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Reunions, Festivals & Picnics!!



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Fall 2017 updates effective August 20

On Sunday, August 20, 2017, the TARTA fall route schedule will begin. As some routes will be affected by routing and time changes, new timetables and maps are available at TARTA.com/Fall2017



- **3 North/South Crosstown**
- schedule adjustments
- **10 Rossford Call-A-Ride**
- downtown Toledo routing changes
- **10L Rossford via Hollywood Casino**
- Rossford and downtown Toledo routing changes
- **16 Alexis via Meijer**
- routing and schedule adjustments
- **27H Nebraska/Hill-Reynolds**
- **27N Nebraska/Angola-Wenz**
- weekday schedule adjustments; weekend timepoints clarified
- **28 Indiana/Smead**
- **28/30 City Park/Indiana/Oakwood**
- weekday schedule adjustments
- routing adjustments include the use of S Summit St, Broadway St, and Newton St via downtown Toledo and Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza
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Again, Why Are You Running for Office?

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

Well, it is gearing up to that time of the year when the public is inundated with the yelping ads of the politicians trying to woo them with all of their wonderful facts and warm people skills as to why they are the best bet for a wonderful life under their political control.

Everyone seems to be on a first name basis. We have Paula! We have Tom! And we have Wade! No word yet on whether or not we will see yard signs with Opal!

That first name is an, "Aw Shucks", approach wherein the candidate wants you to feel as if they just came by and are sitting at your dinner table, politely wolfing down creamed corn, roast chicken, green beans, scalloped potatoes and puffy rolls.

I mean, come on...! How bad can you feel about a politico who wants to be your friend and wants you to call him or her by the first name! So what that you do not have any common history with the politico! So what that he or she may not have a track record of accomplishing anything of note or value.

What is important is that you can call them by their first names and all is well! From the initial size of the gatherings that these politicians are generating, not too many people are calling them by their first names!

I mean, we have heard it all. Their dazzling plans

to cure city government of its ills. To expertly manage your tax dollars and to pave the crappy roads and round up the stray cats and dogs and keep the homeless from pan-handling for some spare change.

We voters, polite as we are, smile at them when they get stony serious about cutting the fat out of government, or their grandiose plans to make Toledo a serious contender for becoming a 21st century city.

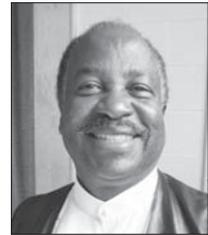
We have watched politicians for decades play hopscotch with city personnel moving here and jumping there. We have heard their blather about how their plans for civic improvements are far superior to those of their opponent.

And we watch and wait for one of the politicians to explain how all of this can be done on a shoe string budget without raising taxes or to do so with recycled city personnel who are clueless as to how to be catalysts for innovation

and creativity.

Of course when you ask the politicians why they are running (their cue to get their tissues for a good cry...or two), they all speak the same lingo in that they are so civic minded and altruistic that public service is the only thing that comes to mind.

After they dab their



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September 2

Joshua Generation Family Worship Center Community Fest: 1 to 4 pm; Free food, clothes, games, school supplies and entertainment: 419-213-0653

September 3

Greater St. Mary's MBC Youth In Praise Dance Ministry 13th Annual Praise & Worship Service: 5 pm; Also featuring praise, mime and drill teams from around Toledo: 419-973-4197

September 4

Labor Day!!

September 9-10

Bibleway Church Re-Dedication for Apostle Thomas Mitchell and Co-pastor Vesta Mitchell: Guest speakers and guest choirs; 7 pm service on Saturday; 10 am service on Sunday, dinner at 2 pm, 4 pm service: 419-246-9357

September 17

Monroe Street United Methodist Church Concert Series: Opening Concert "Afternoon Music with Friends;" 3 pm; featuring local artists Allison Klein, Gwen Senerius, Amanda Stierman, and Karen Vollmer
St. Paul MBC Women's Day: "Women Walking Worthy;" 9:30 to 10:30 am
Sunday School - speaker Rev. Marcia Dinkins; 10:45 am service - speaker Min. Crystal Dixon

September 20

Small Business Resource Day: 2 to 7 pm; Main Branch Library; Featuring a resource center with representatives from local programs and agencies; A presentation on financial management: To register - <http://www.ecdi.org/events/toledo/658/>

September 30

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trained as licensed foster/adoptive caregivers through Lucas County Children Services (LCCS). The agency is looking for families willing to foster children of all ages, from babies to teens, as well as groups of brothers and sisters.

