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How One Young Adult Got Covered!

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Young Black Minds

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

*... If we are to ... conform to an authentic identity as a nation, then those who know best what it means to eat sour grapes are the ones who stand in candi-
dacy for being a remedy.*

- Walter Fluker



There are many independent, black organizations currently operating in Toledo as vehicles for black excellence. However, if you rely on print, digital or broadcast media, you would never know it. Local black churches, social organizations, community groups, businesses and non-profits are depicted in ugly, unflattering terms if at all.

Yet, people have always, according to noted scholar Jawanza Kunjufu, "valued the opinions and views of those people who look like them and have had similar experiences." Translation: If we hear only from good white men and their organizations, we get a distorted view of reality and our problems will remain unsolved despite their well-intentioned efforts.

In the coming weeks I will speak with leaders of independent black organizations and

institutions of excellence. Many are black and young, a demographic that is often ignored, marginalized or publicly pilloried by mainstream media.

Recently, I had the privilege of having an extended conversation with Elgin Rogers, a bright young mind who leads an organization called the African American Leadership Caucus (AALC).

Perryman: Please tell me about the group and its philosophy and makeup.

Rogers: It's the African American Leadership Caucus and we began in 2012. We started as a focus group, Leaders Leading. Out of that focus group we decided that we should continue these conversations. So from that, an organization emerged. We developed bylaws and stated our mission, purpose and vision. Our mission is to use the democratic political process to promote civic engagement, political engagement and advocacy throughout Lucas County. Our vision is to see more African Americans involved in the voting process as well as getting blacks elected to office here in Lucas County.

Perryman: So it's pretty much concerned with getting greater representation among African Americans?

Rogers: Greater representation but really about information, outreach and advocacy. So once

you're informed you can make better decisions about whom you want to choose to best represent you.

Perryman: So your efforts are not limited to just getting Afri-

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Community Calendar

March 12

Engaging Men Forum: 9 to 11:30 am; The Educational Service Center; An opportunity to engage men in a discussion about domestic violence issues; Speaker Gus Funk; Breakfast and sign in at 8:30 am: 419-244-3053

March 16

Calvary MBC 25th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration: Pastor Floyd Smith; 4 pm; Guests Rev. Melvin Barnes and Greater Faith Fellowship Church: 419-242-8379

2nd Baptist Empowerment Series: 11 am; Spencer Township Community Building; Speaker Olivia Holden of ASSETS Toledo: 419-865-7702

Bethlehem Baptist 20th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration: Pastor Derek A. Arnold, D.Min; 4 pm; Guests Pastor Talmadge Thomas and City of Zion, Mt. Zion: 419-241-9360

March 23

Calvary MBC 25th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration: Pastor Floyd Smith; 4 pm; Guests Rev. James Willis and St. Paul MBC: 419-242-8379

2nd Baptist Empowerment Series: 11 am; Spencer Township Community Building; Speaker Regina Whittington-McLendon, team coordinator CAN: 419-865-7702

Friendly MBC 14th Pastoral Anniversary: Rev. Rufus Middleton; 11 am service; 4 pm service with guests Rev. Jerry Boose and 2nd Baptist: 419-266-1935

Bethlehem Baptist 20th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration: Pastor Derek A. Arnold, D.Min; 4 pm; Guests Tim Swan, D.Min, and Mt. Zion of Cincinnati: 419-241-9360

March 29

Calvary MBC 25th Anniversary Pastoral Musical Celebration: 6 pm; Featuring Min Chrus Byrd, Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir, Calvary MBC Mass Choir, United Vision Mass Choir, Brian Thomas Chorale, Pastor Johnnie Holmes, Vanessa Williams, Greater St. Mary's Creative Arts: 419-242-8379

March 30

2nd Baptist Empowerment Series: 11 am; Spencer Township Community Building; Speakers Terrence Pound, Sr and Marquis Kimble, co-owners of KP Financial Management: 419-865-7702

