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10th Annual African American Festival

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**"This longevity has come about because of the support not only of the community but also because of the support of corporate partners and the churches. We have all come together."
- Suzette Cowell**

State Senator Nina Turner and Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union CEO Suzette Cowell

Dry Those Crocodile Tears!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

Well, what did you think! I mean really! Did you think that the ol' sly political fox Jack Ford could bamboozle everyone?

I mean, come on, folks! Let's get the cabbage out of the mouth and speak plainly.

Jack Ford recently tried to pull a political slight of hand mumbo jumbo with he running on the Democratic ticket but then doing a back flip and registering to run as a independent against State Senator Edna Brown.

Even the best political con-tortionist could not have pulled those chestnuts out of the fire and not get burned.

From jump street, Jack Ford's "eye-winking" reasons for running against Edna Brown was an eye roller (backed each time by his main cheer leader, Toledo Blade columnist Keith Burris) for anyone who had two working brain cells.

As Jack would cast the story, he wanted to fight heroin trafficking from Columbus (Note to Ford: You can fight heroin addiction from Toledo!) and therefore in his way of thinking, Edna Brown was expendable fodder for his political gambit.

Jack's brazen attempt to have his cake and eat it too was brought to a halt when the local Democratic fat cats decided to put some starch in their back-

bones and filed a complaint against the political shenanigans of Jack "The Knife" Ford.

They had to take Jack off of their shelf of untouchables and bring him back to reality that Jack is not the "King James" of local politics but rather he too must play by the rules to which mere mortals are bound.

As I have said before in previous columns, Jack is bored and needs to find an interesting hobby to absorb his time. I suggested that he become a docent at the art museum or a school crossing guard or a greeter at a local Wal-Mart (Jack would look smartly dressed in their yellow or green vest!) or even a driver for Meals on Wheels.

Why Jack thinks that his presence in Columbus is mandatory or needful for northwest Ohio is a mystery without end.

Thankfully and for the benefit of my readers, I was able to purloin an advance copy of the recorded statement of him gracefully bowing out of the upcoming political race.

Read it and tell me what you think:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To: Media Outlets In Northwest Ohio

From: Jack Ford

Re: Withdrawal from state senate race

Date: Now

To all of my fans and family members and loyal true blue Democratic Party members, I thank you for your support in my attempt to subvert the rules of the party by trying to run as a democrat but flipping to a independent label when it was convenient for me.

As you know, I was running to address the issue of heroin addiction and I thought that it could be best addressed by being a state senator what with all of the perks and salary that I have grown accustomed to

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Community Calendar

July 20-25

Greater St. Mary's MBC Annual Church Revival: 5 pm Sunday; 7 pm Monday thru Friday; Guest revivalist Robert Lyons of Dayton: 419-973-4157

July 25

Warren AME "Annual Sons of Allen Fish Fry:" 11 am to 7 pm; Fish, sides, roll, dessert: 419-243-2237

July 26

St. Stephen's COGIC Annual Community Festival: "Building Bridges in the Community;" 11 am to 5 pm; Fun and food for the family; Gospel DJ, face painting, mime, TFD, Swanton Area Railroad Model Train Club Mt. Ararat MBC Clothing Giveaway: 10 am to 2 pm; Church parking lot; Men's, women's and children's gently used clothing given away: 419-472-8747

July 26-27

The Beacon Church Neighborhood Festival of the Art: Event to raise morale and address violence on the streets and in the home; Take back neighborhood by giving back; Vendors needed: 419-386-7635

July 29

Self Improvement Workshop Series: "Human Trafficking: Will Men Stand Against It?" 6 to 8 pm; Lagrange Branch Library; Presenters - Ben Hester, Jr; Waymon Farmer; Washington Muhammad: 419-32-5107, 419-2983-1017, 419-973-0248

August 2

Book 4 Buddies and Councilman Tyrone Riley's Book Giveaway: Noon to 3 pm; Willys Park; Free books, hot dogs and beverages: 419-245-1050

August 9

TUSA First Justice Musical Concert: 6 to 8 pm; St. Paul MBC: 419-870-4365 or 419-246-2886
Flanders Road Church of Christ Free Clothing Giveaway: 10 am to 3 pm

