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The People and the Powers That Be

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

(Thesystem) is the most hidden and denied level of evil. We cannot see it because we are all inside of it and it is in our ego’s self interest to protect the corporate deception.

- Richard Rohr

Although councilman Kurt Young has long been a local force for fighting injustices perpetrated against disadvantaged people, his work has always seemed to fly under the radar.

Perhaps that is the nature of warfare against systems, the unseen but formidable forces that not only determine the choices of powerful policymakers, but which also shape the decisions of those who are directly affected by those policies.

In part two of our conversation, Young, a candidate for one of six at large council seats in the November 7 election, talks about fighting the often-faceless evil of racism.

Perryman: What are your thoughts on what many believe to be the racial divide?
Young: Are you talking about in Toledo or are you talking about other places?
Perryman: I’m talking about both, because in my opinion, what we see elsewhere on television or in the news leaves residual effects in Toledo.

Young: Absolutely. And I mean, for instance, some folks tried to make the outcome of the primary about race, saying that the Democrats of color are on the inside looking out at the folks who are not of color while the other three Democrats are on the outside looking in. I don’t buy that.

Again, Harvey Savage has done a lot in this community and is well known, as was his father. Harvey did what he needed to do to be where he is at right now. Gary Johnson has done a lot in this community and ran a very good campaign and I know because we worked together. We knocked on doors together and he got where he was by hard work and doing the right moves. I don’t think the reason he finished higher than me is because he is a person of color and I’m not. I think that I’m the unknown quantity and I had to work hard and so do Sam [Melden] and Nick [Komives] have to work hard.

But, no question that [racism] is out there, people have this crazy notion that color and race aren’t around anymore, that racism was dead but it’s still here. Institutional racism is still here, we’ve got a ton of work to do and I want to keep working on that whether I’m former Councilman Young or Councilman Young.

Perryman: When you say ‘working on,’ I assume that you are talking about structural or systemic racism. Right or wrong?
Young: Well, I’m talking about institutional racism. I’m also talking about just one-on-one people getting to know each other. My parents took this attitude and we’ve taken this attitude with our kids also. My parents wanted me to have a variety of friends and they had a variety of friends so that you can’t turn a kid into a bigot if you show them that here are friends who are gay, here are our friends who are people of color, so that you get that experience of them having friends and you having friends. You can’t turn a child into a bigot that way, at least I hope not. And I think we’ve raised two kids that love what they see as far as diversity, but we’ve also got to work on the institutional end of things.

Community Calendar

October 6-8
Church of the Living God Evangelist Revival: 7 pm nightly; 10 am service on Sunday; “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit in me;” 419-279-4747

October 7-8
St. Mark’s Baptist Church Annual Men’s Day Weekend: “Christian Men Standing Strong for Christ;” Prayer breakfast on Saturday from 10 am to noon; Service on Sunday featuring guest speaker Rev. Michael Gaston of Genesis Baptist: 419-385-5468

October 8
Organ Study Scholarship Audition: Students in grades seven to 12 and adults; 3 pm; Our Lady of Lourdes Church: 419-473-1167 ext 230 or dma-thias@monroestumc.com

October 14
Calvary MBC Women’s Ministry Cancer Awareness Luncheon: 11 am; Agencies with information, vendors, free luncheon

October 22
Calvary MBC 88th Church Pre-Anniversary: 4 pm; Guest speaker Pastor Perry Harris of United Vision MBC

October 29
Calvary MBC 88th Church Anniversary: 4 pm; Guest speaker Brian Lamon-Monford, Northwest Ohio Missionary Baptist Association Moderator
Senator Brown Testifies on Domestic Violence Survivors Protection Act

Senate Bill 150 bans convicted domestic violence offenders from owning firearms

Last week, Senator Edna Brown (D-Toledo) testified on Senate Bill 150 before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Titled the “Domestic Violence Survivors Protection Act,” the bill prohibits individuals who have been convicted of domestic violence, or assault of a family member, or who are subject to a domestic-violence restraining order from owning firearms. Twenty-six states have already enacted similar legislation.

“Roughly 4.5 million American women have been threatened with a gun by an intimate partner,” said Brown. “We must ask ourselves: how much further does a person really have to go to pull the trigger if they’ve already drawn a weapon on someone?”

Existing federal legislation, known as the Domestic Violence Offender Gun Ban, prohibits individuals convicted of domestic violence from possessing firearms; however, it is difficult to enforce at the state level because federal law does not outline a procedure for surrendering firearms.

“Senate Bill 150 provides a clear-cut process for turning in weapons and encourages compliance with existing federal legislation,” said Brown. “Because states must develop their own procedures for surrendering firearms, convicted domestic abusers have been able to get away with keeping their guns, though unlawful.”

October marks National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Ohio. Every year, 5.3 million women in the United States suffer from incidents of domestic violence. Overall, one in two American women killed with guns are killed by a romantic partner or family member.

