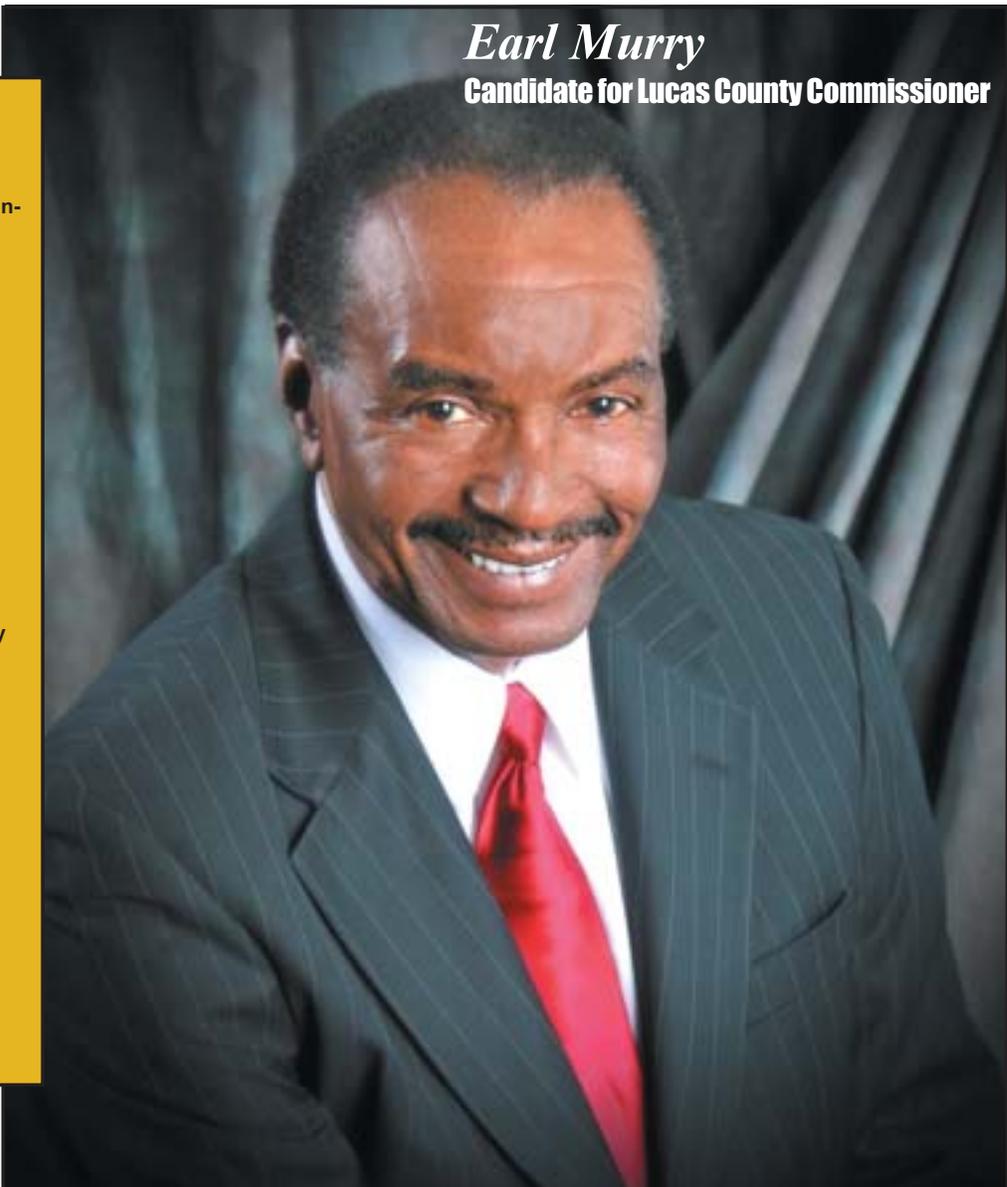




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Candidate for Lucas County Commissioner

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"I am adamantly opposed to recycling individuals into positions who have clearly demonstrated they can do nothing to bring about change to Lucas County. I will not ascribe to that."

Found...Missing School Funds!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



As a skeptic of the school budget cuts and favoring myself as an amateur sleuth, I teamed up with a local retired Rossford police detective, Efal Revillot, to see if we could not locate some funds that the school board was apparently overlooking in their rush to shut down Libbey High School and other highly touted successful school programs.

Efal and I divided up the workload wherein he would review annual school budgets for the past 20 years and I would skulk around the board of education building trying to pick up some juicy gossip or insider tricks as how budgets are stitched together and sold to the public.

Our initial investigation did prove one thing and that is the local school board does in fact lose about \$5800.00 bucks per kid who is not head counted on their rolls when enrollment counts are made in the fall.

However, I was not satisfied with just that dry statistical data since I believe that behind the numbers there is always a story to tell and that is what I was seeking out – the holy grail of what can be done to augment that anemic school budget.

On my third try in trying to ingratiate myself with some of the female office staff workers at the school board headquarters (Okay... it did cost me some chocolates from Christie's), I was surreptitiously taken to a room that can only be described as a deserted cloak room. Upon pain of having my kidneys ripped out while alive if I revealed the source, the secretary who had the chocolate fixation gave me a computer printout of some amazing information.

When I saw the information, I also gagged because in that 20-page single-spaced printout were the names of each employee of the school board including all teachers, staffers, principals, union members and board members who had school age kids.

Not only just school age kids but where those kids attended school. My jaw dropped when I saw that there were way over 200 employees who had a total of 453 kids who did not attend Toledo Public Schools but yet their parents drew a paycheck from the school district.

About this time, my eyes were watering and I felt dizzy not because the air in that cloakroom was stale and stuffy but because I soon realized what I had before my very eyes.

I had the direct and irrefutable evidence that the school board was not pursuing a cash cow that was literally chewing grass right under its nose.

Don't believe me? Let's do the math! Of those two hundred school board employees who have a total of 453 kids of school age, if the school board loses out on \$5800.00 per kid who runs for cover under a private or parochial school or a school in suburban Toledo, that is \$2,627,400.00 per year that the public schools lose in pupil reimbursement from the State of Ohio.

Hello! Did someone just read the amount of \$2,627,400.00?

Why isn't John Foley screaming about that money lost?

Why isn't the compromised school board throwing sand in the air and beating on their chests about that money drain?

Why isn't Fran Lawrence in sackcloth and ashes about those funds that are being funneled away?

Where is the sacrifice of these people to bring their kids into the public system and thus allow the school board to get millions of new dollars!

I will tell you why! Because no one wants to be told where they can educate their precious Johnny or Suzie but it is OK to dictate educational terms to a Shauntae or a DeMarcus. Especially so if they are graveyard poor and can not afford to run out to suburbia or pay private or parochial tuition fees. And what about the attendant costs to avoid sitting next to a poor black kid who wears baggy pants and whose parents attend a hoop n' hollerin' Baptist church?

As we are seeing, the next biggest struggle with public education will not simply be raising and spending the bucks to pull it off but the glaring and tenacious issue of class.

Class in the sense that the public schools are becoming backwater pools of poor minorities who get leftovers as far as teacher quality, books, extra curricular activities and advance placement courses and other goodies that suburban schools take as their divine rite of passage. (Oh boy, here come the flaming e-mails!)

We used to think that getting a public education was both a privilege and was an equalizer as to being a funnel for the American concept of a melting pot but something happened on the way to the pot. Some of the ingredients are not melting but are sticking to the bottom of the pot.

Now, we have big lumps of class issues that are not going away. People do not want to meet and meld in the school room and playground and become both educated and congenial. Now, it is about grim survivorship skills to save or close a school, performing or otherwise; and the kids that are deemed "expendable" are not blind.

They know when they are being played and are being fast tracked for an exciting career as a hamburger flipper or, worse yet, being fitted for a one-size-fits-all prison garb.

I was an Air Force military brat and my family was stationed in Toledo during the years of 1959-61 before we left for a fighter base in northern Japan.

I attended Ryder Elementary School on Nebraska. I walked from Dolores Ave. (off of Moran), to the school and I knew the Pickneys, the Holloways, the Stewarts, the Proctors, the Grants, the Spencers, the Franklins, the Stoners, the Kings and others who made up the "hood."

At school, we learned together...with the white kids and we played together...with the white kids. In class, we exchanged Valentine Day cards with each other and went fishing together at Scott Park (pond is no longer there as is the swimming pool).