August 11

Look Good ... Feel Better: Free workshop for women who are in treatment for cancer and need to understand and care for changes in hair and skin during treatment; 9:30 to 11:30 am; Hickman Cancer Center at ProMedica Flower Hospital

August 12

NAACP General Membership Meeting; 7 pm

August 16

Flanders Road Church of Christ Free Clothing Giveaway: 10 am to 3 pm

August 29-31

The Latter Rain Conference 2014: The Armory Church; Guest speakers Carolyn Showell, Pat McKinstry, Donnie McClurkin: 419-537-9736

September 14

Prince Hall and Acceptor Masons of Amazon Lodge #4 and Composite Lodge #108 Celebrate Americanism Day: In honor of founder Prince Hall; 4 pm; St. Paul MBC: 567-258-9319

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The Blade's Inconsistency

Here's the our response to the most recent controversy regarding the Blade's inconsistency with the hiring of Mr. Ted Nugent as lead performer for the 2014 Rib-off and the Blade's commitment to partner with those who believe in the values of " **Changing Lives & Changing Minds**" forums on race. To The Blade you can't have it both ways. Either you are with a Compassionate Toledo Movement or you are not.

Having shared all of the aforementioned disappointments, we applaud the

work of the local NAACP and its President Ray Wood, the TCC, and the participating partners of the Compassionate Community of Northwestern Ohio. It remains unfortunate that The Blade has continued to stall in efforts to issue an apology to the offended community as promised in a more timely fashion.

To Mr. Nugent, we respect your 1st Amendment rights as you should respect ours and suggest you follow your own words in your new album "Shut

Up & Jam."

In closing we leave with these words from the Holy Scripture, Zechariah 7:9—"Thus says the Lord of hosts: **Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another.**"

Submitted By:

Rev. Cedric Brock, President, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Toledo & Vicinity

Rev. Lee Williams, Executive Secretary, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Toledo & Vicinity

Prayer for Ted Nugent

One God of us all, You know me completely, yet you love me. By your grace and mercy I have been inspired to bless my fellow men and women and not to curse them. As this thought moves on my heart, I would like to pray especially for one of your creation, Ted Nugent. Now, Lord, I can't determine whether Ted will be a visitor or performer in our city and county, but I know in You all things are possible.

Compassionate God, I ask for guidance in my prayer for Ted, that he might be inspired by the Spirit to repent of his rebellion and move away from his hateful vitriol and recrimination toward others and allow through your Spirit to seek reconciliation and understanding among his fellow men and women.

Lord, should he repent of the hatred and fear that has kept him bound in this bottomless pit, may You grant him a new sense of freedom and emancipation that can only be found in You.

Merciful One let him know that we as

a people cannot live our lives in isolation from one another. You have taught us, through the sacrifice of Your Son, that life is made up of relationships, and relationships are created by choice.

For Lord, we know this to be true concerning dollars; it is also true concerning energy, effort, time, and spiritual enlightenment.

As it was recorded in Holy Scripture, Samuel 16:23, whenever the psalmist David played the harp, the spirit tormenting Saul would go away. Dear Father, should you be pleased to touch the heart and then the music and talents of a repentant Ted Nugent, let these same gifts be instruments to remove that same tormenting spirit and evil from those who hear him.

Then Ted may say, "Lord, what will thou have me to do? This is my expression of a surrendered heart."

In the name of Jesus the Christ,

Amen.



Citing Rocker's 'Racist Views,' Tribe Cancels Nugent Show

Special to The Truth

A Native American tribe has reacted to the controversy surrounding Ted Nugent by cancelling the rocker's upcoming August 4 concert.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe earlier this week said that the cancellation of the concert at the tribe's casino in the northwest Idaho city of Worley was because of the rocker's "racist and hate-filled remarks."

The tribe says it booked Nugent without realizing he espoused "racist attitudes and views." The tribe did not comment of which of Nugent's many off-color remarks it found to be offensive.

Nugent's music management company were out of the office and not available for comment.

Nugent in the past has referred to

President Barack Obama as a "subhuman mongrel." Nugent later apologized "for using the street fight terminology

of subhuman mongrel." But he maintained that Obama was a "liar" violating the Constitution.