Brown introduced Senate Bill 150 in honor of Amanda Manges, the northwest Ohio native who was shot and killed by her boyfriend, James Ramey, this past March.

Mayor Hicks-Hudson Launches Engage Toledo Ambassador Academy

Mayor Hicks-Hudson last week announced the creation of an exciting new initiative to inspire civic engagement and participation called the Engage Toledo Ambassador Academy. Participants will interact with city leaders who will provide “behind-the-scenes” perspectives on how Toledo is enhancing service delivery systems for residents and businesses through technology and best management practices.

The announcement was made at the Sanger Branch Library as part of Customer Service Week. “Toledo is nationally-recognized as a Citizen-Engaged Community, and for good reason,” said Mayor Hicks-Hudson in opening remarks, “Since its start in October of 2015, citizens have used the Engage Toledo system more than 75,000 times. The Engage Toledo Ambassador Academy will take this citizen engagement to a new level.”

An inaugural class of approximately 25 citizens will be selected to attend this free course on Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at various locations throughout the city, starting October 18 and culminating in a graduation ceremony on December 13.

Participants must be Toledo residents at least 18 years of age. Applications are being accepted through October 16 on a first-come, first-served basis, with some exceptions possible to ensure broad representation across the city. More information and applications are available online at www.toledo.oh.gov/engage-toledo and at the DPU Customer Walk-In Center at 420 Madison Avenue.
We’ve got a court system that still has issues. We’ve got still got a struggle with our police department. We’ve got to work with that in our educational system. There are just so many fronts - healthcare for instance where we see…

Perryman: The social determinants of health? The disparities?

Young: The disparities, yes, absolutely. I mean, I personally am of every privilege you can think of. I’m white, I’m Christian, I’m Cisgender, I’m straight. I’m a professional, I came from a middleclass family, got to go to a really good law school, and yeah I had to take out a bunch of student loans to do it, but they gave me student loans. So other than wealth, I come from every advantage there is. We’ve got to work on, again, the economic disparity, the racial disparity, the educational disparity. We deal with things every day, for instance, in my practice the Bureau of Worker’s Comp thinks that everybody has access to a computer and high speed internet and it’s like ‘whoa guys, timeout, not everybody does.’ Not everybody has a smart phone. So we’ve got lots of work to do just to make sure that we’re not excluding people or dealing with them unjustly based on something like that.

Perryman: Just a couple more things. One issue that has plagued the African American community has been the level, if not the high profile, of violence in the inner city.

Young: I absolutely saw the issue on Facebook the other day. And I’ve actually seen the violence from a block away because coming in…we live in the Old West End and coming into my home, two young men whipped out guns and emptied the clips at each other and so I’ve seen that firsthand.

Perryman: How do we address the violence? I mean people are meeting daily. There are discussions on the 22nd floor, 21st floor.

Young: All of the above.

Perryman: Yet the violence seems to continue unabated.

Young: And I wish I had some magic bit of wisdom that’s just the missing piece here. I mean, again, I’ve marched in the 2-Mile March to End Gang Violence. My wife Cheri used to do the prayer vigils every time somebody got shot or stabbed or victimized in any way by violence and went to them. We’ve got to do something from a systemic as well as on all kinds of fronts. Some of the problem is income or poverty. I sat there once in law school with a group of grad students and we were trying to figure out what the common denominator is. A pretty good law school, Case Western, and we had law students, med students, business students, museum science students, we were trying to figure out what got us to grad school, what was the common denominator, and we couldn’t find one.

Some of us went to public school, some of us private, some came from wealth, some of us were there on scholarships or on loans, all kinds of family setups from aunts and grandmothers raising people to the perfect nuclear family with 2.4 kids and mom and dad and all that stuff. The common denominator was that there was an adult who cared about us showing up at school, that we actually went, that we had - however they did it - the clothes on our back, the food in our belly.

We’ve got to have more support for those who are raising kids. We’ve got to have more opportunities for kids to do constructive things. None of these are an easy fix. After school tutoring enrichment’s great, but you’ve got to put food in the belly, you’ve got to make sure somebody’s making sure the homework’s happening, you’ve got to get kids to show up and then even that’s still not a guarantee that we’re not going to have that, but it’s…it’s all of the above. We’ve got to work on supporting families. We’ve got to give kids activities. We’ve got to have some kind of economic development so there’s something besides drugs and a gang for belonging in a future.

We’ve also got a culture where we’re throwing away - not just a generation, but now multiple generations where they are disposable. I mean, look at the video from that. Nobody called for help. Now, is it because they don’t trust who’s going to show up or is it because they don’t care or a combination? I don’t know. There are so many things to do. I wish I had a magic answer.

It’s all those things we have to work on and as a good liberal, a respect for life, you can be prochoice and still say all lives matter and I don’t mean that as being black lives matter because I do think that’s something we have to work on. I hear these all lives matter people speak and it’s like yeah, but black lives matter isn’t saying just black lives matter, they’re just saying that at like five times the rate or more, men and women of color are dying and so can we focus on this right now? The house is on fire over here, we don’t need to take care of all the houses right now, let’s go take care of this house first. That doesn’t mean the other houses don’t matter, let’s just put the fire out.

