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The Sojourner's Truth

"Predictabull" Moves

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



... Some white people are so accustomed to operating at a competitive advantage that when the playing field is level, they feel handicapped.

- Nathan McCall

D.Michael Collins' replacement of police chief Derrick Diggs with Lieutenant Bill Moton, another African American, was a move too obvious to be concealed and too apparent to be disputed.

After the announcement of the Collins cabinet, Moton's photograph and image were put on media blast three consecutive days. Was there a press conference or news visuals for Chief of Staff Bob Reinbolt? For Department of Neighborhoods Director Tom Kroma, Public Services Director Bill Franklin or the remainder of the appointees? Nada. Diddly squat. Nary a public news image, either in print or on television depicting these or any other of the Collins cabinet, was seen.

Why so much black face time for one person and no exposure for the remaining all white executive team?

I smell the strong unmistaken odor of efforts to please the black community by giving the "impression" that the mayor-elect is accepting of racial diversity. However, the showcasing of the appointment of a lone and (little known) African-American team member while other current and competent black captains/ directors are getting "Timberland'd up" behind the scenes is a strategy of repression as old as the hills.

While we are focused on the police chief, Collins' sleight of hand has eliminated every black administrator in the City of Toledo. Those African Americans not forced to resign have been demoted to subordinate positions or forced to retire within the next few months. Should black City Council members wink and nod, Collins also plans to reduce both Affirmative Action and Human Resources from a department to a division, under Chief of Staff Reinbolt's control. negative impact on the cause of diversity at the City. At the division level, authority for decision-making and budgets will reside in the hands of a nearly all-male white staff at least two levels above any minority administrator. This certainly will water down the integrity of Affirmative Action and eliminate the procedural safeguards to ensure that all people and employees are treated fairly. In addition, general hiring decisions will perhaps be based more upon mayoral or chief of staff dictates than on qualifications.

Yet, what may be most odious or execrable about the Moton move may be that which is right under our noses.

Apparently, Moton's promotion to chief of police was something that the mayor-elect really didn't want to do but felt that he had no current options other than to put up with it for a year. The word on the street is that Don Kenney, current deputy chief – pro tem or Captain George Kral are actually being targeted as the permanent replacement for Diggs, while Moton, a well-liked and respected section leader, is merely a politically-manipulated, one-year token until Collins can "creep" his own man in.

For certain, Moton will have his challenges. The very day of his appointment, the patrolmen's union came on television and stated, "although we supported Collins, what this (appointment) means is that the union is not going to be supporting our new chief."

You can add the captains and deputy chiefs that Moton leaped over to get the job to the union's apprehension. Although Diggs considers Moton "my boy," the rank and file didn't want to see Diggs leave. The possible divided loyalties, cliques and anger of the past could return and undermine the high level of department morale that Diggs built during his tenure.

In addition, Moton should not expect the full support from the mayorelect, if he is there to be a figurehead holding the position until the heat is off Collins. Diggs has left Moton with great technology, staffing levels, trust and support in the community and other effective policing tools and valuable resources. No doubt the chief-tobe will want to continue what Diggs has started, but this agenda may not sit well with Collins.

If it appears that Moton, a proud exmarine, is not truly running the police department and that he is merely a placeholder for the next white guy, it might not be a very long tenure. And God forbid, should Collins yell, talk down or start lecturing, which he has been known to do, it will probably accomplish its intended objective – to hasten Moton's quick exit.

Will the black community and other minorities continue to be fooled?

Diana Ruiz-Krause, the highestranking Hispanic in the Toledo police department has already been unceremoniously demoted in the paper by the mayor-elect. Moton, incidentally, was not consulted about the move. So it appears that he is, in fact, not in control and that Collins and his staff are going around Moton to talk directly to other police personnel on departmental matters because they already have plans for who they want as the permanent chief of police.

The community, therefore, should closely watch who is "announced," by Moton or others, as being promoted to new deputy chief. It will likely be George Kral or Captain James O'Bryant. One of these two is likely to have been Collins' choice to replace Diggs all along.

While either will likely do an excellent job, if that's whom you want to make chief, Mayor Collins, then "keep it gangsta" son, and just do it! We've already peeped you.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min, at drdlperryman@centerofhopebaptist.org)

Community Calendar

December 25

Christmas Day!

