hibbett and the late Carol Jones were both faithful volunteers over the years.

Suzette kept God at the center of everything and remained prayerful throughout the entire process because she couldn't always see how things would eventually 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 kickoff to the festival but as a way to bring the community together for prayer, fellowship 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 festivities 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 Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. John E. Roberts, pastor, 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 awesome 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 traditionally held their Shriner's Day celebration on the second weekend of July so for the second year of the festival, Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union partnered with Mecca Temple #43, as a suggestion by former Mayor Jack Ford, and agreed to have the parade and festival on the second weekend of July. This was an awesome deci-

tion and was complementary to both organizations.

In the years that followed the attendance continued to grow and the live entertainment segment really began to develop. Since the very beginning, national recording artist, The Rance Allen Group has been the final group to perform on Sundays, 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 festival. Other guests that have been featured over the years are national recording artists: Smokie Norful, J Moss, First Creation, The Dramatics, Slave, Zapp, Shirley Murdock, The Manhattans, Nick Colionne and Joyce Cooling. Over the years the festival has received enormous support from sponsors throughout Ohio and Michigan.

In 2007 it became quite obvious that the festival was outgrowing the current location and fortunately Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union formed a partnership with The University of Toledo 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 attendance has continued to increase, there were a reported 25,000 attendees over the two-day event last year. The festival organizers are grateful for the faithful support of the community and are indebted to the many local organizations and businesses that consistently 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 festival and making sure that nothing gets overlooked. DeLise oversees every aspect of the Prayer Breakfast, Parade and Festival and has a committed group of volunteers that she works diligently with to make sure that everything moves forward smoothly. DeLise is the newest Member Services staff addition at Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union and she is available to answer any questions that you might have regarding the festival.

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!**



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

This year's Annual Parade will be on **Saturday, July 14 at 10 AM** starting at corner of Dorr Street and Smead Avenue. The festival featuring music by local and national recording artists, 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 campus at the corner of Parkside Blvd. and Nebraska Avenue.

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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; performances; 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.

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Book Spine Poetry Challenge @ Sylvania Branch Library

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The **Sylvania Branch Library**, 6749 Monroe St., Sylvania, OH, is challenging patrons to create their very own poems using books from their favorite library!

During the week of **Monday, July 23 through Saturday, July 28** roam the stacks and create a visual poem using titles on the spines of stacked books. To make a **book spine poem**, stop into the Library and arrange a stack of books so that the titles create a poem.

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Owens Community College to Host Heroes Summer Youth Camp, July 31 – Aug. 2

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.

Spring Arbor University to Offer Vlasses in Archbold, Ohio

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Prospective students are being encouraged to take advantage of the iGNITE Scholarship, SAU's economic stimulus scholarship. The scholarship offers a five percent discount on the social work degree tuition.

For 30 years, Spring Arbor University has provided convenient classes for working adults who desire to continue their education. Integrally linked to the University's mission and Concept, SAU offers courses and majors in evening and weekend formats.

Spring Arbor University offers solutions for people who want to complete their accelerated associate degree, bachelor's degree or master's degree. Most students are able to complete their degree in as little as two years. SAU's main campus is in Spring Arbor, Mich. The University has sites located all across Michigan and in Ohio. It also has an online program.

To learn more about classes in Archbold, contact Nikki Nichols at 800.968.0011 ext. 4150, or nikki.nichols@arbor.edu. For more information about Spring Arbor University, visit www.arbor.edu/SocialWork.

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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 Touré 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 Humbarger 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: Touré McCord II of Moeller High School in Cincinnati, Jesus Avila of Start, Johnathon Bush of The University of Toledo, Michael Carpenter of Rogers, Dannie Duhart of Sylvania Southview, Ivan Dye of St. John's Jesuit, Peter Funk of Maumee Valley Country Day School, David Hart of St. Francis, 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.