Perryman: All lives can’t matter if black lives don’t matter.

Young: Right. Cheri was one of the speakers when we hit the rally after Trayvon Martin. Now again, my son can wear a hoodie and probably go and get skittles and an iced tea without being harassed by somebody in a neighborhood watch kind of thing, but if I don’t care about Trayvon Martin, how do I make sure my son’s safe? So I don’t have an easy answer, I wish I did.

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Joseph Lowery, Dean of Civil Rights Movement, Celebrated on 96th Birthday

While President Barack Obama and Congresswoman Maxine Waters sent birthday greetings, Ambassador Andrew Young, Martin Luther King III and Dr. Martin L. King Jr’s sister, Dr. Christine King Farris were among celebrities and dignitaries on hand in Atlanta to acknowledge the 96th birthday of civil rights leader and former King confidant, Joseph E. Lowery, D.Min.

The historical evening was made most memorable when OWN’s “Greenleaf” star and singer Keith David; Tyler Perry’s “House of Payne” star and vocalist, Cassandra “Cassi” Davis; and gospel superstar, Yolanda Adams, mesmerized the audience with a stellar musical tribute that encapsulated the life of the well-loved nonagenarian. The Joseph and Evelyn Lowery Institute (Lowery Institute) hosted the gala which also featured Lowery Institute Change Agents packing the stage to honor the Dr. Lowery with raised fists and taking a knee.

Themed “Grounded in History: Soaring Towards The Future,” the Lowery Institute also awarded movie producer, Will Packer, attorney Angela Rye and activist Rev. William Barber, for continuing the national dialogue in support of justice and human rights, and keeping the Lowery’s legacies alive as agents of change in their respective fields.

“The evening truly epitomized my dad’s life,” said Lowery’s daughter and president of the Lowery Institute, Cheryl Lowery. “People from all walks of life made it out to celebrate and producer, Kenneth Green, created an engaging musical experience, masterfully weaving elements of my mother and father’s work as agents of change juxtaposed with the Lowery Institute Change Agents who will continue to keep their legacy alive. He was able to tell their stories using all types of music from hip hop to the Morehouse College Glee Club.”
We Must Reform Charter School Reform in Ohio!

By Dominque Warren
The Truth Contributor

It’s October in Ohio and we know that from the clanking of football pads, young ladies shopping for homecoming dresses, and parents trying to anticipate the support their kids need in their academic pursuits.

I remember, as if it was yesterday when I was a young teacher in Chicago, putting up posters, organizing desks and looking through yearbooks trying to memorize student faces and names.

As a district administrator in Baltimore, I struggled trying to fund all the necessary functions of a school with strained resources while still providing a high quality education to students who needed it the most.

In Ohio, local school districts every year face the realization that they will be over $300 million dollars short each year because their districts are losing funding to charter schools that have no elected school board or real accountability and who underperform in comparison with their traditional public school neighbors.

In the early 2000s, the State of Ohio and local school districts spent billions on rebuilding traditional public schools into 21st Century buildings. As a graduate of Scott High School in 2003, I remember the public hearings in which residents shared their hopes and dreams for education in this city.

Unbeknownst to many, a wave of school reform was taking place across the country where publicly-funded charter schools created by non-profits as well as for-profits sprang up to provide “choice” for parents who were tired of underperforming public schools and limited curricular offerings.

In Ohio, we saw school enrollment decline from local school districts to charter schools with the promise that children would receive better educational opportunities.

In reality, we have a system of schools without elected school boards who can essentially open anywhere in the state as well as close in an instant without being held accountable and, in the case of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT), commit fraud and cheat the state out of over $60 million by falsely increasing enrollment accounts.

No doubt there are successful charter schools and authorizers (entities that sponsor and oversee charters) in Ohio. The Toledo School for the Arts is an amazing charter with great results and the Thomas B. Fordham Institute in Columbus has been an authorizer that has received great accolades.

Even with those examples, in 2016 only five out of over 66 authorizers have been rated as Effective, with most receiving Poor ratings, and only 10 authorizers meet the standards for Quality Practices.

In 2010, Ohio was ranked sixth in education according to Education Week. In that time, we have seen the de-regulation of authorizers and the explosion of charters, specifically for-profit charters being placed in Ohio serving our most vulnerable children, typically black and brown youth.

Today, Ohio is ranked 23rd and continues to fall. Who should hold these schools and authorizers accountable? Unlike school boards in Ohio, leaders of charter schools and their authorizers are unelected by the community. In fact, some are elected by a board of directors who have financial stake in the increased enrollment of the charter they oversee.

These issues are just part of many challenges that charter schools present such as lack of certified teachers, suspension and discipline disparities of students of color and low achievement scores.