You might be just the right foster parent for one or more of these youth, who need adults to care for them while their parents resolve the issues in their lives.

The agency is again providing its free information and training classes to prepare you for fostering or adopting. Tuesday/Thursday evening classes begin September 5 and run through October 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday classes are scheduled from October 14 through November 18, from

9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Classes take place at the agency's offices at 705 Adams Street in downtown Toledo. For information, or to register for either session, please call 419-213-3336 or visit www.lucaskids.net. Qualifying to be a foster or adoptive parent is easier than you think. You...

- * Must be at least 18 years of age to adopt; 21 to become a foster parent.
- * Participate in the free training. All caretaking adults in the household must attend.
- * Must demonstrate a source of income sufficient to care for yourself.
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- * All adults in the home must provide references and pass a background check.
- * Can be married, single or in a relationship.
- * Can work outside the home.
- * Receive financial support, based on your foster child(ren)'s needs

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eyes with the tissues, they go on to state that public service is a high calling that they are mandated to fulfill.

But when they get elected for the next two or four years, they make chop suey of government and mangle the budgets.

Some are probably satisfied with simply drawing a paycheck, going to chicken dinners and giving trite blah-blah speeches about nothingness.

Of course all politicians take credit for anything that happens under their term of governance. Even if the positive results were not as a direct or indirect result of their initiatives or leadership, they will still jump out in front of a camera, any camera, and tell the uninitiated voter, "See what I did....vote for me!"

Politics is part art and part science and part luck. You decide the allocated percentages. Politics has as its goal the making of images, real or imagined, that the politico has a set of skills and talents that will benefit you but only if he or she is elected.

Even if a positive result is directly attributable to a corporate event or investment or the private sector taking charge and doing what the Office of Mayor can not or will not do, the mayor will beam with imputed pride that it was his or her Herculean efforts that caused the new business to relocate in the downtown area or it was his or her outstanding staff that caused a company to relocate here from Illinois.

That is how politics is played.

I have had the chance to present to our current mayor some 11 ideas that I called, "low hanging fruit." Ideas that could be accomplished by the creation of an Office of External Affairs that reports directly to the mayor's office.

These were ideas that, if accomplished or even attempted, could have had a salubrious effect on encouraging young kids and recent college graduates to stick around Toledo and make it a destination city and not a city from which you launch.

To date, all I have heard is the sound of crickets on those ideas....and that sound also emanates from the other minority city council members.

My theory on why there is this deafening sound of crickets coming from the top floor of the government center building?

Simple. Too many people who get engaged in politics do it for the wrong reasons.

Oh sure, they are warm to the idea of service and want to be recognized as a servant of the people and that is fine.

But I contend that if public servants are not willing to devise and implement creative solutions to old problems, they eventually become part of the problem.

For example, if they are terrified of being hit by a Toledo Blade editorial

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Section 8 — and the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) are two of them.

HCV is a federally-funded rental program that helps families obtain homes in the private housing market. Families who are eligible are issued a housing subsidy (a determined portion of the rent) which is paid directly to the landlord. The family then pays the difference. LMHA can assist up to 4,400 families with rental assistance. The Housing Choice Voucher is tied to the family, not the housing unit. This allows the family to lease any unit that meets the programs requirement including units outside Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority jurisdiction.

When renters express an interest in home ownership, LMHA helps them by counseling them via the Family

Self-Sufficiency Program. This program helps them free themselves from government assistance and become financially independent. They are helped to obtain a living wage and to set financial goals. As their income increases, so does the portion of the rent they pay. Also, as their income increases, additional money is put in an escrow account so that they can begin saving. The escrow savings can be used for a down payment on a permanent residence. Typically, this can be a five-year process. There are many other agency partners in the FSS program — NeighborWorks Toledo Region, Pathway Toledo, Owens Corning, Ohio Means Jobs and the City of Toledo to name a few.