December 26 – January 1

Kwanzaa Celebration: Frederick Douglass Community Association; 6:55 to 8:30 pm nightly; Food, drumming, games, poetry, rap, vendors and more: 419-708-9701

December 28

"Saturday Morning Youth Skate:" 9 am to noon; Ottawa Park Ice Rink; Sponsored by Councilman Tyrone Riley: 419-245-1050

December 31

Search-Lite Community Church Watch Night Service: Frederick Douglass Community Association; 9:30 pm; To commemorate the night slaves of the Confederacy freed by the Emancipation Proclamation

January 1 New Year's Day!

January 5

United Church of God New Services: Genesis Village Complex; 10 am

January 14

Glass City Toastmasters: 5:30 to 6:45 pm; United Way Greater Toledo: http://glasscitytoastmastersclubs.org

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These moves will have a dramatic

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Senator Brown Elected Women in Government

Special to The Truth

State Senator Edna Brown, Ohio policies. was elected a 2014 State Director with Women In Government by tion, Inc. is a national, non-profit, her fellow state legislative colleagues this past year. The State Director's help ascertain impor- ership opportunities, networking, tant issues in their states so that expert forums, and educational Women In Government can tailor programming to these needs.

leagues at Women In Government the country. For more informahave elected me to serve as a State Director from Ohio for 2014," said Brown. "I look forward to working with them to advocate and to work for the institution of public policies that improve the lives of citizens in my District, in Ohio and across the United States. The forums sponsored by Women In Government have been a valued asset in performing my legislative duties and serving my constituents."

"Women In Government congratulates State Senator Edna Brown, Ohio in her position as a State Director. State Directors play a critical role in setting policy priorities for our organization," said Marjorie Maginn, President and Executive Director of Women In Government. "State Senator Edna Brown, Ohio is a recognized leader in her state, and we are excited that she will now share her leadership skills with other women policymakers throughout the country.'

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Rep. Ashford: Job to Leadership Role with Report Reflects Kasich's **Misplaced Priorities**

Stagnant economic growth continues to hurt middle class Ohioans

The state jobs report for Nov. was released last week, showing Ohio wellabove the national unemployment rate with 427,000 Ohioans still looking for work. The U.S. economy is growing at the fastest pace since late 2011, but Ohio lost 12,000 jobs last month and the state's unemployment rate continues to trend much higher than last year. State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) released the following statement in response to the news:

"Today's job report illustrates that Gov. Kasich's top-down priorities continue to stall Ohio's economic recovery and hurt middle class families. While GOP leadership tries to shift responsibility for the lack of economic growth onto others, Ohio's unemployment rate is above the national average for the third month in a row. We need to invest in the middle class and prioritize our schools and communities to get our state working again."

Rep. Ashford: Inherited Economic Recovery Has Been Squandered

High unemployment rate, terrible job growth highlight failures of investing in wealthy

Last week, Gov. Kasich, months of declining unemploy-Speaker Batchelder and President Faber spoke to members of ment rate is higher than the the business community during a year-in-review speech at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) released the following statement in response to today's speech:

fice, he inherited 10-straight tive leaders to do the same."

ment, but now our unemploynational average. The rhetoric from Governor Kasich today simply doesn't match the harsh reality of our state's stagnant job growth. We will continue to push legislation that puts middle class families first, and we "When Gov. Kasich took of- urge Gov. Kasich and legisla-



Michael Ashford



The St. Paul Youth Department – "For the Love of God and Books"

By Pastor James Willis, Sr

Guest Column

"For the Love of God and Books" is the message that is being conveyed to the youth at the St. Paul Missionary Baptist church. The children at St. Paul, during their regular Thursday night Bible study, were blessed to receive books, books and more books.

These books represented all community. ages and grade levels. Madelyn

This program was made possible through the tenacious efforts of Hubie Pitts of the Historic Third Baptist Church, who has a deep and abiding passion for children. Pitts continues to work with the Reading Is Fundamental program, seeking to encourage our children to develop a passion for reading. Because of her efforts books were donated

and distributed to the children of St. Paul of all ages and grade levels on Thursday, November 21, 2013.

This event was well attended by many children as well as supportive adults showing their concern for the well-being of the children of the church and community.

Madelyn Hampton, an author, and member of St. Paul spoke with the youth concerning writing and publishing books. Deaconess Gertrude Green, an author also, was present to inspire and encourage the youth.

An artistic demonstration was given by the talented J'Vann Winfield also a member of St. Paul. Winfield demonstrated for *... continued on page 8*





African Art Has Arrived!!

Hundreds of wood carvings from Ghana have recently arrived at The Truth Gallery – masks, statues, village scenes! All at unbelievably low prices!