Imagine a school of black and brown students where the board doesn’t reflect the diversity of the school, and isn’t responsive to parents and community members because they aren’t elected.

This is the charter school challenge in Ohio. This disenfranchises communities and the students they serve. Ohio charter schools are here to stay, but our elected leaders at the state level can change whether we are holding them accountable and whether our local school districts continue to lose funding.

The time to change is now, because children can’t wait for it to happen in the future. Will our leaders act on this? We shall see. They can’t afford not to.
Reception for the Recruitment and Retention of African American Students

Sojourner’s Truth Staff

The University of Toledo’s President’s Committee for African American Recruitment, Retention and Scholarship Support held a reception on Friday evening in the Mulford Café at the UT Medical Center to welcome first year graduate students in health disciplines: pharmacy, nursing and medical.

“The event was a reception to introduce all students, “said Rev. James Willis of St. Paul MBC who serves on the Committee. “And for new students to gain insight on issues that may arise that second, third and fourth year students have already encountered.”

Approximately 45 students attended the reception to mingle and to hear speakers such as Willis; Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson Dean; Pat Hogue, PhD, associate dean of Diversity and Inclusion and Monica Holiday-Goodman, PhD, associate dean for Health Science Campus Student Affairs and Diversity.

The Committee for African American Recruitment derives from UT’s program to fulfill the part of its mission statement that in which the university will seek to “create an environment that values and fosters Diversity.”

Photos courtesy Johnnie Early, PhD, Dean of Pharmacy
Kent Branch Library Celebrates 100 Years of Service

Join us as we recognize 100 years of library service to the historic Kent Neighborhood!

Kent Branch Library opened December 11, 1917 and was the result of a collaboration between the Toledo Public Library, the City of Toledo and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. The branch was named in honor of Eliza M. Kent, the first manager of the Children’s Department at Main Library. You’re invited to help us celebrate with light refreshments, a journey through Kent’s history, and a tour of the modern-day Library.

Thursday, October 19 / 10 a.m.
Kent Branch Library
3101 Collingwood Blvd.
419.259.5340

Clyde Scoles Named to Ohio Humanities Council Board of Directors

Clyde Scoles, Director/Fiscal Officer of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, was named recently to the Board of Directors of the Ohio Humanities Council. (www.ohiohumanities.org) Scoles, an Ohio Library Council Hall of Fame librarian, was named to a three-year term to the Ohio Humanities Board, with his appointment beginning officially on November 1, 2017.

As a board member, Scoles will serve as an advocate for the public humanities by promoting the mission and vision of Ohio Humanities to sustain vibrant communities and foster lifelong learning.

“This is a true honor to be selected to serve on the Ohio Hu-

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Toledo City Council

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Due in large part to the efforts of State Sen. Edna Brown, the State of Ohio recently announced a new official day – Moses Fleetwood Walker Day. On Saturday, October 7 (Walker’s birthday), The Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill and the Toledo Mud Hens took the opportunity to celebrate – the first statewide recognition of the Day – and to raise funds to send 50 local youth to baseball camp next summer.

The celebration began at 7:30 p.m. when the band, Organized K-OS, took the stage and began to entertain the audience at Fleetwood’s Tap Room on St. Clair Street, across from Fifth Third Field. Joining the members of Jack and Jill were Mud Hens historian John Hussman and Pete Wagner of the Moses Fleetwood Walker Society.

Contrary to conventional modern-day history, Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson, who began his professional major league career with the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1947 season, was not the first openly black man to play professional baseball. That distinction belongs to Ohio native Walker, a former star athlete with both Oberlin College and the University of Michigan, who broke in with the Toledo Blue Stockings of the American Association in 1884 and retired from professional baseball in 1889. Unfortunately, Walker did not start a trend. Not until 1947 did another African American play professional baseball in the previously all-white major leagues.

“The place is packed, the game is on, and the “Sweet Blue” (cocktail in honor of Moses Fleetwood Walker) is being served!” said one of the Jack and Jill organizers Rhonda Sewell. “Thanks everyone for already making donations to send 50 youth in need to baseball camp at Fifth Third Field next summer! Happy Moses Fleetwood Walker Day!”
How to Incorporate Learning into Your Child’s Daily Routine

Young children don’t need to be in a classroom to learn important skills. And the earlier you get started, the better. Here are some great ways to incorporate fun learning experiences into your child’s day.

Bath Time

Don’t miss the opportunity to make bath time a fun and engaging experience. Count rubber duckies together, sing “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes,” complete with corresponding choreography, and read books — just be sure they are of the waterproof variety! Even just talking to your children during this time can be educational, helping them pick up new vocabulary and develop language skills.

Play Time

With careful consideration, your play area can serve double-duty, being a station for fun while encouraging a child’s curiosity and love of learning. Consider innovative learning toys that actively teach important skills, such as counting, shapes, colors and the alphabet, while introducing the problem-solving, creativity and social skills children will need to thrive as they grow.