Bethlehem Baptist 20th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration: Pastor Derek A. Arnold, D.Min; 4 pm; Guests Rev. Floyd Smith and Calvary Baptist: 429-241-9360

April 6

Bethlehem Baptist 20th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration: Pastor Derek A. Arnold, D.Min; 9 am Conclusion service: 419-241-9360

April 9-11

City of Zion, The Mt. Zion Church Conference 2014: "Let's Go Higher:" Toledo Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International Intercessory Prayer Conference: 6:30 nightly; Guests - Bishop Duane Tisdale, Pastor Kim Davis, Bishop William Murphy: 419-246-1850

The Difference

By KnowEl Willhight – Eighth Grade

Maumee Valley Country Day School; Principal – Stephanie Harman; Teacher – Emily Green

The “N” word has been around for what seems like forever. A word that should have been shunned so many years ago still lives on today. It was used mainly back when African American were still slaves and were experiencing much more racism than today. Open racism, that is. Today it’s almost as if blacks are condoning racism with a smile on our faces, none the wiser. You see, my major problem is the accepted use of the “N” word in today’s society. It’s used in our music, television, movies and everyday life. We (all of humanity) walk around with it right under our noses. I believe that by explaining just what the “N” word means and the history that it carries, people will understand how uncouth and horrible this word really is.

This problem can be broken into three parts. The first part is the people who believe this behavior is unacceptable yet sit back and do nothing. I used to be one of those people. Thankfully, this contest made me do something. It made me realize that if this was ever going to change, I had to make it change. The second part of the problem is those who think this behavior is okay. They think that it’s all right because they don’t exactly say the exact word. They take away the “er” and add an “a” and suddenly everything is all right. You see, as years passed and

people supposedly progressed, the “N” word was changed and flipped and twisted until it came to mean the complete and polar opposite of its predecessor: friend. “How in the world did that happen” you might ask. Well, no one likes racial slurs, especially the receiver. So back when racism against blacks was at one of its highs, blacks had an idea. Why don’t we change the game? So they took it and they changed it. They changed it and threw it back in the white man’s face saying “This is ours now. We’ve taken your weapon and turned it into a friend. You can’t hurt us anymore.” When in fact we’ve made a weapon and turned it against ourselves. By doing this we don’t hurt anyone but ourselves. The third and final part of the problem is that the rest of us believe that only blacks can say it, but when it strays outside the community, it’s unacceptable when, in fact, it’s always unacceptable. No one, I repeat, no one should ever let either of those words escape out of their mouth. This word should have been stopped dead in its tracks when racism was at its peak and yet it still lives on in our homes, our music and our televisions. And, yeah, it’s great to say that you disapprove but what can you do to change something.

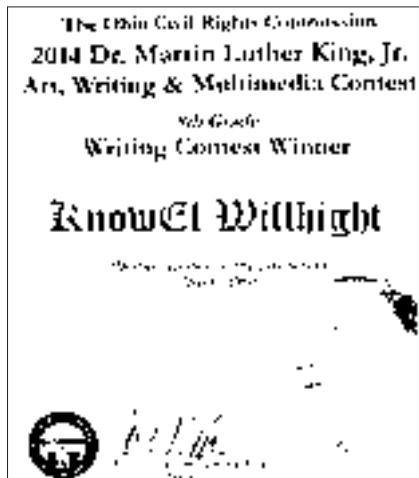
I had the same problem as the beginning of this. I knew that I wanted to do something to help the problem of the “N” word. The thing was I couldn’t think of anything. So I broke down the problem, as I did in the previous paragraph. By doing this I realized that I had two solutions. The first: explain to people what it really means and the negative history that it carries. Most of the people that used the word “nigga” could be swayed by realizing that it doesn’t mean what they think it means; that it and “nigger” were so closely related they were

basically siblings. There is barely any difference at all except one hides behind a fake mask of friendship and the other is bare for all the world to see it rear its ugly head. My second solution is to put up a pledge on our middle school pledge wall so that those who do believe that this is wrong can pledge to finally shun all use of the two words. These people will help stop the problem even though some might think doing it only affects them. I’ve already made one mini speech to my community of middle schoolers and I’ve put p the pledge to not use the “N” word and not to tolerate the use of it around you also. Six people have already signed the pledge and I know that others will also. People came



KnowEl Willhight

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up to me after my speech and told me that what I said was very powerful and made them think. This is how I know that people can make this change if they put their minds to it.