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Soulful Santa A Success

By Angelita Cruz Bridges, Editor/Historian Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated

Special to The Truth

Merry Christmas! The Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated reflects on its spirit of community service and giving during this holiday season at its annual Soulful Santa event held last week.

Mothers of the Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill and their children, along with fathers, have long enjoyed this special season of blessings and giving by providing a day of fun for some 150 Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo youth.

A Christmas party and community service project, Soulful Santa is held annually during the month of December to allow the chapter time to socialize during the holiday season while focusing on what the season is really about - giving.

This year, the event was held at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo. Attended by some 150 youth from Boys & Girls Clubs, and 15 Jack and Jill Toledo families, the Christmas party included cookie decorating, holiday crafts, line dancing, and a visit from a very jolly and downright soulful Santa. The highlight of the event was a jolly ole Soulful Santa handing out handmade fleece scarves, made by the children of all ages of Jack and Jill, as presents to the children at the Boys & Girls Clubs. At the close of the event, children participated in a raffle for prizes such as gift cards, toys, and Christmas stockings filled with goodies.

Soulful Santa Chairman and Jack and Jill/Toledo Chapter Programming Director Jovita Robertson said "The planning committee outdid itself. We worked together to make a fun event for our children and the children at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo. I'm happy we were successful."

Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated was founded in 1938 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by Marion Stubbs Thomas. In 1946, the National Organization was incorporated and since that meeting in 1938, chapters have been organized across the entire United States. The organization is made up of mother members and is a family organization that promotes youth leadership and so much more. Locally, the Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill was founded in December 1952 by a group of exception-



Felicia Dunston, Jack and Jill president; Jovita Robertson, event chairman/programming director and Kelli Winston, vice president

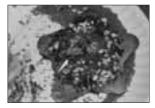


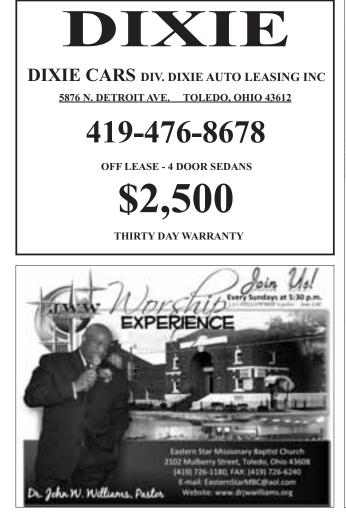
Katina Johnson and Dominque Lash, Jack and Jill moms, get in the Christmas spirit at Soulful Santa

ally loving women who happened to also be dedicated mothers. Catherine Holland was the chapter's first president.



Jovita Robertson hands out Christmas goodies and gifts to Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo youth





2014 MLK UNITY AWARD NOMINEES



Nominees for the 2014 MLK Unity Award are being accepted now! Only Toledo residents are eligible for nomination. Nominees can not be public officials or leaders of industry. They should demonstrate a history of community service and involvement and their actions should promote unity among all Toledo citizens. Nomination forms can be acquired at all Toledo-Lucas County Public Library Branches, or can be found on the City of Toledo Web page <u>www.toledo.oh.gov</u>

For additional information please call (419) 245-1417



Give God Glory Productions Presents – *In The Midst of It All*

On Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8 in the Lois Nelson Theater of the Collingwood Arts Center, Give God Glory Productions Ministry presented another dynamic gospel stage play entitled, *In The Midst of It All* written and directed by Patrece L. Tolbert.

This community theater group has been using live theater to carry the gospel message of Jesus Christ over the last 10 years. Give God Glory Productions Ministry group has be en blessed to be able to travel to various cities in Ohio and Georgia.

In the Midst of It All was first performed in 2004 at the Maumee Indoor Theater. After re-writes and a new set that brings life to this depiction of mistrust, abuse and lack of forgiveness, the characters were reborn.

This 2013 cast was made up of some of Toledo's local acting and musical talent: Sherman Hill, Robert A. White, Kelvin Patton, Traci Mitchell-Jones, Karen Walton, Teresa McBee, Tyrone Powerz, Lena Betts and Jala Williams. The musicians were: gospel recording artist, Melody Tate (keyboardist), Sandelle Harris (bass player and songwriter), and Alexandria Hudson (percussionist).

The soprano background vocalist was Camille Allen, the alto background vocalist was Teresa McBee, and tenor background vocalist was Alma Strickland. These community actors, musicians and vocalists worked for about four months to put on a performance that was received with great enthusiasm from the audience.