Certain toy brands, such as LeapFrog, have created a variety of learning tools that are also fun to play with for young kids. For example, their new Scoop & Learn Ice Cream Cart can help children build memory and sequencing skills while they create ice cream cones with a scooper that recognizes colors and flavors. The brand also has a combination laptop and touch screen tablet called the 2-in-1 LeapTop Touch, which is designed to help kids learn letters, numbers and music.

“Childhood is a time of discovery, so seek out toys designed to foster children’s natural curiosity,” says Clement Chau, EdD, director of learning for LeapFrog. “Toys should provide a range of experiences that build a strong foundation of learning.”

Chau also recommends Step & Learn Scout, a pet pup that teaches kids letters and counting while they develop gross motor skills and get some exercise, as well as the Stack & Tumble Elephant, for building hand-eye coordination while learning songs, numbers and phrases.

Mealtime

Mealtime is the perfect time of day to teach kids about their health, as well as good nutrition habits. You can teach kids about the five food groups, as well as vitamin basics, so they learn that what they put into their body can have a positive impact on their growth and wellness. Kids can also develop motor skills by helping you in the kitchen. From pouring to mixing to measuring, there are many kitchen tasks perfect for little hands.

Bedtime

Help kids wind down before bed with some great books. Read to your children until they can read to themselves. You’ll be forming a lifelong habit of learning.

The right tools and habits can make it easy to seamlessly incorporate education into your child’s daily routine.
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manities Board of Directors. The core values of the Humanities aligns with my own personal beliefs – to connect us with other people and to help us address the challenges we face together in our families, our communities, and as a nation. I am anxious to contribute what I’ve learned along my path,” said Scoles.

Ohio Humanities Board members are charged with sharing their wisdom and experience, attending quarterly business meetings, participating on committees, reviewing grant applications, evaluating projects, and acting as liaisons with various audiences and civic leaders. In addition, board members are asked to assist with development activities and to make annual contributions to Ohio Humanities.

Ohio Humanities is the state-based partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Through grants and public humanities programs, the Council’s goal is to help Ohioans interpret the past, imagine the future, and define individual values. Providing financial support through grants for community projects, exhibits, and activities, Ohio Humanities partners with cultural organizations to present book festivals and public activities, and to promote heritage tourism in Ohio.

Pat Williamsen, Executive Director, Ohio Humanities — patw@ohiohumanities.org

Kaptur Condemns Trump Administration Action that Cuts Funding to Help Ohioans Enroll in Health Care Plans

 Arbitrary cuts leave many in Ohio without assistance to sign up for health care

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-09), last week released the following statement regarding news that due to funding cuts by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Ohio Association of Food Banks (OAFB) will be forced to exit the Affordable Care Act Navigator program. The program provides assistance to Americans who are looking to enroll in health care plans and the OAFB coalition is made up of local partners across the state. The OAFB is the only statewide Navigator in Ohio and has helped 44,000 Ohioans enroll in health care plans.

Kaptur statement:
“After trying and failing, again and again, President Trump and Congressional Republicans are so determined to fulfill a hollow campaign promise that they will do anything to undermine the progress we have made under the Affordable Care Act.

These arbitrary cuts to the Navigator program pull the rug out from Ohioans who rely on the Ohio Association of Food Banks coalition for assistance in signing up for health care coverage.

“Since this Administration is turning its back on helping Americans get insurance, it is on us to step up to make sure our neighbors, friends and family have the health coverage they need.

“I will keep fighting for common-sense fixes to the current system and I will work with my colleagues to beat back efforts to play political games with America’s health care system and people’s lives.”
"Write that down."

Your teacher says that all the time in class. Your parents might say it, as a reminder because sometimes, writing things down can be important.

And as you’ll see in the new book, *Kid Authors* by David Stabler, illustrated by Doogie Horner, written words can also be magic.

For as long as you can remember, you’ve loved books. They take you forward and backward in time, to places you’ve never been, with new people and new adventure. Books contain awesome stories – and so do the lives of the authors of those books.

Take, for instance, Edgar Allan Poe. Poe was the middle child of three, born in early 1809 to parents who were performers. Because they were gone a lot, baby Edgar was mostly cared-for by other people; at age two, that became permanent when his father abandoned the family and his mother died. Says Stabler, Poe was a so-so student and he was bullied as a boy. Was that the reason he wrote such scary stories?

And then there was Laura Ingalls Wilder, who grew up on the prairie, where family often slept out in the open – this was the 1800s, after all – and bugs, weather, and fire were big concerns. So were the local Indians, who were not at all happy that the Ingalls had built on Osage land.

As the tale goes, Zora Neale Hurston was a baby when a wild hog wandered into her mother’s kitchen. That was the first story of her life; later ones included those she heard from the men who hung out at a general store near her Alabama home. She loved words. She loved them so much that she gained a reputation for being her class’s best reader, which won her a hundred pennies and “a library full of books.”