Tamela Shanks-Royston, acting VP of the HCV program, stated that “there are currently 61 homeowners who have gone through the program. We are expecting at least an additional five families to reach their goal of homeownership this year.” Edward Bell is one of those residents. A partici-

part in the HCV program since 2011, Bell took advantage of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. He completed a home buyer’s education class with NeighborWorks. During this time also, he received guardianship of his three grandchildren. Now, a homeowner, Bell and his family are extremely excited to be living in their new home.



Present at the closing to support and congratulate Edward Bell are (from left to right) Jennifer Smith, HCV program manager, and his real estate agent Meredith Griffin-Liedel of REMA

Additional information about these programs can be obtained from LMHA’s website: lucasmha.org.

About Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority

Established in 1933, Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) continues to provide affordable housing to adults, seniors and children in its Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, Mixed-Income and market rate housing units. LMHA also provides a myriad of programs and opportunities designed to improve the total quality of life for our residents, with the ultimate goal of achieving self-sufficiency. The programs and services are the result of successful collaborations with numerous community partners. Our current housing portfolio consists of 2,701 Public Housing units; 4,366 Housing Choice Vouchers; 32 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit units; 198 Market Rate units; and, 53 Rent-to-Own properties. There are approximately 17,500 people who reside in LMHA properties.

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority partners with ALL people and organizations willing to exchange ideas and efforts to enhance Toledo, Lucas County, and the world.

Statement from the Lucas County Democratic Party

Tom Waniewski is trying to portray himself as a consensus building candidate, but the facts are he is bringing the most extreme, reactionary views to the Mayor’s race we’ve seen in recent history.

In his unsuccessful bid for State Senate in 2010, he campaigned on the proposal to cut state social services - he named Youth Services and Jobs and Family Services as being specific targets. Then, in 2011 he supported Ohio Senate Bill 5 which would have stripped collective bargaining rights from those very same employees whose jobs he would eliminate. Now he supports right-to-work measures! In this great City, where auto workers, public employees, construction tradesmen, and those in foodservice and

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Children belong in families, and Lucas County Children Services believes that every child should have a caring family. Foster parents fill that role when kids are separated from their birth families. Whether it’s for a few days, a few months, or forever, LCCS needs foster parents who can give a child something—and someone—to hold on to.

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The Soulcial Scene

Fros, Fashions & Finds: A Back to School Hair Care Routine

By Megan Davis

Soulcial Scene Contributor

As young scholars begin the process of getting back into the school swing of things, parents are juggling work schedules with the kids' school and extra-curricular activities. Not only are the schedules being managed, but this also means that there is even less time to fit in hair care. Just the thought of "wash day" can make any busy mom or dad tired before the day arrives. If your child is tender headed, the idea of tackling hair, and maybe the child, is an even more daunting task which lies ahead.



Megan Davis

One thing that isn't often at the forefront of a parent's mind, is their child's level of comfort when it comes to caring for their hair. From making statements like "your hair is so nappy" or "your hair is too thick" to popping the child with a comb so they can be still are ways to cause a child to feel that their hair is viewed in a negative way. When children hear this, they may grow up believing that either they themselves or their hair is bad.

Battling a tender-headed child's hair when time is limited is a challenge, but the mission can be accomplished with a plan of action and a lot of patience. Take a look at five steps to overcome the Tender Headed Blues.

Positive Affirmations

Successful hair care for kids with a sensitivity to the comb starts in the mind. Instead of complaining that your child's hair is too thick or nappy, celebrate the blessing of having a full head of hair and curls that are strong and healthy. Children hear many negative comments outside of the home, from other kids at the bus stop and maybe a teacher who is culturally insensitive to natural hair textures and styles. So think positively when speaking to your son or daughter about his or her hair as it helps to encourage self acceptance and self confidence.

Schedule A Routine

There's nothing like rushing to get a child's hair cleaned, dried and styled when there is no time to really do it right. Planning ahead helps everyone to be more at ease when the time comes. Set a regular day and time, such as Sunday night before bed time. When your children know the routine, they will be more likely to be a willing and cooperative participant in their hair care.

Use Proper Tools

Have you ever tried to bake a cake while missing the eggs or oil? When we substitute ingredients, we don't always receive the same results as when we have everything necessary to bake the cake. Gather supplies in an inexpensive bin or tote to always have them handy. The basic supplies you'll need are:

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Moisturizer and oil
- A shampoo comb or detangling tool
- Plastic sectioning clips
- A microfiber towel

Additional items you may wish to include are a timer, music, DVDs, books such as "I love my hair" by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley and a doll with long hair to comb.