Now, public schools are in a grind just to exist and much less to meld everyone to be both educated and cordial. That is not the America I grew up in.

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Community Calendar

March 31

STOP Domestic Violence: Collingwood Arts Center; 6 pm; Hosted by Independent Advocates: 567-202-1741

April 1

11th Annual First Amendment Freedom Forum: "A Nation of Watchdogs: Citizen Journalists and Traditional Journalists;" UT Law Center Auditorium; 7 pm: 419-530-2248

April 2

Easter Egg Extravaganza: The Isaiah Thomas Giving Foundation and Wayman Palmer YMCA; 4 to 6 pm; For 3 to 6 year olds; Games, play area, coloring contest, face painting, arts & crafts, Easter Egg hunt

April 2-4

St. James "The Armory" Weekend Easter Services: Good Friday Service – Noon to 1 pm; Saturday Easter Egg Hunt – 11 am to noon; Sunday Children's Easter Program at 10 am; Easter Sunday Service at 11 am: 419-867-8143

April 3

Informational Young People's Department Kick-Off Brunch: Warren AME; 10 am to noon: 419-243-2237

April 4

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral Hour of Power: 11 am: 419-944-0984
Temple of Praise Community Church Easter Service: Winterfield Academy Gym; 11 am: 419-754-0325

April 7

Sexual Abuse Prevention Awareness Treatment Healing Coalition Mix & Mingle: Prevention experts, providers of services to survivors, survivors, co-survivors; 5 to 7 pm; Elizabeth House

April 10

West Toledo Bereavement Support Ministry: Bethlehem Baptist Church; 10 am: 419-867-2122

Armor Bearer and Adjutant Training: Ramada Secor; 10 am to 2 pm: 419-322-4462
Free Minority Law Student Recruitment Conference: For all college students and high school juniors and seniors who would like more information on law school: 8:30 am; UT College of Law; Free lunch; Learn what it takes to get into law school; Hosted by Attorney James Carlisle (419-535-1301) and Lafe Tolliver (tolliver@juno.com)

Hats! Hats! Hats! Tea: Ebenezer Baptist Church; 2 to 5 pm

April 14-16

Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship Toledo District Intercessory Prayer Conference: City of Zion, Mt. Zion Church campus; nightly at 6:30 pm: 419-246-1850

April 15

Brighten Up Community Organizing: Community meeting; The Padua Center; 6 pm; Free food served: 419-241-6465

April 16-18

Calvary Baptist Church 13th Spring Retreat: \$19-531-9443

April 17

"Getting to Know You Entrepreneur's Fair:" Introduction of businesses: 11 am to 2 pm: 419-944-0984

First Annual Walk for Youth Day: Young Man & Women for Change; 9 am: 419-270-0056 or 567-277-5352

United MBC Nurses' Guild Wellness Workshop: 11 am to 1 pm; "Obesity and Overweight;" Healthy lunch for free

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2010 MINORITY HEALTH MONTH GREATER TOLEDO LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Toledo, Findlay, Lima, Sandusky

April 1
Toledo-Lucas County Minority Health Month Kick-off **8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** This event spearheads local Minority Health Month activities. Guest speakers include Cheryl A. Boyce, Executive Director for the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and Dr. Alvin Jackson, Director for the Ohio Department of Health. Meelen Koh of the Asian Resource Center will be honored as our local Minority Health Shero. Free refreshments, edutainment, and information sharing among locally funded Minority Health Month programs will be available. The Toledo Hospital Education Center Auditorium 2113 Hughes Drive – Toledo

SPONSORED BY: TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY COMMISSION ON MINORITY HEALTH 419-213-4095 to RSVP Toledo Women United/Mujeres Unidas De Toledo **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Participants will receive information about HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STD). Screenings for HIV and Hepatitis C virus (HCV) will be provided. Lucas County Correctional Treatment Facility 1100 Jefferson Avenue – Toledo
SPONSORED BY: COMPASS CORPORATION FOR RECOVERY SERVICES 419-213-6200

April 1 – 30
Minority Health Month Art Exhibit Lima High School students, grades 9 – 12, will display works of art detailing health, healthcare and healthy lifestyles. Contact Allen County Health Partners at 419-221-3072 for locations.
SPONSORED BY: ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH PARTNERS 419-221-3072
Healthy U Training *** **9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Six-week

workshop every Thursday from April 1- May 6 designed to teach practical skills for living a healthier life with chronic disease conditions. Mott Branch Public Library 1085 Door Street-Toledo
SPONSORED BY: AREA OFFICE ON AGING OF NORTHWEST OHIO 1-800-472-7277 to register

April 3
Kick Off Your Shoes for Minority Health **9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Diabetes prevention and control information will be shared with participants. A foot care check up will be provided. Bradfield Community Center 555 South Collett – Lima
SPONSORED BY: ST. RITA'S MEDICAL CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD NURSING 419-226-9000

April 3
Toledo Women United/Mujeres Unidas De Toledo **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Participants will receive information about HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STD). Screenings for HIV and Hepatitis C virus (HCV) will be provided. The Beach House 915 North Erie Street – Toledo
SPONSORED BY: COMPASS CORPORATION FOR RECOVERY SERVICES 419-241-9277 The Unknown Threat **1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Participants will receive information about lead poisoning prevention and the importance of testing. Local community resources and educational materials will be available. Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center 7 Town Square – Lima
SPONSORED BY: UPTHEGROVE FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER 419-224-5222

April 6
Toledo Women United/

Mujeres Unidas De Toledo **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Participants will receive information about HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STD). Screenings for HIV and Hepatitis C virus (HCV) will be provided. Fresh Attitude 525 Hamilton Street – Toledo
SPONSORED BY: COMPASS CORPORATION FOR RECOVERY SERVICES 419-244-4081 Lima Lupus Support Group Meeting **7:00 p.m.** A health professional will provide lupus information and coping mechanisms for lupus patients, family members and caregivers. Open to the public. Lima Memorial Medical Park 1900 South Main Street – Lima
SPONSORED BY: LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, MICHIGAN AND NWOHIO CHAPTER 419-423-9313

April 8
Toledo-Lucas County Commission on Minority Health Monthly Meeting **8:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** The Commission invites the community to attend their monthly meeting to get updates and other information on minority health issues in the area. EMS Training Center 2127 Jefferson Avenue – Toledo
SPONSORED BY: TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY COMMISSION ON MINORITY HEALTH 419-213-4095

April 9
Your Journey to Good Health! **8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Awareness campaign will be conducted for teenagers addressing healthy lifestyle changes through proper nutrition and exercise. Lima Senior High School 1 Spartan Way – Lima
SPONSORED BY: ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH PARTNERS 419-221-3072

April 10
Asian Health Day **7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Participants will receive health screenings for blood pressure, osteoporosis, height, weight, body mass index (BMI), cholesterol and glucose. Culturally relevant health education materials will be distributed. Asian Senior Center at Highland Park Shelter House 1865 Finch Street – Toledo

SPONSORED BY: ASIAN RESOURCE CENTER 419-936-2866
Health Education & Screenings **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Participants will receive information and resources about hypertension and diabetes. Blood pressure and blood sugar screenings will be provided. Toledo Chinese Alliance Church 2500 West Central Avenue – Toledo
SPONSORED BY: CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER TOLEDO 419-472-1771

HIV/AIDS Prevention Event **4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Participants will be challenged to become educators and recruit young men and teens to the program. Educational materials and testing will be available. Porter's Memorial CME Church 1722 3rd Street – Sandusky

SPONSORED BY: MEN OF ACTION MINISTRIES, INC. 419-203-7600
12th Annual Minority Health Fair and Prostate Screening *** **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Health fair featuring free health education, health screenings for men and women (cholesterol, diabetes, blood pressure, body mass index (BMI), lupus, colon cancer, and prostate cancer screening. Cordelia Martin Health Center 430 Nebraska Avenue – Toledo
SPONSORED BY: TOLEDO COUNCIL OF BLACK NURSES, INC. and OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. 419-531-4310

April 11
Stroke Awareness Sunday **1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Participants will receive information about warning signs and strategies about how strokes can be prevented. Blood pressure screenings and health education materials will be available. New Life Church of God in Christ 1215 Oakwood Avenue – Toledo
SPONSORED BY: OHIO NORTH FIRST JURISDICTION 330-743-3373

CPR Training **2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Training for non-healthcare workers and community members about basic skills of CPR. Call to register. Toledo Chinese Alliance Church 2500 West Central Avenue – Toledo
SPONSORED BY: CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER TOLEDO 419-472-1771

April 12
Toledo Women United/Mujeres Unidas De Toledo **6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Participants will receive information about HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STD). Screenings for (Continued on Page 9)

Tolliver Ignores the Facts

I wish to correct Lafe Tolliver's charges that Toledo Public Schools' Intern Program is biased against African-American teachers. He wrote that the Toledo Plan "is tantamount to drubbing out of minority teachers who want to come into the system."