J.K. Rowling wrote her “first adventure story” at age seven.

Poet Langston Hughes endured a “massive earthquake” while living in Mexico as a boy, before meeting his grandmother, who told him family stories of abolitionists, racism, and possibilities. Charles Schulz was a published cartoonist at age 15. And Beverly Cleary loved books but the creator of Henry Huggins was a “struggling reader.”

“Everybody loves a good story,” says author David Stabler – and that includes your bookish child. So what better way to read about the story-behind-the-storytelling than with *Kid Authors*?

Open these covers, and you’ll see a good representation of literature throughout the centuries. That’s good for you but your child will find something even better here: each of the 15 mini-biographies and most of the back-of-the-book “fun-facts” are about authors your child will recognize, and Stabler makes them relatable. Chapters are accompanied by illustrations by Doogie Horner but that’s still not all: oh-so-subtly, there’s encouragement in these tales. If Stan Lee or Maya Angelou can become a famous writer, your child can do it, too.

Kids ages eight-to-12 will devour this book, especially if they’re hungry readers. Parents can love it, too, because *Kid Authors* will teach your child to do the write thing.
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AUGUST ACCELERATOR GRANTEES ANNOUNCED
The Arts Commission is pleased to announce the fourth group of recipients of the Accelerator Grant. This program offers financial support with quick turn-around for local individual artists or artist collectives advancing creative projects and thereby advancing the careers. This grant is available on a monthly application cycle, with deadlines posted on www.theartscommission.org/grantees. A committee comprised of members of the visual, performing and literary arts communities meets to review applications and make recommendations for funding to the Arts Commission staff and board. The August grantees are Lauren Fowler, Blanca Garza, Timothy Stover and Brien Stranac.

LEGAL NOTICE - INVITATION TO BID
The Toledo Zoo is soliciting sealed proposals for the Museum of Science Redevelopment Project Bid Package #5. The bid package includes all supervision, materials, labor, and equipment for the Museum of Science Redevelopment Project Bid Package #5. Work shall consist of general trades, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, fire protection, acrylic, and life support systems plumbing.

Copies of bidding documents may be obtained on and after 12:00 PM on 25SEP17 upon coordination with The Toledo Zoo. Bidders will be allotted one set of bid documents, and are responsible for any additional sets. Bid documents may be reviewed at The Toledo Zoo.

Sealed bids will be received at the Toledo Zoo’s Administration Building at 2605 Broadway St., Toledo, Ohio 43609 until 2:00 PM on 03NOV17 and opened immediately following in the Administration Building. Bids will be accepted only on the bid package forms provided and only if the bids are received on or before the bid time stated. The official bid clock will be the clock located within the Toledo Zoo’s Administration Building. A certified check, cashier’s check, or a bid bond in accordance with all applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code is required. Minimum Wage Rates, Prevailing Wage Rates, and Equal Employment Opportunity laws of the United States and the State of Ohio are applicable to all bids received for this project.

A pre-bid meeting and joint MBE Reception will be conducted commencing at 10:00 AM on 10OCT17. The pre-bid reception will walk all bidder through the project, highlight the different bidding opportunities with this project and future projects at the Toledo Zoo, and explain the goals for MBE participation for the Museum of Science Redevelopment Project Bid Package #5. The MBE reception will be followed by the pre-bid meeting and site visit. Bidders will meet at the Toledo Zoo’s Administration Building at 2605 Broadway St., Toledo, Ohio 43609. A site tour will follow and be part of the pre-bid meeting. No proposal will be accepted by The Toledo Zoo from a contractor that had not visited the jobsite prior to bidding. Confirmed attendance is required for the site visit, by signature from a representative of the bidding contractor on the official pre-bid walk-thru and/or the official site visit “sign-in sheet”. No separate site visits will be scheduled the same day as the bid date. Bids are subject to the terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents and the terms and conditions are hereby incorporated into the Invitation to Bid the same as if written in full herein. The owner may reject any and all bids on any basis and without disclosure of a reason. The Owner may waive any illegality in the bidding under the extent permitted by law, or accept the bid which is the lowest and best and which embraces such combination of alternatives as may promote the best interests of the Owner. Such actions taken by the Owner shall not preclude the Owner's entering into a contract with any unsuccessful bidder against The Toledo Zoo, the Board of Lucas County Commissioners, or Consultants under contract to The Toledo Zoo who prepared the specification and drawings.

Twenty young adults, including five African Americans, received a 2017 20 Under 40 Leadership Recognition Award on Thursday, September 28 at the 22nd annual 20 Under 40 ceremony. They were selected from a field of 120 candidates.