Include Your Child in the Process

Growing up, many who are now parents heard their names hollered from a back room to tell them to go in the kitchen and get the hot comb and towel. As children, we were plopped down in the small kitchen next to the hot stove and given a jar of Dax or Blue Magic to hold while our hair was yanked through a tiny toothed comb, and we were threatened not to move or else. We were given some kind of style with a horrible short bang that flew up during the day and had to be rolled with a pink sponge roller every night. The laughter that accompanied those styles will never be forgotten. Today, we have the luxury of smart phones with Pinterest and Instagram where we can look up any type of style and hundreds of pictures will pop up. We can now give our kids style options and let them choose from two



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Pancakes, Politics & Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon at Our Brothers Place

A different kind of event arrived in downtown Toledo on Sunday, August 27 at Our Brothers Place as guests enjoyed a breakfast buffet, a detailed discussion of current political issue and the music of vocalist Karen "Lady K" Harris – all within a single afternoon.

The afternoon began with music and pancakes ... and eggs and sausage.

Then came the politics as a panel comprised of Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson and four City Council Members – District 1's Tyrone Riley, District 4's Yvonne Harper and At-Large Reps Larry Sykes and Kurt Young – addressed issues of concern to voters. The mayor, Sykes and Young are on the ballot in this year's elections.

After brief addresses by the members of the panel, the audience posed questions on topics ranging from crime, to job creation, to voter suppression, to drinking water safety, among others. The spirited discussion offered the elected officials an opportunity to display their grasp of a range of pressing issues – and display they did.

The officials took turns not only presenting their own individual concerns

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Andre Washington and Judicial Candidate Joe Howe



Council Members Kurt Young, Larry Sykes, Yvonne Harper, Tyrone Riley



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Two Spectacular Summer Events: The Rogers and Scott High School Alumni Hold Summer Reunions

First Annual Rogers High School Reunion Weekend

Rogers High School alumni met over the July 7-9 weekend in the First Annual Reunion for all alumni. The opening Meet and Greet was held at Club Evolution on Friday evening. On Saturday the Red and White Ball was held at All Occasions Hall and the festivities concluded on Sunday with a picnic at Rogers. During the weekend the alumni raised enough funds to hand out either \$500 scholarships to graduates in the class of 2018



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Eighth Annual Scott High School Reunion

Scott alumni met over the August 11-13 weekend in the format they established eight years ago - on Friday's opening night, alumni of the 1950s classes met at The Peacock, the 70s at Our Brothers Place, the 80s and 90s at The Agenda Sports Bar and 00s and 10s at The Lions Den. On Saturday the Bulldog Scholarship Sock Hop was held in the Scott Field House and the Sunday picnic at Detwiler Park.



Organizers Tyrone Cleveland and John Glover



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Scott Reunion... photos continued from page 8



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and solutions to problems but also praising the other panelists' efforts at uncovering ways to improve life for Toledo residents.

Harris took over the final hour of the event regaling the audience with her enthusiasm and vocal stylings.

Pancakes, Politics & Jazz was hosted Paul Hubbard, Keith Mitchell and The Sojourner's Truth. Another such event at Our Brother's Place is planned for mid-October, preceding the general election. For more information, email the hosts at oaul.hubbard@buckeye-express.com; keithlmitchell@hotmail.com or fletcherhword@gmail.com



Sandra and State Rep. Michael Sheehy



Vocalist Karen Harris

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questioning their heart and conviction, they back off and go back to playing show jams and not the needed hip-hop tunes.

Besides watching paint dry, there is nothing more boring or more of a waste of time than seeing a politico grab a mike and do the pre-programmed recitation of how we all need to work together and how we can accomplish so much if we just plan the work and then work the plan...and yada...yada...yada.

My earlier critiques of Mayor Hicks-Hudson and the then five, now four, minority council members were that if they are not willing to combine their political firepower and initiate programs and ideas that would specifically benefit the central city, then their value as progressive politicians is of no value. None. Nada.

Why so harsh, you say? Politicians, unless they are in it for the money or the retirement benefits, should be covered with battlefield scarring due to their

constant picking at the scabs and sores of society and not settling for the status quo.