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Fighting Hate - Teaching Tolerance - Seeking Justice

Guest Column

Right-wing pundits are jumping all over Attorney General Eric Holder for daring to suggest on Sunday that "racial animus" plays a role in the "level of vehemence" that's been directed at President Obama. They're denouncing him for "playing the race card" and "stoking racial divisions."

Who do they think they're fooling?

The rhetoric is what's hateful. Calling people out for it is not.

The racism Holder described has been obvious since the 2008 campaign, when Obama was portrayed as someone who was not a "real American" – a Muslim, a Kenyan, a communist, even a terrorist sympathizer.

Since then, an entire movement has been built around the thoroughly discredited notion that the president's birth certificate is a fake. And that's just the beginning.

Newt Gingrich has called Obama the "food stamp president" and referred to his "Kenyan, anti-colonial behavior."

Rush Limbaugh has said Obama – and Oprah Winfrey, too, by the way – have reached the pinnacle of their professions only because they're black. He added this week that "so-called conservative media types" praised Holder's nomination only because he's black.

Glenn Beck has said the president, whose mother was white, has a "deep-seated hatred for white people, or white culture."

Conservative hero and former rock star Ted Nugent, who was invited to campaign with the GOP nominee for Texas governor, called the president a "subhuman mongrel."

A Confederate flag was waved in front of the White House during last year's "Million Vet March."

U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina screamed "You lie!" during the president's address to Congress in September 2009. When has that happened to a president before?

All manner of overtly racist posters have been seen at Tea Party rallies, including one depicting the president as a "witch doctor."

We've repeatedly seen stories about conservative politicians sharing racist jokes about Obama.

And, we've seen an explosive growth of radical-right groups, including armed militias, since Obama was elected, and repeated threats that violence is needed to "take our country back" from the "tyranny" of Obama. This is part of a backlash to the growing diversity in our country, as symbolized by the presence of a black man in the White House.

I grew up in rural Alabama during the Jim Crow years and lived through the civil rights movement, when white supremacists did everything they could, including committing violent atrocities, to turn back the tide of progress. And I've stared across the courtroom at some of America's most vicious hate-mongers – men like neo-Nazi Glenn Frazier Cross, who recently killed three people and once targeted me. I know racism when I see it.

No one, of course, is suggesting that merely disagreeing with Obama is evidence of racism. That's clearly not true.

But we have a political party and a right-wing media machine that pander incessantly to the racist reactionaries in our society, often through code words. It's been going on since Nixon implemented his "Southern strategy" of appealing to white resentment in the wake of the civil rights movement.

I wish it weren't so. But it is simply undeniable. We should call it what it is.

Sincerely,

Morris Dees

Founder, Southern Poverty Law Center

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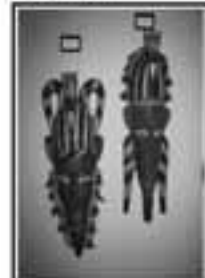
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Sixteen More Complete YouthBuild Program

Special to The Truth

Sixteen Toledo youth received their certificates of completion on July 11 at the YouthBuild program completion recognition at Wilson Park.

Of the 16, nine received special recognition for their work during the program. Gary Osley received the Construction Award for having made the most strides from beginning to end of the Program. The Education Award went to Darrell Williams while the Leadership Award was given to Charles Phoenix and Chennel Smith earned the Most Improved Award.

Smith, who was in the hospital, listened to the recognition activities via a SmartPhone. Two participants earned the Community Service Award. This award went to Jeremy Branham and Destin Williams. The Staff Award also went to two participants: Hayley Gonzales and William Moore.

Others who completed the program are Laura Buard, Ke'Montez Collins, Montana Dean, Rakeya Dubose, Ashley Joyner, Kimberly Lewis, and Mahlon Wyatt. Montana Dean gave the Program Reflection.

"I have a deep respect for each of you with respect to your struggles," said Lorna Gonsalves, PhD, a former instructor at Bowling Green State University. "I am deeply touched by your stories and I wish you well."

Gonsalves was the keynote speaker and wrote a poem honoring the participants which she shared with them. She has worked with youth on various projects and said she plans to continue assisting with the program.

The youth participated in the rehabilitation of primarily the Carriage House at 1026 Huron Street in the historic district of Toledo. As part of the renovations, they learned about carpentry, plumbing, painting, dry-walling, and other construction skills.