In fact, Harvard University did a study of those who did not meet performance standards and found that there was no evidence of discrimination. White males, by a fraction of a percentage point, lost their jobs more than any others and this is because often teaching is a second career entered into without the preparation courses that lead to full licensure.

Ask the many minority teachers who have worked in the program or who have been interns their first year of teaching. Ask the minority administrators responsible for the success of the program. Ask why many other districts come to Toledo to learn how they can do internships back home.

Mr. Tolliver knows these facts as well as I do. I leave it to the readers to decide why he chose to ignore them

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Bell vs. Council: On the Brink of Fiscal Emergency

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

As the deadline approached to reach agreement on a balanced budget, Mayor Mike Bell lashed out at Toledo City Council and accused its members of being more concerned with their next jobs than their current ones.

"It's different for me," said Bell. "I think they are worried about the politics. If you want to show leadership – step up."

On Monday, March 29, the mayor sent a memorandum to City Council warning the members of the consequences of not acting swiftly to adopt a balanced budget by the Charter-mandated deadline of March 31. The chief and immediate consequence will be an elimination of the City of Toledo's ability to write checks and spend money after April 1.

"The time for political grandstanding, introduction of measures that do not balance the budget and pasturing for future po-



litical office is over," read the cover letter of the memorandum. "Instead it is time for the members of Council to become real leaders and work with me and my Administration to balance the 2010 Budget by midnight March 31st."

At issue in the standoff with Council are several proposals that any number of councilmen find distasteful: raising the monthly trash fee to \$15 in order to increase revenues by \$10.5 million; eliminating the tax credit for residents who work outside the city to raise

another \$8 million; an eight percent events tax to generate an addition \$1 million and using a procedure termed "exigent circumstances" to unilaterally impose temporary cuts in employee health insurance and pension benefits.

"Not taking action is not an alternative here," said Bell during an afternoon press conference on Monday to highlight the need for immediate action on the part of City Council. "If they don't want to use my recommendations, I'm okay



with that. But they need to come up with recommendations."

As Bell and Council entered the 11th hour, the looming deficit totaled about \$25 million, down from the previously announced \$48 million due to cuts and savings already found, including concessions from Toledo fire fighters that would total just over \$3 million. The Toledo Police Patrolman's Association membership rejected a similar package of benefit cuts last week.

"We're done with the negotiating," said the mayor of the discussions with the TPPA. "In good faith, we backed off of layoffs but only the fire fighters have stepped up and I'm grateful for that."

Meanwhile City Council members were at work juggling their own proposals to raise revenues or decrease spending – proposals Bell dismissed

as lacking "real-time figures." At the time The Truth went to press, none of the proposals appeared to generate enough revenues to balance the budget.

At least one councilman, D. Michael Collins, was concerned that the mayor's revenue projections were understated. Having put forth a trash fee proposal that would raise only about half of what the Bell administration felt it needed to close the gap, Collins insisted that the mayor needed to revisit the revenue side of the ledger. He cited the Jeep plant and the red-light cameras as two examples in which the City of Toledo can expect vastly improved revenues in 2010 over 2009. He also noted that the mayor's "numbers are off" with respect to the collection of delinquent income tax.

Collins also addressed

successful in other cities. As to the mayor's charge that Council has been dragging its heels on an issue that they have known about since the beginning of the year, Collins countered with his own claim of the administration's inability to hit the ground running after election.

"Since the first Wednesday in November, he knew where he would be at the beginning of January," said Collins.

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If the City of Toledo enters the month of April without a balanced budget agreement and cannot meet its financial obligations, a state of "fiscal emergency" is a possibility after a period of 30 days. Then the Ohio State Auditor has the authority to appoint a seven-member "Financial Planning and Supervision Commission to direct financial activities in the city.

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State Representative Edna Brown Lashes Out at Events Tax

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Mayor Mike Bell's proposal to impose an events tax in order to generate an anticipated \$1 million in additional revenues for the cash-strapped City of Toledo's coffers drew a rebuke on Monday from State Representative Edna Brown and a host of entities who hold events in the city.

"I vigorously oppose the eight percent entertainment tax," said Brown during a press conference held at the main entrance to Fifth Third Field. "I am sympathetic to the problems the City of Toledo is facing; I am sympathetic to the choices that the City of Toledo and City Council are facing. However, the Mud Hens, the Walleye, Imagination Station, the Toledo Zoo, the Toledo Museum of Arts,



"If imposed, the tax will [cause] attendance to decrease, employment will decrease and unemployment will increase,"

the SeaGate Convention Center, the Stranahan Theatre ... will all be significantly harmed if this tax is passed.

"If imposed, the tax will [cause] attendance to decrease, employment will decrease and unemployment will increase," continued the District 48 representative who spent several terms on City Council.

Declining to offer suggestions for alternate methods of balancing the budget, Brown said "I'm sure the mayor and City Council can find other ways to balance the budget."

Brown cited a report presented by Bowling Green State University that demonstrated the positive impact that arts and entertainment have on economic development.

"I am urging Mayor Bell and City Council not to impose the entertainment tax; it will do more harm than good," said Brown.

Brown did indicate that she could agree with the proposals that would raise the trash fee but she noted that eliminating the tax credit for those living in the city and working in other areas would be "a little bit more difficult."

Should such a proposal pass, Brown predicted that "we will see people running from the city."

Also in attendance at Monday's press conference were numerous representatives from the Toledo world of arts and entertainment.

"We're supportive of the city of any concept that

doesn't hurt our ticket sales," said Scott Jeffer, assistant general manager for the Mud Hens and the Walleye. Jeffer indicated that such a tax would not only hurt ticket sales but also drive down business for other area business such as restaurants and gas stations.

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Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities

2009 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

To reflect back on 2009,

I think it's appropriate to revisit 1988 and the very beginning of services in Lucas County for persons with developmental disabilities. It was that year that Mrs. Josina Lott moved to Toledo and was shocked to find no educational classes for children with developmental disabilities - to include cerebral palsy, mental retardation, and Down syndrome. With a belief that there are no uneducable children, Mrs. Lott began teaching in her dining room. That was the beginning of what would become the Lott Day School.

I suspect that if Mrs. Lott were alive today she would be impressed with the incredible achievements of people with developmental disabilities. However, her work is not done. And the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities maintains its vision to be the leader in our community advocating for everyone to live, learn, work, play, worship and participate as equal citizens.

We were especially pleased in 2009 when the state legislature, with a unanimous vote, heeded to the wishes of self-advocates and removed the term mental retardation from our name. The "r" word is a constant reminder of the many negative stereotypes that mask the true capabilities of persons with developmental disabilities.

I want to thank the citizens of Lucas County for their ongoing support of our levies. I pledge that we will continue to be a mindful and diligent steward of public dollars.

John J. Trunk
Superintendent

www.lucasdd.org



Highlights of the year:

- The Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities received a three-year accreditation from CARI, Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the highest level of accreditation. CARI establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.
- The Board maximizes Medicaid revenues. The result is an increased number of people being served and an enhanced system of community-based providers with an estimated 2,000 employees.
- Again in 2009, the Board sponsored the Line the Training Wheels Camp, to assist persons with developmental disabilities learn to ride a two-wheel bicycle. Nothing can assist an individual gain greater access to the community than the ability to get around.
- Helping individuals learn to utilize public transportation gives individuals a greater sense of independence, expanding their worlds. Travel trainers also assist people with money handling skills and safe pedestrian practices.
- The Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities places an emphasis on helping families make smooth transitions through the major benchmarks of life. Initiatives included the It's My Life Transition Series, Options for Tomorrow and Pathways 2 Success.
- The new PATHS training programs focuses on professional development. Superintendent John Trunk told the first graduates "they had made a commitment to a career, not just a job."