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 grammar," says Laneta Go-



ings. McCord II and 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 law-

yer 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, 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,

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

Book Ambassadors: Peter Funk, Ivan Dye, Tourè McCord II, David Hart, Nathaniel Stroman, and Jesus Avila. Nathaniel Stroman, collecting book donations. Jesus Avila and Ivan Dye, collect book donations. Dye, Peter Funk, Aaron Thompson, Brandon Jackson, David Hart, Tourè McCord II, and Jesus Avila. Danny Humbarger and His Buddies Band




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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 HYPERLINK "<http://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!

DAY	CLASS	TIME	LOCATION
Monday:	Computer Basics	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Training Room
		5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	
	Internet Basics	11 a.m. – noon	Training Room
Tuesday:	MS Word, Beginners	7 – 8 p.m.	Training Room
		2 – 3:30 p.m.	
Wednesday:	Basic email	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Training Room
		10 – 11:30 a.m.	
Thursday:	Successful Job Search Skills	3 – 4:30 p.m.	Training Room
		10 – 11 a.m.	
Saturday:	One Stop Resume Shop	3 – 4 p.m.	Training Room
		9 a.m. – noon	
Monday-Friday	One-to-one Computer Tutorials	9 a.m. – noon	Library

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2012 Prayer Breakfast Honorees



Spencer Braswell

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 any and everything for anyone. He would pick up a stranger off of 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 ya" 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 Braswells' 6th wedding anniversary, which followed a 14 year relationship. They have a total of four children, Spencer Braswell, Jr., Shanice Lorde, Jeremiah 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 Jeremiah 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 since inception, serving as a security guard and refuse clean up.



Aleatha Easterly

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 2315 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 Easterly for 6 years and together as a blended family they have 6 children. She is the grandmother of three (3) and is expecting her fourth 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 worships at Friendship Baptist Church in Toledo, OH under leadership of Bishop Duane C. Tisdale.



Atty. Eddie M. Cole

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.



Stacey Turner

Mrs. Turner is the Owner and Creative Designer of Blessed Blossoms Flower Shop located at 3365 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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Madea's Witness Protection

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 understand there are many agendas at work.

But if white actors have been doing drag roles for years, why are we saying it's a systematic effort to destroy the black community when black male actors dress in drag?

I'm not saying I would do

it. I'm saying, if this is what comedians do... and no one slams John Travolta for playing an overweight teenage girl named Edna in Hairspray, how can we be so pissed at Tyler Perry for giving us Madea?

Overall, I'm a fan of Tyler Perry and his films.

I recently watched the Boondocks episode spoofing him, Madea (Ma'Dukes ... Lol), and his reported meth-



ods of how he runs his operation (oh yea, and the whole gay thing).

His dramas are usually very good, and half the Madea movies are pretty good.

Out of his 12 films I would say only four absolutely suck so bad that I will avoid them at all costs. Of that same 12, I would say another four are so good that I consider them to be necessary parts of anyone's black cinema collection.

In the age where

everyone's a critic and no one is a true fan anymore, I think we the witch hunt intended to root out the evils of Black Hollywood has turned on a burgeoning icon who has done more good than harm. But, that's speaking in generalities over his entire body of work and impact on the industry.

His latest film however, is certainly more harm than good.

Madea's Witness Protec-



tion: This, is by far the worst of the Madea films, but you have to see it to feel me.

I don't know what is going on Hollywood but this is also the only time Perry has been executive produced by someone with no background in the genre, one John J. Kelly.

The fact that John J. Kelly also executive produced Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Slayer, it's safe to assume that someone in tinsel town must

have owed someone else a favor and movie goers are the only true victims.

Going to the root of the issue is necessary because it's obvious something about this film is deeply flawed beyond the normal inconsistencies we usually tolerate from Tyler Perry.

I mean, as long as the laughs are true and the story is the least bit engaging a lot of us will still ride it out.

As I always say, beyond the trite semi-religious pandering and poor dialogue... we watch Tyler Perry because much of what he puts on film feels familiar to our experience. But even that's gone this time, because this feels detached and alien.

Black comedy and cultural relevance were the only redeeming qualities I could defend. Now with Eugene Levy and Denise Richards in the line-up and the predictable racial "fish out of water" scenario in full swing, I can't defend this crap.