In addition to the construction skills, they also receive certificates in CPR/First Aid training as

well as from the Ohio Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), and a leadership certificate in the Six Pillars of Character leadership.

YouthBuild, a federally funded program, is operated in partnership with United North of Toledo, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Northwest Ohio Construction Education Center and 10 other local organizations.



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Rep. Fedor Supports Further Development of East Toledo's Marina District

Acme demolition is a positive step toward economic redevelopment, lawmaker says

Last week, the three remaining smokestacks at the decommissioned Acme Power Plant site in East Toledo's Marina District were razed. The stacks were among the last remaining remnants of the plant, which was demolished two years ago.

"Today's demolition was a milestone in redeveloping the city's Marina District and building a million dollar view of the city," said State Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo). "I have always been a proponent of preserving and revitalizing our city's historic areas, and I'm eager to see Toledo move forward with the economic development that our city needs."

Two of the three smokestacks were completely demolished and the third, tallest stack, which stood at 298 feet, was reduced to 198 feet to preserve its historical significance to the Toledo skyline. The structures were deemed unsafe and in violation of Federal Aviation Administration regulations due to improper lighting for aviation. Discussions are on-going regarding the future of the remaining smokestack.

Clean Ohio grants helped pay for the initial site cleanup and historic preservation of this former industrial facility. Rep. Fedor strongly advocated for the City of Toledo's 2002 and 2007 Clean Ohio grant applications, and ultimately the city



Rep. Teresa Fedor

was selected for two \$3 million grants for asbestos abatement and water and soil remediation.

In addition to the demolition of the former Acme plant, there have been several downtown projects supported in part by the state to repurpose the Marina District for modern redevelopment. In 2007, the Veterans' Glass City Skyway, the largest project in Ohio Department of Transportation's history, was finished. The Skyway Marina, opened in 2013, was funded in part by a \$1.5 million infrastructure grant from the Department of Development and by grants from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Earlier this year, the National Museum of the Great Lakes opened. The project received over \$6 million in grants from the state.

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Job Fair

WHEN: Thursday, July 31st from 9 a.m. – noon
WHERE: Summit Annex – 1530 N. Superior Street

As preparations for the 2014-15 school year continue, Toledo Public Schools will hold a Job Fair to recruit new staff members to the district. The following positions are open – please visit www.tps.org to view full job descriptions.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Director, Head Start

Qualifications: Master's degree or equivalent in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, social welfare, public administration, human resources, day care administration, or one of the social sciences. Minimum of three years pre-school management experience.

Head Start Director of Operations and Compliance

Qualifications: Master's degree in Early Childhood Education, educational administration, or related field. Knowledge of Head Start program standards. Knowledge of Step Up to Quality requirements.

Head Start Budget and Fiscal Compliance Coordinator

Qualifications: Associate's Degree in business management, accounting, or book-keeping required. Bachelor's degree preferred. Knowledge and understanding of governmental accounting procedures and practices.

Head Start Health and Nutrition Coordinator

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Nursing or health related field or Master's Degree in Early Childhood. RN preferred. Knowledge of community health programs and Head Start health component performance standards.

Head Start Education Coordinator

Qualifications: Four year degree in early childhood education or child development required. Master's Degree preferred. Have knowledge and experience in the philosophy and practices of Head Start or comparable child development programs.

Head Start Disabilities Coordinator

Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or Special Education. Current Ohio PreK-3 license with Early Education of the Handicapped, Preschool Special Needs Endorsement, or Early Childhood Intervention Specialist endorsement. Experience in working with young children with disabilities and their families.

Assistant to Head Start Director Administrative Assistant

Qualifications: High School graduate, college degree preferred. Must have four (4) years of progressively more difficult clerical experience.

Head Start Family Partner Coordinator

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Family Studies, or related field. Administrative experience in managing large staff. Knowledge of community supports available to children and families.

TEACHING POSITIONS

Full Time Positions:

- Special Education Teachers – certification in mild/moderate or moderate/intense
- Elementary – applicants must have current licensure in specific concentration area
- High School: Math and Spanish – applicants must have current licensure in specific concentration area

Substitute Positions

- Long term and daily substitutes.
 - Daily substitutes must have a Bachelor's degree.
 - Long Term subs must have a Bachelor's degree and some classes in desired area of concentration.