2009 Revenue		2009 Expenditures	
Local Taxes	61%	Direct Service	93%
Federal Funds	22%	Administration	5%
State Funds	15%	Quality Assurance	2%
Other	2%	Total	\$61.7 million
Total	\$66.8 million		

Earl Murry, Ph.D: Ready to Tackle the Task of Resurrecting Lucas County

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Earl Murry, Ph.D., former professor of education, former vice provost at The University of Toledo, former executive director of the Dayton Public Schools, former executive director of the Columbus Municipal Civil Service – among other positions – has a resume that reflects a lifetime of accomplishments.

In the years since his departure from UT, however, Murry has shown no inclination to rest on those laurels.

Whether joining the battle to bring to light what he believed to be UT's discriminatory racial practices or leading the charge in a local dispute over ownership of a television station, Murry has been as active as ever in the Toledo area over the past several years.

And if all goes according to his plan, Murry, a Democratic candidate for the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, will add another impressive entry to his biography – that of an elected official.

Never hesitant to express his thoughts on subjects of substance, Murry has outlined three key issues currently facing the commissioners: jobs creation, economic development and taxation.

"The commissioners have the responsibility of attracting jobs to Lucas County," said Murry. "That means they need to get out of One Government Center and get around the state, the region, the nation and the world." Murry intends, he said, to select the best economists and strategic planners to assist the commissioners with the task of jobs creation and to reach out to those already here in the business community in order to work cooperatively on the task.

"I've been involved in bringing jobs to other cities such as with Delphi and Huntington Bank to Columbus," said Murry. "The Toledo area has the opportunity to regain



what it once had – as a highly visible, recognized city that can retain corporation. It was once the fourth largest industrial city. We need to make sure that all parties know what it takes."

Murry also touted his own experience as a private individual in the northwest Ohio area in jobs creation. He has been involved for some time now as a consultant and advisor in the attempt to bring the now infamous coke plant to the region, creating hundreds of "jobs with outstanding salaries."

On the issue of economic development, he observed that "there are 16 economic development agencies in Lucas County." Some of those agencies, he noted, have the funds and the ability to accomplish their goals while others – the one and two-person shops – don't. "As a result, money is often returned to the sources without being spent [on the intended purpose]," he said. "We need to bring the 16 agencies together, to facilitate working together."

Murry would like to see an overseer or administrator working around the clock to help the disparate agencies

collaborate on their activities, indeed, in order to spur action altogether.

"When I pulled building permits over the past five years – for new homes, construction or remodeling – there's no activity in Lucas County," said the candidate.

As for taxes ... "under no circumstances should Lucas County be considering increased taxes, when we are not generating revenues," said Murry.

One of Murry's proposed solutions to the issue of generating additional revenues is to better utilize the properties that Lucas County – and the City of Toledo – already have in their possession. "Presently Lucas County has buildings and office space that are unoccupied and could be rented to generate revenue," said Murry. "There is, for example, the vacant Court of Appeals building, there are offices in One Government Center vacant. The vacant properties must be looked into to know how to best generate revenue and to save tax payers from being assessed money unwarranted."

Murry offers to work cooperatively with fellow com-

missioners in order to address the issue of generating revenues.

In fact, Murry stresses the need to work cooperatively with a host of stakeholders from around the county. "I do, absolutely, understand that the county and city should join hands significantly in helping one another," he said of what he anticipates to be a working relationship with Mayor Mike Bell, another strong advocate

of regionalism.

"We haven't made [surrounding communities] a holistic part of what we do," he said touching on the issue of the long-time reluctance of suburban towns and townships to embrace regionalism. "I understand their reluctance because they have been left out. But they will be more involved than ever before. I believe in inclusion and shared governance."

There are also a few things Murry definitely does not believe in and he is more than eager to share those thoughts. Among the practices he disdains are nepotism, political patronage and recycling non-achieving elected and non-elected public officials.

"I am adamantly opposed to recycling individuals into positions who have clearly demonstrated they can do nothing to bring about change to Lucas County," said Murry. "I will not ascribe to that. We have wonderful, upcoming, capable, younger individuals who deserve the right to be placed into positions that have traditionally been filled by retirees. I am opposed to recycling of individual's relatives into

political offices when there are vacancies.

"Nepotism should not go undealt with. If you can't win office because you have qualifications, you should not have that office."

Although new to the business of seeking elected office, Murry certainly does not consider himself to be a neophyte when it comes to the tasks facing the Board of Commissioners.

"I've been inside, before I became a candidate, and have known how to do what needs to be done," he said. "I absolutely want to be elected because I think that I can do good. Individuals who are ill-concerned with preparation should not be elected."

And there are any number of current elected officials whom Murry believes are, for a variety of reasons, ill-prepared to best serve their constituents."

"I'm not happy with the performances of a couple of commissioners," he said. "I don't think they have represented Lucas County the way it should be represented. We are better than that and we need to stop electing people based on name recognition ... that's absurd."

Ben Kropak Offers Plan to Re-invent Local Government

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Ben Kropak, Democratic candidate for the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, presented his plan on Monday to "take on the challenge of fragmented and duplicative government."

In a press conference in front of One Government Center, the building that houses both the City of Toledo and the Lucas County government offices,



Columbus to take steps recommended by the *Restoring Prosperity* report "to encourage collaboration between jurisdictions."

The report titled *Restoring Prosperity: Transforming Ohio's Communities for the Next Economy* was released last month by the Greater Ohio Policy Center and the Brookings Institution and details how fragmented government – tiny "little box" jurisdictions – increase the costs of government, increase inefficiencies and decrease the competitive edge of the area vis-à-vis more cohesive metropolitan areas.

"Our communities can no longer afford this outdated, inefficient model of fragmented government and senseless duplication," said Kropak. "This is just as important to families in the suburbs as it is to families in Toledo. We can deliver better value for all Lucas County taxpayers."

Kropak, a first-time candidate for elective office promised that as commissioner he will:

- Seek bilateral negotiations between the county and the city "to begin consolidating departments and operations wherever sensible;"

- Convene a countywide "Solutions Summit" and invite leaders from every community in the county "to discuss opportunities for collaboration and savings;

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YWCA Holds 15th Annual Milestones Luncheon

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

March is recognized as National Women's History Month during which womanhood and women of all backgrounds are honored for their contributions to society.

This recognition began when women in New York City staged a protest over the working conditions in factories in 1857 but it was not until 1981 that a presidential proclamation acknowledged the second week of March as National Women's History Week. It was meant to coincide with International Women's Day, which is March 8 (observed in 1909). In 1987, Congress expanded the observance to a whole

month – after another lobbying protest.

This year's theme is "Writing Women Back into History" and this is exactly what the YWCA of Toledo did during the 15th Annual 2010 Milestones Awards Luncheon: "A Tribute to Women."

On March 23 at the SeaGate Center, family, friends and guests gathered to pay homage to past and present honorees. These women have made many contributions and broken barriers in the city of Toledo.

Diane Larson, ABC13 News Anchor and 2008 Milestone Business Honoree, hosted the



Neema Bell

occasion.

The president and CEO of YWCA, Lisa McDuffie, opened with a welcome to guests and thanked sponsors and organizations that have supported the association.

"These women have shattered glass ceilings. They have opened doors for many of us to stand on their shoulders," McDuffie said. "They are the most influential women in our community."

Afterwards, past honorees were recognized and Sister Ann Francis Klimkowski, a 2005 Milestone Education Honoree, carried out invocation.

Seven women were honored that afternoon: Paula Brown (Arts), Betsy Brady (Business), Mari Draughnon Davies (Education), Neema Bell (Government), Dr. Anne Baker (Sciences), Deb Ortiz-Flores (Social Services) and Sandra Hylant (Volunteerism).

Brown is the owner of the Paula Brown Shop and Paula Brown Gallery, located downtown, which she established in order to preserve the retail atmosphere in that area. She was the president of the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo in 1999 and a docent with the Toledo Museum of Art.

"What Toledo has in arts, music, theater and dance is unique for a city our size," Brown said. "Toledoans need

be proud of their cultural richness."

Business honoree Brady is very active in the community and with organizations. Currently, she is the vice president and treasurer of Plastic Technologies, Inc. (PTI) and its six company affiliates. In the past, she has held several board member positions for the Toledo Chamber of Commerce, where she was the first female chairman.

"A major theme in my life has been the complete intertwining of business, non-profit, family—they all link together and each piece make all the other pieces stronger," Brady said. "You draw energy at the same time and that creates a balance."