Give God Glory Productions Ministry has produced six gospel plays since 2003 and will be staging their next performance in the spring of 2014. If you would like to audition, please send an email to givegodgloryproductions365@ yahoo.com.



Playwright and director Patrece Tolbert with mother, Mary McDonald





Musicians of In The Midst of It All



Cast of In The Midst of It All

Let's Build Our Community - One Relationship at a Time

Carla Yvette

While there are legitimate external factors that contribute to the breakdown of our community, the greatest harm comes from within. It has been said that we are our own worst enemy and if we're honest, we'd take a hard look around and acknowledge that it's true.

We are either blind to this truth or are afraid to admit that it's our own jealousies, competitiveness, in-fighting, unwillingness to support one another and all sorts of petty differences that keep us from moving forward. WE are the only force stopping us from building the type of community that we say we want. A house, a people, a community, a nation divided against itself will not stand. We can start rebuilding our community one relationship at a time.

• Women – Our "female" power is undeniable. Not only has our influence over men not diminished since the biblical days of Samson and Delilah but this same feminine quality is what allows us to forge, close, open, nurturing strong bonds with other women. This God-given "feminine ability" allows us to bond and share personal information in a checkout line with another woman we barely know and also allows us if used correctly, to transform the lives of our men for the good. The female power that we possess allows us to bring life into the world and gives us the ability to breathe life into every situation we come in contact with. Most men desire so much more from us than butt cheeks and boobs. How much more awesome and beneficial would it be to our community if we used our female power to help, uplift, support and love our men through the struggle instead of being the struggle? What would be the outcome if instead of being jealous, envious and catty with our sisters, we supported, encouraged and empowered each other?

· Men- There is no doubt an attack against black men and boys. Your identity has been reduced to that of a criminally-inclined, useless black man to be feared. Nevertheless, your role in our lives and community is invaluable and you matter. Personal responsibility however, requires that YOU understand and identify your role and the impact it has on the family and community. The natural drive within you to be conquerors, heroes and warriors, will compel you to either protect and provide for your family and loved ones, or drive you to conquer woman after woman, leaving behind fatherless sons and daughters and broken homes, thus contributing to decline of the family and ultimately the community. The choice is yours. As men, historically you have been the backbone of the family. You have been the provider, protector, teacher and leader. How much more beneficial would it be to our families and community if you found your ambition, took initiative, and stood in your place?

Once we recognize our contribution to the breakdown of our community while understanding the unique contribution each of us can make to the world, we can begin to do our part in rebuilding our community one relationship at a time.

Mt Nebo Baptist and Macy's Team up for **Coat give-Away**

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church and Macy's Department Store are collaborating on a holiday coat giveaway, says Pastor Cedric rock. The project, sponsored by the church's Vision of Hope Outreach Ministry is called "Planting a Seed for the Community - 2014."

According to Brock, the goal is to give away 100 coats, all brand new, to families in need using family centers for at least part of the giveaway. Additionally, more information - and coats if any are left - can be accessed at the church on New Year's Eve.

Ashford Christmas Photos... continued from page 12





Jean Holden Hanna and Harvey Hanna

Michelle McCaster, Larry Sykes and Lisa



Pierce Deboe, Audrey Johnson and Diane Gordon



Shirley Easterly-Smith and Trivia King



Twyla Wheaton and Nell Roach



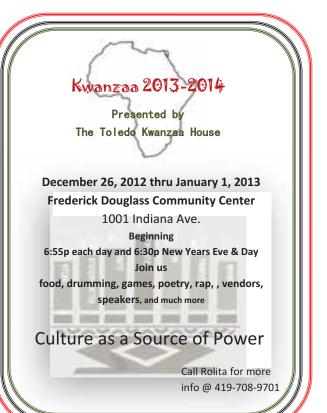
State Rep. Ashford, Delores Bates and Ruth Ashford



Paul Harper and Sharon Roach



Macy's Store Manager Shelly Denomme and Pastor Cedric Brock



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the children the African folktale, Fly Eagle Fly, which encourages the children to remember that God is their creator, success means believing in you and you can soar high.

lend their support and shared with are our gift from God; we must the children the impact that reading has had upon their lives and should go!

their various occupations. Most of all the children were encouraged to be thankful for the God-given blessing and opportunity of being exposed to appropriate reading materials including the word of God.