If the Super Six (the name I coined for the Mayor and the then five minority members of city council) were not willing then or now to make such commitments to rock the boat, they should be voted out of office because they serve no useful purpose other than doing what an all white city council and white mayor has done or can do.

Being black or a minority, as you should know by now, is no guarantee that a person will be intelligent, articulate, progressive or aggressive in carrying the water for the minority community from where he or she has the "base" support.

When will be the next time that Toledo will have a black mayor and five minority city council members? The window of political opportunity in which they could have come together and issue an eye-popping city wide plan that would benefit all of Toledo while paying particular attention to the central city has tragically come and gone.

As for me? I am voting independent this time around.. There is no one I see who is worthy of my vote. The Super Six! What a lost opportunity to have grabbed the brass ring! No guts...no glory.

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Lucas County Democratic Party... continued from page 5

retail rely on the ability to collectively bargain for terms and conditions of employment and living wages, Tom Waniewski's support for obliterating that ability is most certainly not in line with the best interests of Toledoans.

Sadly, this is normal for Mr. Waniewski and his friend Wade Kapszukiewicz. Both intend to gut city services, outsource work, and hamstring departments that provide necessary, daily services to the people of the City of Toledo. Neither has any regard for the men and women whose jobs they so casually propose eliminating. In reality, Tom and Wade are proposing long lines, unanswered calls from city departments, delayed responses for service, overburdened city workers in potentially unsafe working conditions, and at the end of the day a negative impact on Toledoans.

It is clear that the only candidate for Mayor of the City of Toledo who will really build consensus and continue to look out for the working men and women of this City is Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson. Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson has created and/or retained over 9,000 jobs, kept our drinking water safe, and added a class of new police officers. Finally, Mr. Kapszukiewicz best summarized the state of Toledo in May of this year when he said "there is so much positive happening in the city of Toledo."

Chairman Joshua Hughes
Lucas County Democratic Party

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Charity Golf Tournament... continued from page 15

The golf tournament, the second one organized by the club, is a way for the organization to raise funds for some of their pet projects – most notably the YWCA of Greater Toledo's battered women's shelter. The DWIA has had a close relationship with the YWCA since the formation of the club five years ago and the tournament is a way to further increase their goal of assisting women in need.



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James and Mary Pomer, and Cynthia Brock



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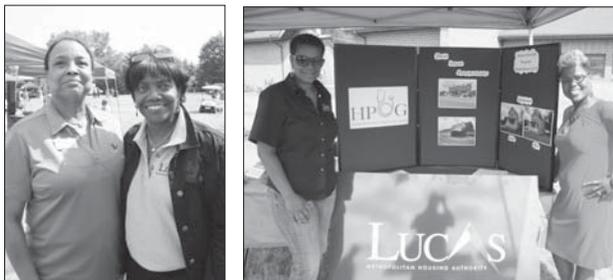
Theresa Powell and Geri Scruthins

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The Last Weekend Festivals

The final weekend of August featured a number of festivals in the central city – chief among them were those presented by the Smith boys – Kenny Smith and his Lincoln/Detroit event and Robert Smith of the African American Legacy Project's Dorr Street Live. Music was everywhere as was bountiful food, vendors and school supplies giveaways.

Dorr Street Live



Robert Smith



Lincoln/Detroit Fest



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to three styles. With that, we can get to work creating the style they have selected and encourage them to practice the styles on their dolls.

If your child is fidgety by nature, give her frequent breaks such as every 20 minutes where she can get up and dance, get a snack, or use the restroom. You can time yourself to be done by the time a movie goes off or have a section done by the end of a song. Any of these things encourage a child to be active in his hair care routine and promote a healthy idea for getting his hair done. These additional tools sometimes serve as distractions for a child who flinches every time you touch his head, but over time, he can learn to sit still and make it through each session feeling a little better each time.

Take Your Time

Even when there is very little of it, patience is needed to accomplish the goal of managing your child's hair. When working in small segments instead of trying to get it all done in an hour or before having to go to church etc., you may find that even though you have taken breaks and worked in smaller sections, that you get the job done in less time than what you planned for. If you become frustrated, take a break for yourself to avoid taking it out with the comb. After all, the comb is a maintenance and styling tool and not a weapon. Hopefully these tools will add sunshine to both you and your child's "wash day" experience.