Davies – for education – began her teaching at Maumee Valley Country Day School where she taught middle school English. She became the chairman of the Lower Language Arts Department and she created the Humanities and Life Skills Curriculum. In addition, she created the Holocaust and Human Rights Curriculum.

"I believe literature contains the greatest manuals for how to raise children, how to be loving partner, child, parent, friend," Davies said. "I believe that through it we can learn everything we need to learn in life."

The first African-American woman to receive a full equity partnership with Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, Neema Bell, adheres to the belief that "destiny is ours to make." The government honoree has held many advisory positions and board positions such as YMCA/JCC Regional Board of Trustees. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

"As I continue my journey, I vow to do my best to pay it forward for the journeys of others," Bell said.

As executive director of the

Toledo Zoo, Dr. Baker is naturally a lover of animals and zoos. Even though she is nationally recognized as a respected zoologist, locally Dr. Baker has promoted many collaborations of educational arts and cultural organizations such as the "Arts Gone Wild" project.

"Science isn't about labs and test tubes," Dr. Baker said. "It's about observing and learning from the natural world."

Ortiz-Flores, social services honoree, has made many differences as the executive director of Lucas County Jobs and Family Services. She also developed the Office of Hispanic Outreach Programs at The University of Toledo. Throughout her career, Ortiz-Flores has shown her dedication to support community-based activities and has been that voice for those who have none.

"It is critical for our daughters to have positive role models," Ortiz-Flores said.

Volunteering for Hyland is second nature. Her activity in the community is uncanny and numerous. As Larson puts it, "if Hyland was paid for the number of volunteer hours put in, Oprah would call her and ask for a loan." In addition to her volunteering, she has raised around \$900,000 in donations for non-profits that offer breast cancer services.

"If you make a one little difference in someone's life, then what more in the world could you ask for," Hyland said. "The need is great."

With thanks and last remarks, the luncheon concluded.

"This is unique because when everybody is struggling, just to see our community come together and support women have fellowship and still be positive, is just a great affirmation of the strength of our community," said Kathe Lowe, event coordinator.

WT05 Announces Casting Call for America's Next Top Model

Special to The Truth

WT05, Toledo's CW, announces a Casting Call for the 15th Cycle of *America's Next Top Model*. WT05 will take its camera and interviewers from noon to 8 p.m. April 8 to New York Collection, 4861 Dorr Street. Previous casting calls have attracted more than one hundred applicants each.

The call is open to women who are between the ages of 18 and 27, are at least 5 feet, 7 inches tall, and are American citizens. There is no weight requirement. Applicants should bring a completed application, three photos of themselves, and a copy of their driver's license or passport and Social Security card or birth certificate. Applications and eligibility requirements are available online at WT05Toledo.com.

At the audition, WT05's camera crew will tape all the applicants, allowing them to show their attitude and personality on camera. A tape of all the applicants will be put together by WT05 crew, and

sent directly to the casting director, along with their applications, copies of IDs and photos. An impartial judging panel also will select one winner from those who audition, and that person will get an appointment to meet with the *America's Next Top Model* Casting Director.

America's Next Top Model, which airs at 8 p.m. Wednesdays on WT05, follows a group of young women of various backgrounds, shapes and sizes who live together and vie for a grand prize which will include a modeling contract. The reality competition exposes the transformation of everyday young women into top models, as they face weekly tests that determine who can make the cut. The finalists compete in a highly accelerated modeling boot camp, a crash course to modeling fame that includes mentoring by supermodel Tyra Banks and exposure to high-profile fashion industry gurus, all under

24-hour-a-day surveillance of the *America's Next Top Model* cameras, which chronicle every move.

America's Next Top Model is produced by 10 by 10 Entertainment in association with Bankable Productions. Tyra Banks is the creator and executive producer along with Ken Mok (*Making the Band*) and Daniel Soiseth (*Hell's Kitchen*).

WT05 is the Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan affiliate for The CW Network, which launched on September 18, 2006. WT05 airs such programs as *Two and a Half Men*, *Family Guy*, *The Wendy Williams Show* and *Friends*.

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Lincoln's All Pro Dads' Breakfast and Rally to Save the School

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"We do this so that dads can get involved in their child's education," said Mark Robinson at the start of last week's Lincoln Academy for Boys All Pro Dads' Breakfast.

Over three dozen par-

ents and students attended the event that Robinson, assistant director of the Northeast Fatherhood Initiative, has been organizing for the past five years.

"You dads, grandfathers and uncles, we need

your voices and we need your involvement," he told the early morning audience.

And while fathers are encouraged to attend the event with their sons, all adults are welcome to the



has been the subject of discussion about it continued viability at a time when TPS is seeking to close a \$30 million budget gap.

Lincoln has been ranked on the state report card in the continuous improvement category for the past two academic years.

The day before the All Pro Dads' Breakfast, a group of parents held a rally at the nearby Phillips Temple CME Church organized by Prudence Hicks, president of the Lincoln Parent Teacher Organization, who would also attend the next day's breakfast.

Rev. Chester Ricks, pastor of Phillips, opened the rally. "This is a rare opportunity for these young men to that they can be contributors to society," said Ricks who noted how often he had been impressed during his visits to the neighboring school by the "orderliness and discipline" of the students.

"The best thing to do is to leave Lincoln Academy to the boys and let them take advantage of the opportunities," said Ricks.

Also speaking at the rally was Lincoln student Unique Hicks, who echoed his counterpart at Stewart Academy for Girls several weeks ago at a similar rally there.

If the two schools were blended, said Unique Hicks, "boys will try to impress girls and girls will try to impress boys." Better to keep the two genders apart so they can concentrate of schoolwork, said the Lincoln fifth grader.

The Toledo Board of Education will be voting on such issues as school closings this Thursday, April 1, according to the schedule.

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breakfast. The meals are donated by McDonalds.

Last Thursday's guest speaker was Associate Pastor Jeffrey Smith of Cornerstone Church.

"There's something valuable on the inside of me," chanted Smith leading his audience in a call-and-response.

"One of the most valuable things you have – not something someone has

given you – is already on the inside of you," Smith told the students. "I'm talking about a dream – the most valuable thing that someone can possess."

Smith then gathered the students into a circle in order to explore the issues of such dreams.

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Clarence Smith Community Chorus in Concert at the Toledo Mennonite Church

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turing Carl Christopher, bass, as the soloist.

Darrel Williams, also a bass, performed "Calvary," and the Chorus completed the evening's entertainment with their renditions of "The Prayer," "I Am His Child" and "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel."

The Chorus has performed numerous times on both radio and television and has been featured with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, at the University of Michigan's "Music of Black Americans Symposium," with the Toledo Jazz Orchestra, at the Toledo Museum of Art, on the Lourdes College Concert Series and with nearly every major musical organization in the Toledo area.

Clarence Smith, a retired Toledo Public Schools' principal and central office administrator, currently manages a diversity consulting firm, CR Smith and Associates.

The Clarence Smith Community Chorus was in fine voice, as usual, on Saturday, March 27, as they entertained an appreciative audience at the Toledo Mennonite Church on Nebraska Avenue.

Celebrating its 34th season, the Chorus specializes in Negro spirituals and is dedicated to the preservation of works of African-American composers. The Chorus also sprinkles in a quite a bit of standard classical fare in its performances.

Saturday's performance was no exception

as the Chorus opened its performance with seven spirituals: "Go Down 'n the Valley and Pray," "I've Been 'Buked," "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," "Lord, I'm Troubled," "I Got a New Name," "Poor Man Laz'rus," and "Elijah Rock."

These were followed by a solo performance by Laura Lawrence on "Fix Me, Jesus."

Two Handel pieces followed: "For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth" and "The People That Walked in Darkness" (from *The Messiah*) fea-

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April 13

Mercy M.A.R.C. Blood Pressure Education Program **5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Community outreach program that aims to educate and positively impact health

disparities in the African-American community. Participants create an individualized-action plan to address their unique health behavior needs and receive on-going health coaching. Mott Branch Library 1085 Door Street - Toledo **SPONSORED BY:** MERCY HEALTH PARTNERS 419-251-2004

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Toledo Women United/ Mujeres Unidas De Toledo **8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Participants will receive information about HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STD). Screenings for HIV and Hepatitis C virus (HCV) will be provided. Substance Abuse Services, Inc. (SASI) 1916 North 12th Street - Toledo

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Maumee Bay Chapter Women's Club Salutes Unsung Heroes

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The definition of a hero is "a person who, in the opinion of others, has heroic qualities or has performed a heroic act and is regarded as a model or ideal." They exceed the average amount of helping others and bettering their community for the future.