When someone uses or tolerates the use of the "N" word, that doesn't just negatively affect only them, it reaches out and affects those around you. Then it affects those around them and so on and so on until the entire world is contaminated. Can we stop the disease before it infects the entire world is the question. I believe that by explaining just what the "N" word means and the history that it carries, people will finally understand how uncouth and horrible this word really is. I think that if we take the initiative we can stop the disease. I hope we won't have to pass this onto our children and they won't have to suffer through this like we did.



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can Americans into elected office, you also are informing the community and monitoring the performance of elected officials?

Rogers: Correct. It's about making sure that we have

people who not only look like us but also think like us and want the best things for our community. And we know that voting is very important and that if you don't vote you may not eat.

Perryman: Historically, we have not gotten the turnout that we wanted in the midterm elections. Can you speak to the voter apathy that exists among many in the community?

Rogers: In terms of not getting people out to vote during midterm elections?

Perryman: Well that's one thing and then also the apathy among a certain demographic, those of the underserved?

Rogers: That's always a tough question. We know that

sometimes that during midterm elections voter turnout is lower and part of that is visibility. People are really tied into the national elections as opposed to the congressional and the statewide races. And when you talk about voter apathy sometimes it goes back again to what's on the menu. When you talk about people not being as engaged or as informed, a lot of times people go to work and go home. They don't peruse but they just browse, to stay abreast of some of the issues. And they make a decision whether or not they're going to go out and vote or whether they're going to stay home because it's often some of the same old same old. They're not satisfied with those who are on the ballot or what's on the menu.

Perryman: What can be done to reverse that attitude?

Rogers: One of the ways that we're looking at is to improve the system by giving exposure to some of our locally elected officials and those people who are in the political arena. The African American Leadership Caucus has different forums and monthly meetings for people to come and see who's representing you, to listen to what they have to say and share what's going on in government. So part of it is exposing folks and allowing people to see where they fit in the system or how the system truly affects their livelihood and their lifestyle from the very basics of where a red light or other revenue camera is placed.

Perryman: At one time it was highlighted that the group was pretty much made up of young people, young African-American males. Is that accurate?

Rogers: The structure of the group actually goes back to the traditional African value set of the traditional African village or family. We have a committee of elders. They are people from the community who we've identified as those that we would want to go to for guidance, wisdom and just to share some of their experience. These elders come from law, government, education, and the general workforce. They are everyday people.

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Thank Goodness for Pushy Dads: My #GetCovered Story

By LaNika Wise
Special to The Truth

On a chilly December evening, as I was healing from a volleyball-related mild concussion, my dad came into my room and said: "Don't you think it's time you looked into affordable health insurance?"

He had urged me many times before to get covered, but I thought I was invincible. I'm 34 and have lived a healthy lifestyle. I thought if I ate my vegetables and drove defensively, I'd be okay. In October, in November, and into December, he pushed me to look into my options. I made a few half-hearted attempts to satisfy him, but I never took it seriously. Fortunately for me, his motto is, "Persistence beats resistance!" and he never gave up.

I was born and raised in Flint, Mich. After graduating from Michigan State University, I was no longer covered by my parents' health insurance. The idea of purchasing my own was nowhere on my radar because I didn't think I needed it.

Chasing my dreams, I moved to Los Angeles to try on different careers. I worked with a celebrity stylist, created a clothing line with my brother, and began acting. Feeling a spiritual calling to be closer to home, I returned to Flint and pursued an acting career in the metro Detroit area. With auditions and bookings so infrequent, I had to find part-time jobs-including a junior varsity volleyball coach position.

With all of this uncertainty, my income frequently fluctuated: one day I was covered under the county's health plan, and the next I was kicked off. Going from insured to uninsured was exhausting, and I

finally gave up. I've been uninsured for most of the past 10 years.