Bonus Tip

If you're having a difficult time grasping a hold of these simple steps in caring for your child's hair, try enlisting the help of an older child, a relative or consider going to a beauty school which offers services for a reasonably low price. Do what is needed to ensure that your child's hair care routine is a positive one as she too will grow up with those experiences in mind when it's time to begin caring for her own hair or her child's hair.

Soul Survivor: A Biography of Al Green by Jimmy McDonough

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We all know someone like that, who could charitably be called a challenge. Someone who swims against the current, who rubs people the wrong way, who makes you growly. In the new book *Soul Survivor: A Biography of Al Green* by Jimmy McDonough, ruffled feathers can come from surprising places.

Born to sharecroppers, Albert Leorns Greene (he later dropped the “e”) entered the world in April, 1946, on the floor of a two-bedroom house near a town so small it barely registered on a map. Greene’s family was church-going and always had food on the table but life was hard, and young Greene’s father often didn’t have but a few hundred dollars to last a year. Some people said he had a temper.

“Those who know Al,” says McDonough, “described him much the same way.”

Even so, the family was close and singing was an important part of their lives. When Albert was still a child, his father assembled a gospel group with his sons, leaving Albert out of the mix. McDonough says that Al “watched with envy” as his brothers performed, and vowed that he would become famous one day.

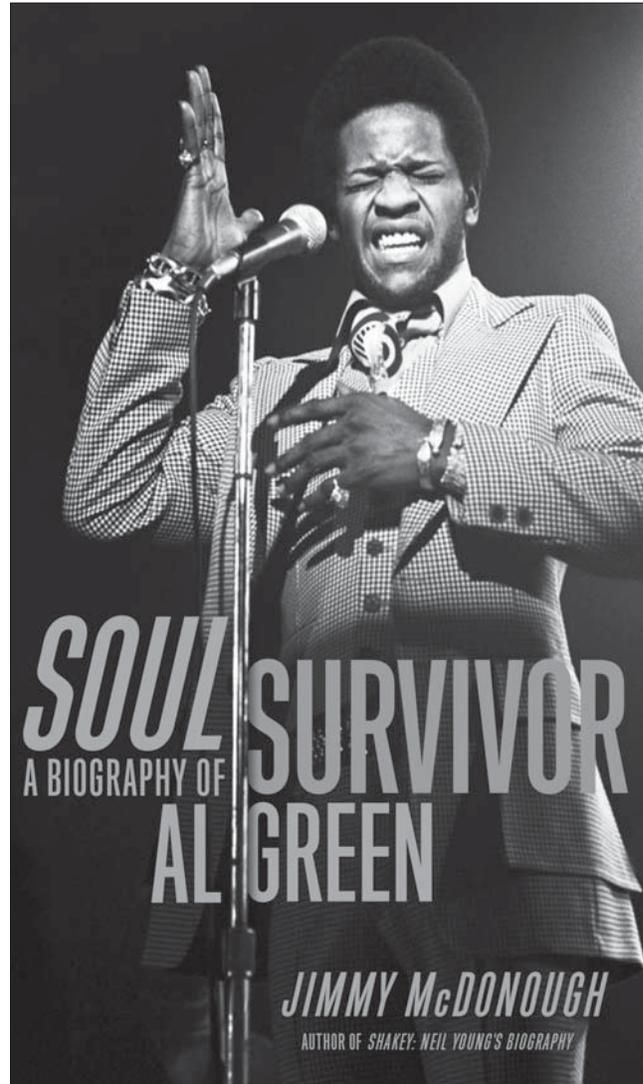
He was a “different” child, a “sensitive” one, but determined: all he ever wanted to do was sing and if he had to, he’d do it “on my own without anyone.” Despite his set mind, Al was shy, and didn’t make friends easily; a family move north didn’t help.

After a successful second try at high school, Al Green scrambled to find fame in Michigan and in New York before heading for Memphis, a recording hotspot. He wrote songs and had a few minor hits, although McDonough says he was “an... idiosyncratic songwriter” and had a “strange relationship” with the guys in his band. Still, what he had, “odd” as it was, worked: by 1972, he’d finally achieved his fame.