Unfortunately, some who do this receive very little recognition or none at all.

That changed somewhat on the morning of March 27 at the Park Inn where local "heroes" were honored by the ladies of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. Maumee Bay chapter.

The event's theme was titled "Unsung Heroes." In addition, it was a founders' day celebration for the club. Each year a different group is honored and, for the fifth year, the club's focus was on senior citizens.

The twist to the ceremony was that it was a surprise to the people being honored.

Trevor Black, the chapter's president, la-



bored to give recognition to those people in the community because most do not do it for recognition, she said.

"We recognized, as a club, that there were many people in our community that do significant things to make a difference, but nobody ever recognizes what they do," Black said. "They are truly the unsung heroes and are the backbone of a lot of things that get done in the community. They needed to be recognized."

Black also holds the

State Organizer position on the club's North Central District's Executive Board.

Serving as the mistress of ceremonies, Carmen Miller introduced members of the dais (members sitting on platform in front of room).

D. Sakee Johnson and the governor of the North Central District, Barbara Tucker, gave welcomes and greetings. Tucker presented a definition of what is an "unsung hero."

"Those are people that we might not always know their names or are

not the most prominent as far as people know them, but actually without them these are the people that make the greatest contributions to our society," Tucker said.

Gwendolyn Wilson-Bank, the first vice president and NCD's youth leader, explained the purpose of the occasion, which was followed by a musical selection from Charles McDaniel.

Prior to breakfast, NaTasha Baker gave invocation.

Founder's Day Co-Chairman Sylvia Temple offered a tribute to the founders. She began with a partial song by Hezekiah Walker, which she felt embodied their organization. Temple then called for all members to stand and proceeded to tell of the history of the club. As a treat, candles were lit and sat next to the names on a table as the names of the founders were being called,

For entertainment, Tif-

fany Dunlap performed a celebration in dance.

The awards portion of the ceremony had the club sisters speak of an honoree and their accomplishments.

The first, Ethel Miller, was acknowledged for her work with youth in church and assistance in organizations for youth empowerment.

Mary S., a club sister's aunt, was honored for her donations of clothing for Aurora House, Cherry Street Mission and Moms' House. She also collects and gives personal hygiene products to YWCA battered women shelter.

The musician, Charles McDaniel, was recognized for his efforts to spread his love of jazz to the youth and the city of Toledo though groups and organized events. From 2008 to 2010, he selected April as Jazz Month for Toledo.

Margaret Tisdale has given service the community since 2001. Currently she is the executive director of N.A.O.M.I. Transitional House (New Attitude on My Image). Her duties include volunteering and acting as liaison with staff, working with other organizations and agencies to achieve and support the community.

Bobby Parker serves on several boards and is the secretary of several committees such as the Ohio Association of Beauticians. Parker also serves on scholarship committee of Warren

Church.

James Grace uses his Harley motorcycle to raise funds for Moms' House. He organizes and teaches free karate lessons at the Woodruff Village Community Center and assisted the Toledo Northwestern Food Bank.

Finally, Black presented a President's Award to club sister, Patricia Posten. The award was a crystal hand holding the world because "women carry the world in their hands," said Black.

Ending the occasion, Johnson's husband was inducted into the organization as an honorary member.

"It takes a village to raise a child and all of us have to work together in a positive way to make the community better," Black said during the closing remarks. "It's not the duty of the president or elected officials. All of us are responsible for how we live, so we all have to play a part."

The North Central District of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. is a nonprofit service organization of African-American professionals, entrepreneurs and youth committed to improving the quality of life in their communities. The Toledo chapter was founded in 1965 while the Maumee Bay chapter was formed in 1983.

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Book Review

Brainwashed: Challenging the Myth of Black Inferiority by Tom Burrell

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer,
The Truth Contributor

It's enough to make you want to bury your head.

You read about a young black man, killed by another young black man over tennis shoes. On TV is a silky-haired sistah shaking her stuff at a hate-spouting rapper. Click, and see a fight over baby

daddies. Click again, and there's a sitcom with a black man acting the fool.

What's going on? Author **Tom Burrell** blames it on something that started over 200 years ago. He says that African-Americans have been taught to believe nega-

tive things about themselves and in his new book, *Brainwashed: Challenging the Myth of Black Inferiority*, he explains.

In his years in advertising, Tom Burrell says that he had reason to study the way African-Americans are por-

trayed in culture and it usually wasn't good. He began to think about all the negativity, and the reasoning behind it became chillingly clear.

Ever since black people were enslaved, certain beliefs were told to them as truth, repeated, and reinforced. African-Americans were, and continue to be, brainwashed, Burrell says. Cultural riches were stolen, and critical thinking is discouraged. And in many cases, though whites started the cycle, today's black people accept it as reality and perpetuate it.

Why, for instance, do African-Americans tolerate daytime TV that promotes baby mama drama and public paternity testing? Why is it assumed that "black women are supposed to have a slew of children with multiple men who will eventually abandon them?" Burrell blames black family dysfunction squarely

on slavery and he says change must come within the African-American community.

Furthermore, he says, African-American children need to be taught to accept their natural appearance (including hair), they need to be ingrained with worth, they need to know how to save money and they need to be empowered to show their intelligence and reach for an education. Sexual stereotypes and disrespect disguised as humor can be stopped by ceasing to purchase, attend, or watch anything that perpetuates either.

"African Americans have been conditioned to see themselves as powerless," writes Burrell. "Yet, if only a fraction of the 39 million of us in the United States decide we want to stop... believe me, this... would end - quickly."

Author Tom Burrell writes

with the experience of someone who's thoughtfully studied what he believes are 200-year-old beliefs that are perpetuated even today, but shouldn't be. He gives examples to support his points, draws parallels between the problem's origin and the myth that endures, and he explains what can be done to combat the situation.

Without a doubt, *Brainwashed* is going to be a springboard for a lot of conversation and reflection, and maybe a few movements that are long overdue. It's been a long time, in fact, since I've read a book so provocative or so well-researched.

Not a quick read by far, *Brainwashed* is one of those books that demands attention and thought before you move to the next chapter. If you're ready for a few brutal truths, though, this is a book to dig up.

Less Than Half of Lucas County Households that Qualify for Help with Utility Bills Receiving Assistance As many as 30,000 Households May Qualify; Local Agencies Have Funds - Encourage Assistance before March 31 Deadline

Less than half of qualified Lucas County households that may qualify for assistance with their home energy bills have not applied for any form of assistance this winter heating season.

In an effort to help as many across Northwest Ohio as possible, Columbia Gas of Ohio, along with community partners the Economic Opportunity Planning Association (EOPA), WSOS, Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) and the United Way, is encouraging those who qualify to apply before the state-mandated March 31 deadline. At that point, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) funding ends.

Those failing to secure assistance before March 31 may risk disconnection of service beginning April 15, the pre-designated end of the winter heating season.

"I believe that many in our community are new to being in a state of financial distress and don't know where to turn or that they even qualify," said Chris Kozak, Communications and Community Relations Manager for Columbia Gas of Ohio. "Thankfully there are still time and resources available."

According to the most recent Census information, approximately 53,000 Lucas County households make below \$24,999 annually. Based on 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, assistance with a natural gas bill - for a family of four - is available for households with total income of up to \$44,100.

Currently 20,000 households in our community have taken advantage of some level of assistance, leaving as many as 33,000 in Lucas County that potentially qualify for but are not receiving any level of help with their natural gas bill.

For the 2009-2010 winter heating season, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) funding is administered in Lucas County by EOPA and in Wood, Seneca Ottawa and Sandusky Counties by WSOS. Guidelines include:

Size of Family	Poverty Guideline
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3	\$36,620
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8	\$74,020

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Local Rappers/Singers & Taking Criticism

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



yet unrealized ... all of that is what turns nobodies into household names.

Here's the problem though, RAP IS OVER CROWDED.

This is why my own label has more R&B artists than we have rappers.

You can't walk to the corner store without coming across some dude who swears he's the next Young Jeezy.

The term local usually implies that someone hasn't made it yet.

That someone is amateur. When it comes to art, no matter what medium of art, attaching this one little word can lose fans/supporters quicker than a bad look on TMZ.