Family Support Partner

Qualifications: Associate Degree in social work, early childhood education, family studies, or related field. Two years of experience working with low income families.

Head Start Mental Health Services Specialist

Qualifications: A Mental Health Specialist must have: a degree in psychology or other related field (bachelor's degree preferred) and a current Ohio license in Social Work.

Teacher Mentor

Supervises - Up to 15 Lead Teachers

Qualifications: The Head Teacher must have: A four year degree in Early Childhood Education (Master's preferred). Have knowledge and experience in the philosophy and practices of Head Start (or comparable child development programs), early childhood education, developmentally appropriate practice, and bilingual education. Experience supervising teachers and/or teacher candidates.

Assistant Teacher

Qualifications: A two year degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development. Qualifications of an assistant child care worker as stated in the applicable ODJFS licensing requirements. Knowledge and experience with the basic principles of child development.

Health Specialist

Qualifications: LPN preferred. Associate Degree in Medical Records Administration or specific work experience in Head Start programs. Two years of experience in data entry and medical records administration, detailed record keeping and excellent communication, computer/database & keyboarding skills. (Emphasis with school health services highly desirable).

Transition Specialist

Qualifications: Current teaching license in grades PreK-3 or Preschool. A bachelor's degree in ECE or Child Development. Possess knowledge of the Lucas County service area and the population served. Have strong oral and written communication skills and basic computer literacy.

Classroom Leader

Supervises - Assistant Teacher

Qualifications: Hold a four year or two year degree in early childhood education or child development (preferably four year degree). Have knowledge and experience in the philosophy and practices of Head Start (or comparable child development programs), early childhood education, developmentally appropriate practice, and bilingual education.

Licensed Lead Teacher

Supervises - Assistant Teacher

Qualifications: A valid Ohio PreK-3 Teaching License, or a valid Ohio PreK Teaching License.

Degree in early childhood education or child development. Have knowledge and experience in the philosophy and practices of Head Start (or comparable child development programs), early childhood education, developmentally appropriate practice, and bilingual education

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Toledo Public Schools does require all applicants to go through a screening process prior to hiring which includes a background check, FBI check and drug screening. In some cases, a physical aptitude test is also required.

If you are not able to attend the Job Fair but are interested in one of these positions, please visit www.tps.org – once on the district website, click on the Human Resources tab, then on the online application. You will be asked to provide three valid references including an email address. Once complete, hit the submit button.

Second Baptist Church Sponsors Annual Wellness Walk

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Physical fitness and healthy eating are two principles of the Second Baptist Church Wellness Committee's annual walk-a-thon. The event, held at Secor Metropark on July 19, 2014, opens with fellowship, nature walk and lunch for all attendees.

"It has been successful for the past two years. We have been blessed to increase the number of participating family members, friends, and church family that fellowship with us," explained Varetta Glover, Wellness Committee co-chairman.

"We don't pay enough attention, we need to stop reacting and become proactive. I thank the committee for their work with this walk," said Rev. J. L. Boose, D. Div, pastor of Second Baptist Church.

In addition to the walk-a-thon, the wellness committee sponsors community health-related activities at Spencer Community Center, where Second Baptist Church is currently operating. "We're planning a blood drive, health fair and exercise programs in August and September of this year," said Glover.

The walk-a-thon is also a building fund



fundraiser for the congregation and received support from wellness committee members: Chairman Lorraine Smith, Co-chairman Varetta Glover and members Lorraine Bartley, Debra Johnson, Christine Shumpert and Lee Smith.

There was also community support from: The Andersons Inc, Gordon Food Service, John Eldred of Midwest Tapes, Key Bank, Kroger's, Meijer's, Second Baptist Church,

and Walmart Supercenter.

"In the next two years, we plan to break ground. We want a building that can be utilized seven days per week, as a blessing for the community," said Rev. Boose.

Second Baptist Church is currently located at Spencer Township Neighborhood Center located at 330 Oak Terrace Blvd, Holland, Ohio.

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during my long political life.

This was not to be (loud wailing heard in the background coming from Keith Burris) and I must bow out.

Why did I decide to challenge my friend, Edna Brown? It was my unchecked political ego and pure vanity on my part. I thought that the name of Jack Ford would knock down any obstacle. I was wrong. (More loud crying and weeping from Keith Burris).