Lamar Anderson, Director of Product Marketing at Owens Corning,
A young achiever, Anderson became a Director at a Fortune 500 company by the age of 33. Currently, he leads a business segment at Owens Corning with $250 million in sales and 300 employees across the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

In the community, Anderson serves as a board member for Junior Achievement of Northwestern Ohio, as an Elder and board member for the Church on Strayer, a HUB Team member for Pickett Elementary School, on the scholarship committee for Alpha Phi Alpha alumni chapter of Toledo, and was a past chairman of Owens Corning’s African-American Resource Group.

Anderson was a recipient of an Evans Scholarship, has an undergraduate degree from Northwestern University. He returned to Northwestern to obtain his MBA from Kellogg School of Management while working full-time as a plant leader at Owens Corning.

He was nominated by Kristian Brown, Jose Rosales, Craig Teamer, and Tianna Anderson.

Jeremy Holloway, Teacher/Speaker at the University of Toledo
Holloway serves as the Community Relations Director for the UT Student Government, president of Narrow Gate Community at UT, and a leader in the PhD program there. He serves his community as an advisor, mentor, and leader for the Multicultural Educators of the Future. Brothers on the Rise, serves as an instructor with the Multicultural Emerging Scholars Program and is a recognized minister of music in various local churches. He has taught in South Korea, Mexico, Argentina and Spain. Holloway was also a team leader in Toledo for community building projects in Managua, Nicaragua; Wonju, South Korea and Luang Prabang, Laos.

He is a recipient of the UT Martin Luther King, Jr. Award. He is also a mentor at Keiser Elementary through JLJ Mentor’s Outreach, and he ran in the Glass City Marathon and in an international marathon in Seoul, South Korea. Holloway was nominated by Edward McNeal.

Richard Jackson, Commissioner of Purchasing for the City of Toledo
As Commissioner of Purchasing, Jackson leads the City’s purchasing team in procuring goods and services of over $250 million a year. He holds a BS in Finance from The Ohio State University and earned his EMBA from the University of Toledo.

Jackson serves on Toledo EXCEL Joint committee at the University of Toledo, serves on the Pickett School HUB Steering Team and serves on the board of Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter as Treasurer. He received the Toledo EXCEL Outstanding alumni Award in 2016; the GFOA Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting in 2014 and 2015.

Jackson was nominated by LaMar Anderson and Ebonie Jackson.

Erica Parish, Director of TRIO Student Support Services at Owens Community College
Parish had an 11-plus year career with UPS, beginning during college at the University of Michigan. She was featured as a woman in leadership in this industry that has few females in highly visible management positions. After earning her MBA from BGSU, she returned the education field and joined Owens Community College where she directs the federally-funded program to help students attain an associate’s degree, certificate and/or transfer to a four-year university.

She has been part of the Perrysburg Amateur Baseball and Softball Commission for 10 years as a coach, league commissioner, vice-president, and currently serves as board president. She is also one of the three commissioners for the Perrysburg Women’s Softball League. A member of the board of trustees for the United Way of Greater Toledo, she is chairman of the Community Impact Cabinet, serves on the governance committee and the CEO search committee. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she serves as the community service chairman and collegiate advisor. In 2016 she was selected to participate in a two-year Leadership Excellence Academy and became a certified manager in Program Improvement. She also completed a Midwest Region Leadership Fellows program with Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

Parish was nominated by Tyran Boyd.

Kendra Smith, Executive Director of Preferred Properties, Inc.
Smith has extensive experience in real estate development, urban planning, housing policy, and community organizing having served as the Senior Housing Planner for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning prior to coming to Toledo in 2016.

Since moving to Toledo, she has volunteered time and resources to the reinvestment of Toledo’s neighborhoods and residents. She serves on the boards of MLK Kitchen for the Poor, UpTown Association and Toledo Design Center. She is a member of Toledo Rotary, serving on the Rotary Disability Committee and will co-chair the Youth Services Committee in 2018. She was a participant in the 2017 Center for Nonprofit Resources Executive Leadership Certificate Program, the 2016 EPIC Toledo Board Accelerator Series and presented at “Partnerships: Analysis to Impediments and Fair Housing Assessments,” a HUD Region V Convening in 2015. She has presented at four regional and national conferences in 2014 and has published articles.

Smith holds degrees from Cleveland State University, Ohio University, La Universidad Publica de Navarra in Pamplona, Spain, and Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

She was nominated by Candice Harrison.

The 20 Under 40 program focuses on individuals in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or in the community. An independent panel of judges selects the 20 candidates for recognition. It is intended that the program will further motivate young leaders in our area. Since 1996, 440 young community leaders have been recognized through the 20 Under 40 program.