But seriously, most visual artists, rappers, singers, producers, promoters, actors and models who have ever made it anywhere in their careers were at one point considered "local."

But it's the experience of rising through the ranks, gaining support from your people and trying to live the dream even while it's still as

The follower mentality of our people and the follower mentality of

Toledo, Ohio has created a vast wasteland of dreamers who can't see any further than the next man's bandwagon.

Lil D used to say this on air all the time and she will tell anyone who is real enough to chop it up about this - lot of rappers around here are in trouble because they are dedicating their entire attention to a dream that will likely never pan out and they have zero back-up plan.

I feel her when she speaks on this because I've been getting demo CD's in my mailbox and handed

to me at clubs for the longest.

Sadly, a notebook full of rhymes and all the passion in the world just won't be enough.

It seems like a career in the arts (rapping, singing, even acting) would be easier if it were more like sports.

In sports, a young NFL hopeful will find many knowledgeable helpers along the way to the riches. Athletes have support systems where someone says

"NO, carry the ball THIS way... learn this play... work on this muscle group...etc." The community rallies around someone trying to play ball.

But becoming an artist, for a minute it's going to feel like it's you against the world.

Which is why artists should be taught humility off top.

I have tried showing local artists the power of allowing yourself to be corrected (when it's really in your best interests) but you can't tell the baggy Girbaud jean, Air Force One rockin' Toledo rapper selling his

CD's off of a spindle at BP - you can't tell that dude that his presentation could use some work.

The gun toting, mean mugging asshole rapper whose head is swollen with compliments from his closest four or five homies... you can't tell that guy that his delivery and metaphors need to be tighter.

I recently saw a youtube video of an amateur singer and everything about her breathing and posture was abysmal...but people don't take kindly to hearing technical truths.

And that's all that really matters when you are helping/hurting someone's confidence at their craft.

We can all hate a song to death, or love it like it's cooked food...

but an opinion that doesn't come from a place of assessing art from a person with a technical grasp of what they are observing, not only will it be unwelcome but it may do more harm than good.

But the ultimate good is for it to fall on ears humble enough to take quality criticism (I repeat, QUALITY criticism... not a random rant) and internalize it and use it to improve what they do.

The platinum rappers are already platinum and the game isn't set up for any more to join their ranks. The industry is about ringtone and 360 deals now.

Artists need to truly

evaluate if this is the path for them and have a realistic view of what it takes to get there.

Supporters need to truly get behind talented people who could one day find the right formula and make it big... don't just support the rappers you grew up with because you already know them.

There's a lot of good music floating around Toledo.

Overall, we are sounding better than ever before!

This city has an outrageous hater epidemic though.

And remember, hating is not just "naw, I'm not really feeling your music".

That's just someone being honest about their taste.

Hating is when someone offers an unsolicited opinion, runs their mouth about you to others and just overall goes out of their way to bring negativity to your enterprise.

But, hey, as they say "no one can bring you down unless they are beneath you" (I think I heard Kaj Boogie say that on the air once, shout out to the juice!).

Local rappers/singers/producers... all I can do is offer you my honesty.

When rappers get onstage at our events, if I think they could use some pointers I'll show them stage presence... show them how to hold the mic, etc.

But trust and believe, me and mine are still learning

how to perfect what we do as well. You can always add a little something extra to polish what you do.

So...local artists with dreams of being the next... whatever.

Study and study well.

You see someone like Tracy making moves, watch that dude.

You see people like Jay Rush, Dre P and Chief Alone always onstage out of town... study that (hell, I need to get my artists in other markets too!).

Offer congratulations when it's deserved and remember the words to "Haterz Get Mad" and you'll be okay.

But the rest of you... supporters, fans.

You have no idea... your impact on all of us can never be under-stated.

It's YOU who truly decides who stays local, and who has a reason to stay hopeful.

Music is big part of our lives, if you help the right people get in the game there will be better music to choose from and the world will know that Toledo finally learned how to love their own.

F.B. or email me: glasscitytruth@yahoo.com

And oh yeah ... OMG at the queen Erykah Badu. Review next week. Peace.

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State of Ohio Ohio School Facilities Commission NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids will be received by the Toledo Public School District (the "District or TPS"), at the School Board Office, Treasurers Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608 for the Scott High School Pre-renovation Asbestos Abatement Project in accordance with the Drawings and Specifications prepared by:

TTL Associates, Inc.
1915 N. 12th Street
Toledo, Ohio 43604
Phone No. 419-324-2222
Fax No. 419-321-6252

The Construction Manager for the Project is:

Lathrop/Gant/Barton Malow, LLC
701 Jefferson, Suite 302
Toledo, Ohio 43604
Phone No. 419-776-5600
Fax No. 877-281-0784

Any Proposed Equal for a Standard shall be submitted to the Consultant, no later than ten (10) days prior to the bid opening. If no Addendum is issued accepting the Proposed Equal, the Proposed Equal shall be considered rejected.

Sealed bids will be received for:	Estimates
Bid Item No. 1: Scott High School Asbestos-Containing Floor Excavations	\$300,000.00
Abatement Dates: May 17, 2010 through June 18, 2010	

until Tuesday, **April 13, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. (as determined by Stratum clocking (cell phone time))** and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

The pre-bid meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 9:00 p.m.** at Scott High School, 2400 Collingwood Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio. **ATTENDANCE AT THE PRE-BID MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL CONTRACTORS INTENDING ON SUBMITTING A BID.**

Bidders will be required to comply with the Toledo Public School District's Community Inclusion Plan. Contract Documents can be obtained from **Toledo Blue Print, 6964 Mc Nerney Street, Northwood, Ohio 43619, phone: (419) 661-9841** for the cost of the printing, to be paid to the printing company at the time the drawings are picked up. CD-Rom copies of the bid drawings are also available from **Toledo Blue Print** for no cost with the purchase of the specification books.

The Contract Documents may be reviewed for bidding purposes without charge during business hours at the following locations:

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Send a letter of interest, current curriculum vita, a copy of graduate transcripts, the names of three references and contact information to: Dr. Lois A. Ventura, Department of Criminal Justice, Mail Stop 119, HH 3000, The University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio 43606. Review of applications will begin on April 15, 2010 and continue until the position is filled. The position is subject to final budget approval. The University of Toledo is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. A concerted effort has been taken in the College of Health Science and Human Service to ensure and enhance culturally diverse representation among our faculty, students, and staff. Women and people of color are encouraged to apply.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY TOLEDO, OHIO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Directors that Sealed Bids will be received by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority for:

AIP PROJECT 3-39-0077-7110
REHABILITATE RUNWAY 16/34
Toledo Express Airport

This contract is for all labor, material, insurance, and equipment necessary for the above-referenced project at Toledo Express Airport, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, to the Port Authority at Toledo Express Airport, 11013 Airport Highway, Swanton, Ohio 43558.

Bids will be received at the Port Authority's administrative offices, located at One Maritime Plaza, 7th Floor, Toledo, OH 43604 until April 14, 2010, at 9:00 AM, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project is located at Toledo Express Airport, 11013 Airport Highway, Swanton, Ohio. The project "Rehabilitate Runway 16/34" consists of a base bid and several additive alternates pending available funding. Additive Alternates 1, 2 and/or 3 may be awarded by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority in any combination at its sole discretion. The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$3,225,049.25.

Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Proposers, and Forms of Proposal and Contract are on file at the offices of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority at One Maritime Plaza, 7th Floor, Toledo, Ohio 43604, and may be obtained during normal business hours upon a **non-refundable payment** of \$50.00. The plans will also be on file with several construction clearinghouses, including F.W. Dodge.

Proposals must be submitted on the form included in the Specifications and shall be accompanied by a certified check or an acceptable Proposal Bond with satisfactory surety specifying the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority as the obligee, in the sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount.

Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a Contract Bond, Maintenance Bond, and Certificate of Insurance.

Bidders must comply with the Prevailing Wage Rates on Public Improvements in Lucas County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

The Port Authority's goal for disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) participation in the project shall be fourteen percent (14%), and bidder shall provide documentation of its ability to achieve that goal or, if the Port Authority's goal is not attainable by bidder, bidder shall provide an affidavit detailing why that goal was not attained. A bid that fails to meet this requirement will be considered non-responsive.

The lowest responsive and responsible bid shall be determined in accordance with the Port Authority's Resolution No. 68-00 as found in the General Conditions.