Was I being a political cutthroat by what I was doing to Edna? You will have to be the judge on that. All I know is that I am

Jack Ford and I am used to getting what I want and when I want it!

Have I done things in my political past that I would have done differently? I doubt it. This is the way that I am.

Will northwest Ohio be the lesser without me? Sure! But only you can determine that (again more gnashing of teeth and shouts of despair from Keith Burris).

Hopefully, I will have a hearing on this filed complaint so I can tell my side of the story, even if it does not make any sense. The hearing commission needs to hear of my political exploits and maybe, just maybe they will grant me an exemption and I

can run against Edna Brown, split the democratic vote and thus allow the Republican candidate to handily win.

I don't care about that vote split. I only care about my goals and me.

(Keith Burris yells out, "Jack, I love you!").

So, I will gracefully exit this political race and sit down with my chief counselor, Carty Finkbeiner, and plan and plot my next move to stay in the limelight and make sure everyone knows the greatness of Jack Ford

(Keith Burris cries out, "Jack Ford Forever!").

In closing, I will entertain no questions because no one should ever question Jack Ford! (Keith Burris then blindly rushes the podium and shrieks out, "Oh, the grievous loss to Ohio, it will never recover!").

At this point in time, my secret associate finishes the taping and leaves the invitation only meeting with Jack Ford and Keith Burris wailing in each other arms. A peculiar sight to behold.

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10th Annual African American Festival – Bigger and Better Than Ever

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The African American Festival, this year in its 10th version, had an inauspicious start a decade ago. Back in those days and for the first few years, the festival was tucked into a small corner in an inner-city park on Detroit Avenue and attracted a few hundred attendees.

Now the festival, organized and hosted by the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union (TUFCU), is an event to be reckoned with and, 10 years later, has evolved into one of the city's summer highlights.

The festival moved to The University of Toledo's Scott Park Campus several years ago and now attracts thousands to its variety of activities.

This year's prayer breakfast, held at Abundant Life Ministries on Friday morning, honored eight Toledoans for their service to the credit union and the festival over the years.

Saturday morning's parade brought out dozens of participants as hundreds of onlookers lined the two and a half mile route along Dorr and neighboring streets.

The festival itself, on Saturday and Sunday, featured a variety of local and regional musical performers, children's rides sponsored by State Farm and assorted food and craft vendors.

Friday morning's breakfast brought in about 100 attendees to participate in morning of prayer led by various area ministers, to listen to vocal renditions by Amanda Clark, to pay homage to the honorees and to indulge in a breakfast buffet.

This year's honorees were: Reginald James Coley, Vincent Davis, Kimberly Hibbett, Judy Jones, Billie J. Lothery, Victoria Scott Colbert, Shawnise Simmons and Margaret E. Watson.

Coley, a licensed chemical dependency counselor, is a long-time volunteer for a number of organizations including TUFCU. Davis, owner/operator of a State Farm Insurance Agency has supported the Festival for many years by supplying the children's rides

Hibbett, Lothery, Scott Colbert, Simmons and Watson are also

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Reginald Coley



Shawnise Simmons



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long-time volunteers for the credit union and the festival.

Junes, the manager of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library Moot Branch – just a few blocks west of TUFUCU, was honored for her devotion to the library's customers, particularly the youngsters who flock to the site.

Saturday's parade featured local students, men on horseback, Corvettes and politicians galore, including statewide Democratic candidates – Ed FitzGerald for governor and David Pepper for attorney general – possibly the first time a gubernatorial candidate has participated.

Local candidates – Toledo City Councilman Jack Ford and his opponent in this year's race for the state senate, Sen. Edna Brown, were also part of the parade, along with a number of other local office holders.

Saturday's performers included Jay Rush

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Jennings, Karen Harris, a/k/a Lady K; Heatwave; Ray, Goodman & Brown; Five Deep Band and Michael Henderson.

Sunday was gospel day featuring Katrina Barnhill, Kalvin Hughes Urban Jazz Coalition, The Newson Family Singers, Friendship BC and, closing the show, the Rance Allen Group.