Tyler Perry loves synthesis. Which is how this whole Drama/Comedy = Dramedy concept is approached in most of his films. He also likes combining other elements you typically won't find in the same film.

Like it or not, old folks and young folks don't usually appear out of context in most major motion pictures. That's somewhat interesting, watch-

ing the generation gap unfold. Tyler Perry also loves pairing wildly inexperienced actors with award-decorated, tried and true veterans.

Bow Wow worked. Romeo Miller doesn't. This is just awful and not very funny.

I think I laughed about eight or nine times.

He didn't even capitalize on Madea's capacity for wildin' out even though there was plenty of opportunities for zany moves like taking chainsaws to couches, or physical beat downs none of it happened.

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.

This was a new level of awful. Not even awful like Why Did I Get Married Too where it's 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. Good Deeds is still a good watch though, I recommend that.

True Grade for Madea's Witness Protection is F.

You're invited to attend... WE ARE TOLEDO A Community Gathering Saturday, July 21, 2012 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (followed by lunch) Scott High School 2400 Collingwood Blvd. Come together with your neighbors, share your thoughts and ideas, and find out how you can get involved in making positive change in the Central City! Everyone is welcome to this free event. FREE food and drinks! Register at unitedwaytoledo.org/community Questions? Call 419-254-4715. This event brought to you through a partnership of: S.A., Kipers, United Way, etc.

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Prayer Breakfast
 Friday, July 13, 2012 @ 8AM – 10AM
 Serenity Soul Food – 725 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH
 Tickets are \$10 available at
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Parade
 Saturday, July 14 @ 10AM
 Will begin at the corner of
 Dorr Street & Smead Avenue,
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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

Admission Prices:
 \$10/Person Ages 19 AND UP BEFORE 5PM
 \$12/Person Ages 19 AND UP AFTER 5PM
 \$ 5/Person Ages 4 – 18, Seniors 65+
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 PURCHASED AT TOLEDO URBAN BY
 FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2012

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Lucas County Commissioners is seeking requests for proposals to lease short-term approximately 3,000 to 4,000 square feet of space to serve as the Lucas County Board of Elections Early Vote Center for the November 2012 Presidential Election.

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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CLASSIFIEDS

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Library Media Tech Assistant 2 - General Libraries University of Toledo Job 11699

Requirements include: 3 courses in library practices and procedures or 3 months library experience. 100 hours in training in the use of computers or 1 month equivalent experience. 3 courses in supervision or 3 months experience or equivalent. Ability to calculate fractions, decimals and percentages. Ability to read and write common vocabulary. This is a part-time hourly position, starting rate \$13.61.

For more information and to apply please visit <https://jobs.utoledo.edu>. Only online applications are accepted. Applications must be completed by Friday, July 20, 2012 at 5pm. **UT is an EEO, AA Employer and Educator.**

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PARALEGAL

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), located in Toledo, OH is seeking experienced applicants for a Paralegal position. For complete details of the position and application information, visit our website at www.lucasmha.org. Please note on your submittal if you are a LMHA Public Housing resident or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. This is a Section 3 covered position and HUD recipients are encouraged to apply. **All materials submitted must be received at LMHA not later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, July 9, 2012.**

NO PHONE CALLS

Equal employment opportunity shall be afforded to all qualified persons without regard to age, race, color, religion, religious creed, sex, military status, ancestry, disability, handicap, sexual orientation, genetic information or national origin.



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.



Maintenance Technician

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.

Send resume or apply to:

Human Resources - MT
Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc.
1425 Starr Ave.
Toledo, OH 43605
Fax: 419-936-7574
Email: hr@unisonbhg.org

EOE

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 43606 **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 can work as a group (such as a church or school group) or individually. Volunteers working must be at least 18 years old.

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

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

The Volunteer Services Department's goal is to make your volunteer experience as worthwhile as possible. Give a little, get back a lot!!

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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.

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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 "Bet on America" tour. From Maumee, he headed to Sandusky and from there to Parma, OH.