The Port Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any technicalities as it may deem best for their interest. The Port Authority also reserves the right to add or subtract from quantities shown in the proposal.

Please note that there will be a pre-bid meeting for all prospective bidders on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 1:30 PM at the banquet room of Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, located at Toledo Express Airport, 11013 Airport Highway, Swanton, Ohio. Attendance is helpful, but not mandatory.

**TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY
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Paul L. Toth, Jr., P.E., President and CEO

Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY10-099,

(Project # 1130-10-654) for Campus Infrastructure Improvements for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$50.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Bart Recker of Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. at 419-352-7537. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 5%. Project Estimate: \$785,790.00; Breakdown: HVAC: \$537,175.00 & Electrical: \$248,615.00.

Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY10-093,

(Project # 0083-10-630) for Wolfe Hall Energy Upgrades for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$20.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Greg Kutsko of Plug Smart Solutions at 614-247-1610. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 5%. Project Estimate: \$350,000.00; Breakdown: HVAC: \$350,000.00.

Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY10-101,

(Project # 0076-99-188) for Plant Operations Renovation for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 3:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$50.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Tadd Stacy of Architecture By Design, Ltd., at 419-824-3311. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 5%. Project Estimate: \$626,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$417,550.00; Plumbing: \$35,200.00; HVAC: \$71,500.00 & Electrical: \$101,750.00.

Teachers Wanted

Certified K-12 teachers and highly qualified applicants sought to tutor after school in students' homes in Toledo. Must pass BCI/FBI background checks, have reliable transportation and be willing to tutor in students' homes. Hours are flexible and pay is competitive.

Send cover letter and resume to toledo@tutoringinyourhome.com or post pre-application on www.tutoringinyourhome.com.

Special Notice

RE: Examinations for Journeyman Wireman

Applications for the Journeyman Inside Wireman test will be accepted April 12 - 16, 2010 at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 8, 807 Lime City Road, Rossford, Ohio between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The qualifications to be eligible for this examination are:

1. Must be 18 years of age or over.
2. Must live in the jurisdiction of Local 8 for one year prior to application.
3. Must have proof of 4 years employment in the commercial/industrial electrical construction industry.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking bids from qualified contractors to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for the following project(s):

Fire Alarm Upgrade at Vistula Manor
Job Number 210031
Walk-Thru Date April 5, 2010 @ 10:00am
Bid Opening Date April 26, 2010 @ 11:00am

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the 2nd Floor Conference Room on the dates shown above, in the Modernization Department, at 201 Belmont Street. Contract documents and technical specifications/drawings will be available from the Modernization Department, and will be provided upon request. You can also download the bid package from our website www.lucasmha.org, but if the package includes blueprints, they must be picked up.

Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, an approved surety company bid bond, or a certified check upon a solvent bank, made payable to the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the bid, tendered as a bid guarantee (if required) that the bidder will, if the award is made to him, enter into a bona fide contract with Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority for this work and furnish proper guarantee bonding as required under the specifications within a period of ten (10) days after the awarding of the contract.

The prevailing wages for this locality, as established by the Department of Labor as Wage Determination OH20080028, as modified, must be paid all persons employed for this work.

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informality in the bidding. No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids.

All bidders shall be required to meet the Affirmative Action requirements and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Each bidder must insure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, handicap, age, ancestry, creed, or military status.



LUCAS METROPOLITAN
HOUSING AUTHORITY
MODERNIZATION DEPARTMENT

2010 MINORITY HEALTH MONTH GREATER TOLEDO LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Toledo, Findlay, Lima, Sandusky

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April 17
Asian Health Day
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Participants will receive health screenings for blood pressure, osteoporosis, height, weight, body mass index (BMI), total lipids and glucose.

Culturally relevant health education materials will be distributed.

All Nations Community Church
5260 Hill Avenue – Toledo

SPONSORED BY: ASIAN RESOURCE CENTER
419-535-5553

Myths and Misconceptions about Drugs and Alcohol

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
The workshop will empower families and caregivers to have an open and honest dialogue about drugs and alcohol abuse.

New Jerusalem Baptist Church

1920 Shelby Street – Sandusky

SPONSORED BY: ERIE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
419-626-1647

Dancing For Good Health
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

An afternoon of informative and interactive games focusing on cancer preven-

tion and exercise.
Kent Branch Library
3101 Collingwood – Toledo

SPONSORED BY: FLOWER HOSPITAL
419-259-5340

HIV/AIDS Prevention Event
4:00 pm. – 6:00 p.m.

Participants will be challenged to become educators and recruit young men and teens to the program.

Educational materials and testing will be available.

Porter's Memorial CME Church
1722 3rd Street – Sandusky

SPONSORED BY: MEN OF ACTION MINISTRIES, INC.
419-203-7600

Walk a Mile for Health***
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Mercy M.A.R.C. program sponsors a free, 1 mile health walk for participants. Free healthy snacks and health education.

Wildwood Preserve Metropark
5100 West Central Avenue – Toledo

SPONSORED BY: MERCY HEALTH PARTNERS
419-251-2004

April 19
Keeping Healthy in the

Field
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Outreach to Hispanic and seasonal farm workers providing educational and health materials about tuberculosis, influenza, skin cancer prevention and other health topics.

Salud Community Clinic
8371 State Route 202 – Lima

SPONSORED BY: ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH PARTNERS
April 20

Keeping Healthy in the Field
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Outreach to Hispanic and seasonal farm workers providing educational and health materials about tuberculosis, influenza, skin cancer prevention and other health topics.

Salud Community Clinic
8371 State Route 202 – Tipp City

SPONSORED BY: ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH PARTNERS
419-221-3072

April 21
Keeping Healthy in the

Field
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Outreach to Hispanic and seasonal farm workers providing educational and health materials about tu-

berculosis, influenza, skin cancer prevention and other health topics.

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419-221-3072

Toledo Women United/ Mujeres Unidas De Toledo
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Participants will receive information about HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STD). Screenings for HIV and Hepatitis C virus (HCV) will be provided.

Sparrow's Nest
105 17th Street – Toledo

SPONSORED BY: COM-PASS CORPORATION FOR RECOVERY SERVICES
419-242-5141

April 22
Toledo Women United/ Mujeres Unidas De Toledo

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Participants will receive information about HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STD). Screenings for HIV and Hepatitis C virus (HCV) will be provided.

Adelante, The Latino Resource Center

520 Broadway Street – Toledo

SPONSORED BY: COM-PASS CORPORATION FOR RECOVERY SERVICES
419-244-8440

Keeping Healthy in the Field
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Outreach to Hispanic and seasonal farm workers providing educational and health materials about tuberculosis, influenza, skin cancer prevention and other health topics.

Salud Community Clinic
8371 State Route 202 – Tipp City

SPONSORED BY: ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH PARTNERS
419-221-3072

April 23
Medical and Nurses Education Seminars

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Dr. Joseph McCune will conduct a workshop on "Lupus Diagnosis, Treatment and Management Update". CME and CNEs will be available. Call to register.

Blanchard Valley Hospital – BVRHC Marathon Auditorium
1900 South Main Street – Findlay

SPONSORED BY: LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, MICHIGAN AND NW OHIO CHAPTER
419-423-9313

Your Journey to Good Health!

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Awareness campaign will be conducted for teenagers addressing healthy lifestyle changes through proper nutrition and exercise.

Lima Senior High School
1 Spartan Way – Lima

SPONSORED BY: ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH PARTNERS
419-221-3072

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419-221-3072

The Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women
Art Exhibition and Reception
Spring Art Show
Exhibition: March 25 – May 7, 2010
Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Reception: Thursday, April 22, 5 – 7 p.m.



Featuring selections from the following artists:
Alyssa Brown, Baylee Burrows, Jessica Crossfield,
Aubrey Kirkendall, Coea Lind, Charisse Montgomery,
Ezin Morlock, Kaitlyn Payne, Linda J. Smith, Nathine Smith,
Jennifer Warner, Delfine Zapata

For more information, call 419.530.8570.

APRIL BIRTHDAY BASH & Celebration



The Family Activities Club
6202 Trust Drive | Holland Ohio
419.724.0888

Celebrating all April Birthdays and entertaining those that just want to have a good time!

Friday, April 9, 2010
7:30pm-12am

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Live Entertainment
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(Winner of Toledo Blade's 2008 Battle of the Bands in the Jazz/Blues category)