This year's festival sponsors were: Buckeye CableSystem, Fifth Third Bank, Glass City Black Brothers United, the Grand Plaza Hotel, the Hollywood Casino, Key-Bank, State Farm, Taylor Cadillac, The Andersons, The Blade, The Sojourner's Truth, the Toledo Journal, The University of Toledo, the Toledo Refining Company, WIMX 95.7, WJUC The Juice 107.3, WJZE Hot 97.3, Woodforest Bank, WTV 13abc and Yark Automotive Group.

By coincidence, TUFUCU celebrated its 18th anniversary on the day following the festival.

Suzette Cowell, TUFUCU CEO made the following observations about the longevity of the festival and, by extension, the credit union: "I want to thank the community, of course. But this longevity has come about because of the support not only of the community but also because of the support of corporate partners and the churches. We have all come together.

"This couldn't have been done by one entity and if not for the involvement of corporate, community and churches, this would not have lasted as long as it has. We need all of those entities."



Friday's Prayer Breakfast



TUFUCU Board President Fran Smith, TUFUCU's Suzette Cowell and DeLise Simmons



Men: Don't Just Grill, Learn Your Way Around the Kitchen Too

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All too often, men stay out of the kitchen, relegating their food preparation to the outdoors. But even master grillers know that eating well means being versed in more than just barbecue.

"Men cook for pleasure and showmanship -- not just for practicality -- which explains why they are so attracted to the grill, but indoors there are plenty of occasions to play with knives, fire and flavor," says bestselling cookbook author and award winning food writer, Steven Raichlen.

Raichlen's new book "Man Made Meals: The Essential Cookbook for Guys," teaches men to navigate the kitchen with confidence, style and tenacity. He operates under the principle that whether you're frying an egg, building a quesadilla, or putting together a four-course meal, using quality ingredients and proper techniques can make or break a meal.

And with just a bit of knowledge, men can stop relying on takeout or someone else for homemade cooking. Whether single or married, in college or retired, on a budget or on the board of directors, learning the

way around a kitchen can help you eat well and you can even show off while doing it!

Give this flavorful recipe -- that you can eat with your hands -- a try!

Finger Burner Lamb Chops:

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 pounds small lamb rib chops, cut 1/2 inch thick
- Coarse salt (kosher or sea) and cracked or freshly ground black peppercorns
- 1 tablespoon hot red pepper flakes, or to taste
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 to 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, depending on the cooking method
- Lemon wedges, for serving

Directions


- Arrange the lamb chops in a single

layer on a baking sheet. Generously season one side with salt and pepper and half of the hot pepper flakes, minced garlic, and rosemary. Drizzle two tablespoons of olive oil over the chops and pat the ingredients onto the meat with your fingertips. Turn and repeat on the second side. Marinate in the refrigerator for about 20 minutes.

• Heat one tablespoon extra virgin olive oil in a large cast-iron skillet or on a plancha over high heat until shimmering. Add the lamb chops in a single layer (work in batches as needed) and cook until well-browned on the bottom, about three minutes. Turn and cook until well-browned and the meat is cooked through or to taste, about three minutes for medium.

• Place the chops on a platter and encourage everyone to pick them up and eat the meat straight from the bone. Serve with lemon wedges for squeezing and plenty of napkins.

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Strange Fruit: Volume 1 by Joel Christian Gill, foreword by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

The history books you had in school last year almost put you to sleep.

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Take, for instance, Richard Potter.

competition chess – and winning! He even wrote a book about it... and then one day, he vanished. Rumors swirled around his disappearance, but Thompson was never seen again.

It was filled with dates and stats, dead people, lost battles, and towns that aren't even around anymore. Who really cares about that stuff, anyway?

You should, so you can learn about that which has made your life easier. And in the new book *Strange Fruit* by Joel Christian Gill, you'll learn about people that history books have mostly forgotten.

Shortly after grad school, Joel Christian Gill did a series of paintings that he says "freed" him from the racism that his father and grandfather endured. But something was missing from his paintings: he was "coming up short" in storytelling.

That's when he started doing comics, telling stories of "obscure black history."

around 1783. After his father ensured his education, young Richard spent many years traveling and he became fascinated with magic tricks. He tried, practiced, learned, and tried again until he mastered several tricks and invented some of his own – which eventually made him "very wealthy." And on his deathbed in 1835, he finally admitted something important: Richard Potter, America's first stage magician, was a black man.