Program sponsors include Eastman & Smith; Fifth Third Bank; Plante Moran; The Andersons, Inc.; University of Toledo Alumni Association and Sauder Woodworking Co. The Toledo Business Journal serves as the media partner. Leadership Toledo serves as the community partner and The Creative Block is the website partner. Community support is provided by EPIC Toledo, Oregon Theatre, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Opera, Toledo Symphony, Toledo Zoo, Valentine Theatre and Ulrich Pincio.
Proposed Service Changes:
- New daytime lineups for all TARTA weekday fixed-line services for increased Downtown route connectivity every 30 or 60 minutes
- Time schedule and routing adjustments are proposed as follows:

  - 1/4 Ottawa Hills/Sylvania/Sylvania Twp Call-A-Ride — NO CHANGES
  - 2 (currently 2M1T) Franklin Park via Toledo Hospital — adjust schedule for lineup and routing changes; no access to ProMedica Toledo Hospital on all trips; rename 2M1T to 2
  - 3 North/South Cроссtown — NO CHANGES
  - 5 (currently 5R) Barr via UT Main Campus/Wal-Mart — adjust schedule for lineup and routing changes; no access to the Independence/Nebraska Richards loop, UT Transit Center outbound only
  - 6N/S King Road/City of Sylvania — NO CHANGES
  - 8/29 Maumee/Waterville Call-A-Ride — NO CHANGES
  - 10 Rossford Call-A-Ride — NO CHANGES
  - 10L Rossford via Hollywood Casino — NO CHANGES
  - 12 (currently 12/13) Front/Starr — adjust schedule for lineup and routing changes; all trips clockwise; change to 12/13 to 12
  - 14 (currently 11/14) East Broadway/Oak — adjust schedule for lineup and routing changes; all trips clockwise from number, 11/14 to 14
  - 15A Summit/Suder/Alexis — adjust schedule for lineup changes
  - 15E Summit/Point Place via Alexis — adjust schedule for lineup changes
  - 16 Alexis via Meijer — adjust schedule for lineup changes
  - 17B Lagoresses/Bennett via Miracle Mile — adjust schedule for lineup changes
  - 17C Lagoresses/Eleanor via Miracle Mile — adjust schedule for lineup changes
  - 19F Cherry/Franklin Park — all trips clockwise; no access to Laskey/Secor
  - 19T Cherry/Tremainsville — adjust schedule for lineup and routing changes to absorb Laskey/Secor
  - 20F (currently 24T) Central Ave/Franklin Park Mall — adjust schedule and routing for lineup changes; absorb route 24 between Downtown and Delmar/Toledo; no access to ProMedica Toledo Hospital; modify to Franklin Park via Central/Talmadge; no access to Executive Parkway/Secor Rd
  - 20Q Central/Meijer Drive — adjusted schedule for lineup changes
  - 20W (currently 24T) Ottawa Hills via Westgate — Ottawa Hills via Westgate; adjusted schedule for lineup changes; rename 24T to 20W
  - 20 (currently 20/24) Central/Westgate/Wal-Mart — no route or schedule changes; rename 20/24 to 20
  - 22 Bancroft via UT Campus/Franklin Park — adjust schedule for lineup changes; no access to Harvest/Sylvania
  - 26D Berdan/Douglas/Miracle Mile — adjust schedule for lineup changes
  - 26L Lewis/Alexis/Miracle Mile — adjust schedule for lineup changes
  - 278 Nebraska/Hill-Reynolds — adjust schedule for lineup changes
  - 27N Nebraska/South-Reynolds (currently Airport-Wenzel) — adjust schedule for lineup and routing changes; no access to Reynolds/Angola/Wenzel Airport loop; to be covered by route 52H
  - 28 Indiana/Smead/Oakwood (currently 28/30) — adjust schedule for lineup and routing; clockwise with 28/30, renamed to 28
  - 29X Waterville Express — NO CHANGES
  - 31G Glenn/Mead/Southwyster — adjust schedule for lineup changes
  - 31H Heatherdowns/Southwyster — adjust schedule for lineup changes
  - 32H South/Airport via Home Depot — adjust schedule for lineup and routing changes; no access to Southwyster Blvd; add Reynolds/Angola/Wenzel Airport loop
  - 32K UTMC/Southwyster — adjust schedule for lineup changes
  - 34 Detroit/Byrne/Western via UTMC — adjust schedule for lineup changes
  - 35 Airport/Maumee-Arrowhead — NO CHANGES
  - 39 Franklin Park/City of Sylvania — NO CHANGES
  - 39M Monroe/Sylvania-Centennial — NO CHANGES
  - 41 Glenn/Southend/Maumee-Arrowhead — adjust schedule and Downtown routing
  - 43 Maumee-Arrowhead/Western via UTMC — NO CHANGES
  - 44X St. Luke’s Hospital — NO CHANGES

School Day Routes
- 11A/B East Broadway Crosstown — NO CHANGES
- 18A/B/C Sylvania Avenue Crosstown — NO CHANGES
- 20A/B Upton Avenue Crosstown — NO CHANGES
- 27A/B/C Reynolds Road Crosstown — NO CHANGES
- 34A/C/C Airport Highway Crosstown — NO CHANGES
- 36A/B Hawley Crosstown — adjust afternoon schedule
- 37A/B Central Avenue Crosstown — NO CHANGES

All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017, to be included as part of the official record for final route adjustments and implementation purposes.