Today, the Reverend Al Green has returned to his roots, at his own church. He’s supposedly reticent to talk about parts of his past, or about the women who came to him in lusty waves. He’s, in fact, sometimes said to be reluctant to talk about much at all; he even turned author Jimmy McDonough away. McDonough was able to interview some of Green’s friends and family – or he tried to – and what he learned, plus what he gleaned from elsewhere, is the basis of “Soul Survivor.”

Here, McDonough offers a level of respect and praises Green’s musical genius, even as he interjects second-hand anecdotes of Green’s quirks and conflicting stories. He says Green is “the crazy-old-coot uncle” who’s perpetually unpredictable, which underscores a biography that’s interesting but shockingly less-than-complimentary. McDonough says he’d been thinking of writing this book “for over twenty years” but, based on narrative here, readers may rightly wonder why.

With the feel of side-whispered gossip in a dark alley, scandal fans may enjoy this book but, for others, it might be a harder sell. *Soul Survivor* is good enough, but wanting it on your bookshelf may be a decision that’s difficult.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS A&E SERVICES / 504 ASSESSMENT SERVICES RFP#17-R018

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive proposals for **A&E Services including 504 Assessment Services / RFP#17-R018**, Received in accordance with law until **Sept 11, 2017 at 3:00 PM ET**. For documents: www.lucasmha.org; 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711). Proposers are required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract and any Sect 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.



MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Parker Hannifin, a Fortune 500 company, has an open position on 2nd shift for a Maintenance Technician at the Hydraulic & Fuel Filtration Division located in Metamora, Ohio. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED with a minimum 1-3 years in an industrial environment performing basic electric and mechanical maintenance on equipment and the facility. U.S. citizenship is required.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Commissioners of the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) is preparing to submit its Annual Plan 2018, to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. In addition, LMHA shall submit the Capital Fund 2018 5-year Action Plan and a significant amendment to the 2017 5-year Action Plan. These plans are available for review at LMHA's Website (www.lucasmha.org). LMHA invites you to submit comments during the next 45 days. Please submit comments to cmorgan@lucasmha.org.

You are invited to a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., McClinton Nunn Community Bldg., 425 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604**. Interested citizens will be provided pertinent information regarding strategic goals and program activities of the LMHA. Citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and provide additional comments on the Annual Plan 2018.

Should attendees require auxiliary aids due to a disability, please contact LMHA at 419-259-9457 or TRS 711, at least one week prior to hearing date.



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HOSPICE OF NORTHWEST OHIO HOLDING HIRING OPEN HOUSE FOR NIGHT SHIFT POSITIONS SEPTEMBER 7

Nurses and STNAs are invited to a career fair at Hospice of Northwest Ohio on **Thursday, September 7 from 4-8:00 p.m.** Licensed RNs and LPNs and certified STNAs who are interested in working nights should bring a resume and list of references to the Perrysburg Hospice Center, 30000 East River Road, where immediate interviews will be conducted. Qualified candidates will receive job offers within 24 hours!

Applicants must be available to work at both the Toledo and Perrysburg Hospice Centers from 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 a.m. Full-time, part-time and contingent positions available. Position's offer competitive wages and benefits.

We encourage those who have a passion for caring for patients near the end of life to attend the open house. Current employees and hiring managers will be onsite to discuss the openings. Light refreshments will be provided.

To learn more about a career at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, visit our website at www.hospicenwo.org or call 419-661-4001.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT THE TOLEDO ZOO

It may be back to school time, but it is also back to the Zoo time! Sept. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 23, 29 Overnights and Snooze at the Zoo Spending the night at the Zoo is a wildly good time for families, groups and schools. During the overnight adventure, guests make enrichment for our animals, tour the Zoo, meet animals up close and enjoy delicious meals. Each Snooze lasts from 6:30 p.m. - 10 a.m. the next day. Separate fee. Pre-registration required. For more information, including pricing and available dates, visit toledozoo.org/zoo-snooze.

Saturdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 Namaste for Nature Help support the Zoo's native prairie and horticultural programs while getting your Zen on at yoga at the Toledo Zoo. Classes will be held from 9-10 a.m. on four consecutive Saturdays in September and led by certified yoga instructors from Toledo-area studios. Participants are asked to wear comfortable clothing and bring their own yoga mat and bottle of water. Advanced registration is required and is limited to 90 participants per session. Participants must be at least 16 years of age. For more information or to register, please visit toledozoo.org/yoga.