After his emancipation, Theophilus Thompson worked as a janitor. One night, he noticed that his employer had a curious game set up on a table, and Thompson studied it. He figured out how the strange game worked, and it didn't take long before he was playing

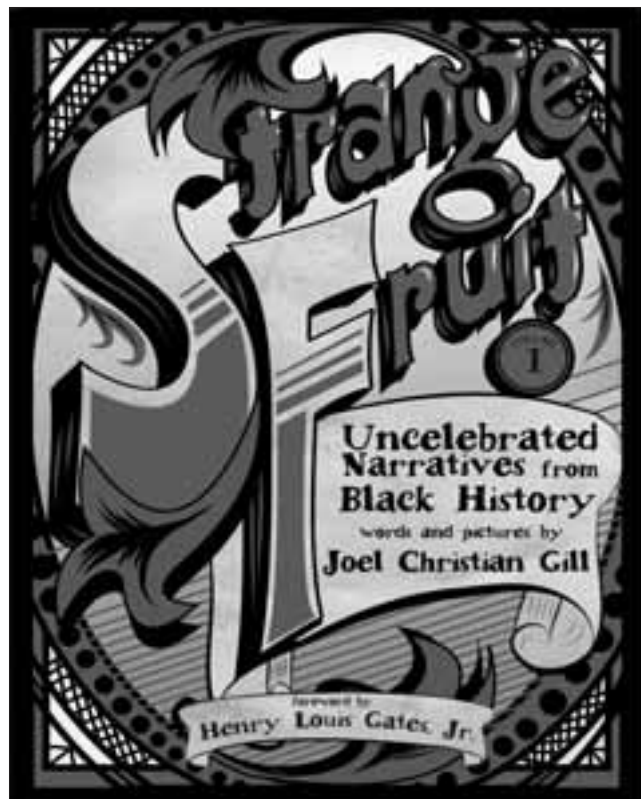
In this book, you'll learn about The Black Cyclone who started his biking career due to a great kindness from "family" and later, lay in an unmarked grave for more than seventy years. You'll read two letters from a man determined to save his daughter from slavery. You'll learn about the baddest U.S. Marshall that ever lived – so bad that he even jailed his own son. And you'll read the sad, sad story of the Malagites who lost their home off the coast of Massachusetts a mere century ago...



Joel Christian Gill

ly-on and the tales get more meaningful as things progress. Ultimately, I liked this book because I think it speaks to kids who want their learning more on the arty side.

There's really no reason (except for font size) that an adult can't enjoy this book, but it's more meant for 12-to-17-year-olds. For teens who don't know enough about history, in fact, *Strange Fruit* will wake them up.



Are you always on your child to READ SOMETHING, anything, except a comic book? Well, *Strange Fruit* is a graphic novel, and you'll want him to read it.

Through the art of the cartoon, author Joel Christian Gill tells nine stories of African Americans who did something astounding for the time in which they lived, thereby making a difference that resonates today. These fascinating tales are somewhat marred by weird mini-vocabulary lessons, but that stops ear-



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BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of park improvements within Swan Creek Preserve Metropark including a new parking lot & drive, two prefab shelters and path improvements. General construction includes select site demolition, excavation & embankment, carpentry, erosion control & storm drainage, asphalt paving, concrete curbs, walks, pads, footings & pier foundations, signage, striping, landscape planting, seeding and mulching. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Tuesday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at www.newfaxcorp.com. Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$20 is required for each set of documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184, jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com.

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No bids will be accepted after **3:00 p.m., August 14, 2014**; bids that are submitted via any method other than that described in the RFQ will not be accepted.

The Request for Qualifications will be available on **July 17, 2014**. It will be available for potential bidders to download by going to the site: <http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx>.

An Electronic Question & Answer (Q&A) process will be from July 17, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. to July 30, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. **PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL, BUT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.** Questions for the Q&A must be submitted in writing and received via email, at lucas_contracts@jfs.ohio.gov by July 30, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.; the posting of the Q&A will be on August 6, 2014. If any changes are made to the RFQ as a result of the Q&A, an addendum to the RFQ will be posted on the website address (noted above).

This notice is posted, as of **July 17, 2014**, at <http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx>.

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