The congregation thanks Mrs. Pitts, youth leaders, and all who Other youth leaders were there to supported this endeavor. Children train them in the way that they





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If your scale is your worst enemy, it may be time to adopt a workable weight management strategy. A New Year is the perfect time to recommit oneself to health, wellness and shedding those extra pounds.

Experts say that fast results can help you stay motivated and see through your bigger weight loss goals.

"Early weight loss is a strong predictor of long-term weight loss," says Dr. Anthony Fabricatore, vice president of Research and Development at Nutrisystem. "Seeing immediate results can do wonders for self-efficacy."

Here are some tips for losing those crucial first five pounds quickly, so you'll be motivated to keep it up:

• Commit Yourself. Be mentally ready. Make a commitment to meet goals and eliminate temptations right from the start by getting rid of junk food in your pantry.

• Convenience Counts. Life can get in the way of dieting if convenient options aren't readily available. Have healthful ready-to-go meals and snacks on hand, particularly during dangerous times of day when cravings kick in.

• Stop guessing: Individuals make more than

200 food and beverage decisions daily, according to researchers at a leading university. Eliminate guesswork by opting for portioned, prepared meals.

For example, the new Nutrisystem My Way program, features meals free of trans fat, partially hydrogenated oils, MSG, high fructose corn syrup, aspartame and saccharine which can be combined with fresh grocery choices like salad, fruit, smart proteins, low-fat yogurt and unlimited non-starchy vegetables. After providing answers to some questions, My Way also helps determine grocery items and exercise plans built for your metabolism.

For a quick start, consider the new one-week Fast 5 kit, promising a five-pound weight loss in your first week backed by a money-back guarantee. It includes seven days of breakfasts, lunches and dinners, plus shakes with formulations for men and women to meet their unique nutritional needs.

• Keep moving: Find a regular exercise routine with which you'll stick. Stay motivated by teaming with friends. While one of the best, lowimpact and low-cost forms of exercise is walk-

ing, short and intense workouts are beneficial too.

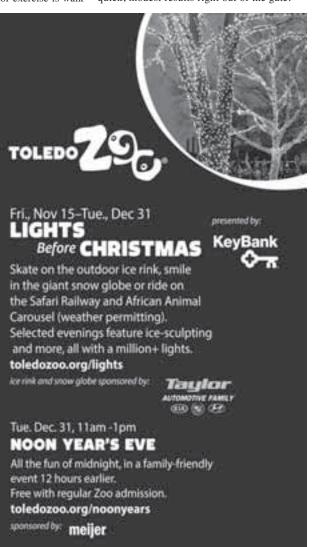
"Some evidence indicates a single, strenuous four-minute workout is as effective to improving health and fitness as a longer workout," says Meghan Nichols, registered dietician and project manager of Research and Development at Nutrisystem.

• Drink more water: Sometimes when you feel hungry, you're actually thirsty. Before eating, drink water to feel fuller. Replace sugary beverages with the good stuff -- eight glasses daily is a good target.

• Get support. Friends and family can be great cheerleaders. And an expert dieting coach can answer your questions. Visit www.Nutrisystem.com for support, where trained counselors are available seven days a week via phone and email.

• Track progress. Tracking your journey can help you keep focused on end goals. Make it convenient by downloading a free app you can use from your phone that features tools to plan meals and track weight, workouts and measurements.

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Jim Crow Wisdom: Memory & Identity in **Black America Since 1940** by Jonathan **Scott Holloway**

By Terri Schlichenmeyer The Truth Contributor

You've always prided yourself on being a good storyteller.

You've always been able to craft a good tale – whether it was one of imagination, one to escape trouble, or a story with lesson added.

It's a talent you got from your parents, and they from theirs. In the new book Jim Crow Wisdom by Jonathan Scott Holloway, you'll see how that storytelling prowess may have helped your family survive.

Throughout his life, Jonathan Scott Holloway heard stories.

One of the ones he remembers particularly was that which his father, an ex-military man, told Holloway on

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the way to school one fall day. It had something to do with fighting and how not to react. Holloway thought it was a strange thing then but, he says, "I discovered that there was more to this story than a father merely preparing his son for a world of inequality."

Many African Americans, Holloway claims, share stories of perseverance and strength through memoirs, stories, and anecdotes, and some of the most powerful tales are told in physical manifestations of museum or preserved buildings. Many of these stories serve as subtle (or not-so-subtle) warnings, lessons in getting along in a white world.