The Soulcial Scene

Democratic Women in Action's Charity Golf Tournament

Perfect weather, an abundance of raffle tickets and great food greeted the 61 golfers who hit the links on Saturday, August 5, in a tournament hosted by the Democratic Women in Action at the South Toledo Golf Club on Heathcrows.

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Aidan Sanders and Clarke Sanders



Anna Kowalik and Steve Kowalik



Councilman Larry Sykes and Jay Black



Jeff Stuller and Doug Lafferty



Ed Streeter and Keith Miller



John Moore and Dick Craddolph



Juanita Stephens and All Stephens



Rick Keyseeker and Daryl Nash



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Ronnie Davis and Tommy Gaston

St. Paul MBC's 100th Anniversary Celebration

"Proclaiming the Will of God for 100 years," Acts 20:28, was the theme of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church's centennial celebration at Garden Lake Hall on July 29. Church members, family and friends gathered to acknowledge a century of service and they were joined by elected officials who brought resolutions from national, state and local government bodies.

Following dinner, congregants with over 50 years of membership were recognized.



Betty Bannister, and Rev. Langston Bannister, PhD.



Diane Flagg, Joseph Allen, and Father Tony Gallagher



Earl and Leona Barry, and Flourmay

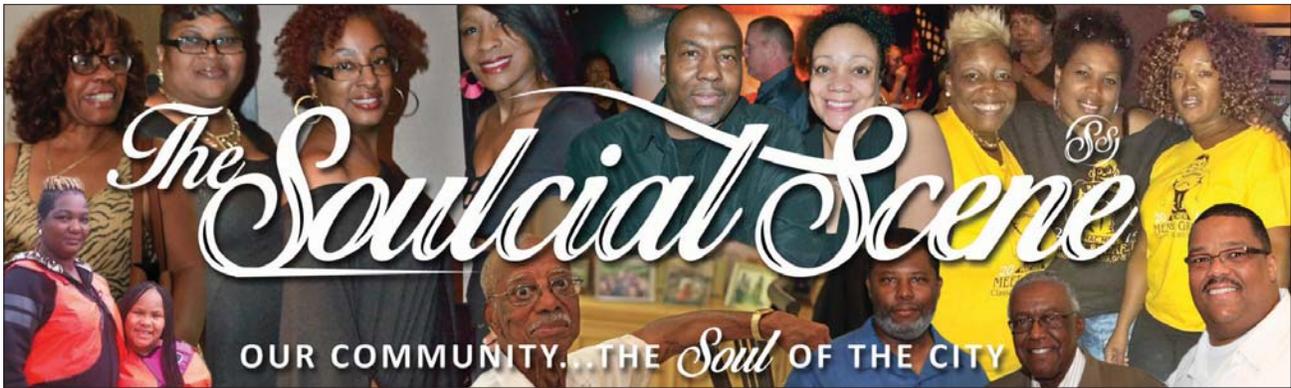


Genese Lindsey and Harold Lindsey



Giselle Savage, and Harvey Savage

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Alpha Phi Boule Summer Barbeque

Paul Hubbard hosted the Alpha Phi Boule's annual barbecue at his Toledo home on Sunday August 12 and guests were treated to a sumptuous soul food buffet, a raffle with assorted door prizes, music throughout and some brief political discussion courtesy of Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson.

Boule members came from various cities in Michigan to join their Toledo brothers for the annual event.

The buffet – chicken, ribs, fish, mac n cheese, collards greens, turnip greens, green beans and potatoes, salad --- provided by Helen Cooks Club 300 Catering, Inc.



Billie and Henry Johnson



Mallory Williams and Lloyd Bingham



Alan Bannister and Councilman Larry Sykes



Johnnie Early, PhD, and Helen Cooks, PhD



Lloyd Bingham from Lansing Boule and Walt Douglas from Detroit Boule



Joan Brittan and grandson - from the Detroit Boule



Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, Robin Barclay, State Sen. Edna Brown



The Host, Paul Hubbard



Pariss Coleman and Dr. Houston Johnson



Paul Hubbard, Robin Barclay and Mallory Williams



Robert Gabriel, Theresa Gabriel, Thomas Winston



The Cooks Club 300 Catering Crew