But, as Midwest Dental & Dental Definition he learned, stories can 2915 Lagrange - Phone 419-244-1691 he edited omitor ted entirely. There's a some that be or



Jim Crow Wisdom Memory & Identity in Black America since 1940

Jonathan Scott Holloway





certain kind of unneeded "shame" in facets of fam-

Author Jonathan Scott Holloway writes, in the second half of his book, about his family: recollections of learning stories he'd never

ervation of social status and authority," as well as being cautionary in nature for future generations. It helps in "establishing links, forged from common experience, to the larger black community" by sharing wis-dom and lessons learned from the Jim Crow era and more recently. Still, "The editing... continues" and that, says Holloway, is detrimental to the black community.

"... the silences in a family's past can serve their purposes," he believes, "... but they also come with the risk of too little memory, of not knowing the value of sacrifice that enabled a better future in the first place."

In a way – at least for the casual reader – Jim Crow Wisdom was written backwards.

heard, and finally understanding the tales that were ingrained at his core. It's semi-biographical, lively, and because of the nature of what he writes, the latter half of this book underscores its title.

But first, we must get through the first half, which is very, very academic. Holloway is a professor at Yale, after all, and the beginning of the books shows it. It's not unreadable, but it belies the spiritedness that the second half possesses.

Keep that in mind when you're reading this book, be willing to read it second-half-first, and you may find it to be quite eye-opening. For you, Jim Crow Wisdom might spur you to share a few good stories.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for bidding on Maintenance Building Addition, Pearson Metropark, Oregon, Ohio will be received; opened; and read aloud at the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area, Fallen Timbers Field Office, 6101 Fallen Timbers Lane, Maumee, Ohio 43537 Friday, January 10, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. local time.

THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of a 1,664 sq. ft. maintenance building addition, improvements to the existing structure and site-work. General construction includes demolition, rough and finish carpentry, concrete, asphalt, metal roofing, electrical, plumbing, drywall, HVAC and paint. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and planholder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at www.newfaxcorp.com. Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A nonrefundable fee of \$30 is required for each set of documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184. ion.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com.

EACH BIDDER MUST FURNISH either (1) a bond for the full amount of the bid or (2) a certified check, cashier's check or irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid with its bid. The successful bidder must furnish a 100 percent (100%) Labor and Materials Bond.

No bidder may withdraw its bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in bidding.

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PART-TIME MAINTENANCE TECH.

North Toledo non-profit organization is seeking to a hire a Part-time Maintenance Technician to provide basic maintenance service to its Residential and Commercial units. Skill set should include experience in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and HVAC. 2-3 years experience preferred. Must have reliable transportation and insurance. Mileage reimbursed. Please send resume to Attn: Property/Asset Manager 3106 Lagrange St. Toledo, Ohio 43608.

Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY14-45, (Project # 1020-14-949) for Health & Safety - Mass Notification/Fire Alarm 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 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2014. 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 \$75.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from David Desjardins of JDRM Engineering at 419-824-2400. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 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: 10%. Project Estimate: \$470,000.00; Breakdown: Electrical: \$470,000.00.

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Dispatcher Lucas County

Lucas County Emergency Medical Services is accepting applications to fill the positions of Dispatcher through January 7, 2014. Additional information regarding the duties is available on the Lucas County web site (www.co.lucas.oh.us). Click on "Apply for a Job" and then select "Dispatcher" from the list to read more or apply.

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Position is based at Starr Avenue but requires work in the community. Master's degree and current Ohio licensure as a LSW or PC required. LISW or LPCC preferred. Experience working with children and families is preferred.

Send resume with salary requirements or apply to:

Human Resources - CTHB Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc. 1425 Starr Ave. Toledo, OH 43605 Fax: 419-936-7574

Email: hr@unisonbhg.org

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Rep. Ashford's Annual Christmas Party

State Representative Michael Ashford's annual Christmas party was held December 7 at the Gesu Sullivan Center, 2049 Parkside Blvd. Each year family, friends, and political supporters gather for fellowship and a good time.

Ashford says, "More importantly we come together to discuss what we can continue to do in the upcoming year to make sure we understand our commitment and our mission to those who serve our community."

Humbled by the fact that close to 200 people come out each year to show their support, Ashford says what makes this event unique is that money is raised to benefit a non-profit organization at Christmas time. This is also an opportunity for them to honor local heroes like Wanda Butts of the Josh Project.



Councilman-elect Larry Sykes, Ruth and Michael Ashford, State Sen. Edna Brown, TPS Superintendent Romules Durant

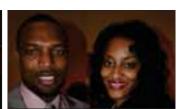




Barbara Selvay and Oliver Collins



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