I realize now what a dangerous gamble that time in my life was. I didn't think about accidents or illnesses. I didn't even think about a benign lump in my right breast that I had removed years ago under my parents' insurance. I never considered what I would have done if a lump had returned.

I was living on the edge, one mishap away from a financial disaster!

Maybe the concussion knocked some sense into me, but I finally listened to my dad.

I logged onto Healthcare.gov and enrolled in a Silver plan that includes dental. And since I qualify for a reduced premium, the plan costs less than \$100 a month.

A burden I didn't even realize I was carrying was lifted off of my shoulders!

I received my health insurance card on my mother's birthday, January 2. What a great gift to us all! My parents and I now have the peace of mind knowing that I have affordable, quality insurance. I can go anywhere and pursue my dreams because I have the confidence of knowing that I am covered.

I strongly encourage all young adults to visit the Health Insurance Marketplace at HealthCare.gov before open enrollment ends March 31 -even if, like me, you think you're invincible. It's easy and your options may be cheaper than you think.

I won't say that parents always know best, but I have to admit that signing up has been a breath of fresh air. I'm so glad mine never gave up.

Thanks, Dad!



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Living Better, Spending Smarter with help from your Library

By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Media Relations Coordinator
The Truth Contributor

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is proud to be the recipient of a nearly \$82,000 grant aimed to increase the system's service to the community by spreading personal financial and investing information, and increasing public knowledge of the resources of our partners at United Way of Greater Toledo and the Financial Opportunity Centers of Toledo.

Library® grant was awarded by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation, in partnership with the American Library Association.

This grant offers the Library an opportunity to work with great community partners to train staff, buy materials and give great programming on a topic of real need – financial education, but to do it

in a fun manner with broad outreach, said Linda Koss, Library Grants Specialist.

How will grant programming be delivered? Over the course of the next two years, funding will cover programs built around Money Smart Week this year and in 2015, and American Saves Week in 2015 and 2016. Programming will include issues pertaining to credit, investment training, Social Security and even couponing. In addition, the Library's Main, Mott, Heatherdowns, Reynolds Corner and Locke locations have been selected by United Way to host a five-part Financial Fitness 101 series four times over the next two years.

Join the Library for its Money Smart Week, scheduled this



April 5-12, and learn how to shop, spend less, invest and retire in better financial shape. Light refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be given at each event. Visit toledolibrary.org for dates, locations and details.

This special week will kick-off with a program titled "Power Couponing with LaTisha Williams (The Frugalicious Diva), a local coupon expert who will present the fundamentals of extreme couponing including terms, couponing rules, tips and tricks from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7 at Lagrange Branch Library 3422 Lagrange St. This program will be repeated at Locke and Sanger branch locations later in the week. There will be a host of additional Money Smart Week topics throughout the system from What's the Deal with Free Credit Reports? to Social Security: Retirement Strategies and What You Really Need to Know, and much more! Please visit toledolibrary.org for complete details, or call 419.259.5200.

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Any Lucas County resident or LMHA program participant should refuse to provide any personal financial information or cash payments to any person(s) claiming to collect funds or deposits on behalf of LMHA. If you receive suspicious requests for funds or deposits on behalf of LMHA, its programs or services including Section 8 vouchers, please immediately contact Ivory Mathews, deputy executive director at 419-259-9540.

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Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund Increases Scholarship Cap for Students

Special to The Truth

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund, Inc. (NOSF) has announced that it has increased its maximum scholarship amount to \$1,500 for the 2014-2015 school year. NOSF awards need-based scholarships for students to attend nonpublic schools or be homeschooled for kindergarten through the eighth grade.

NOSF is a partner with the Children's Scholarship Fund and awards need-based scholarships so that parents

have a choice for their child's education. The Children's Scholarship Fund was founded in 1998 by Ted Forstmann and the late John Walton who saw a need for educational alternatives for families. Since 1999, the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund has awarded a total of \$10.2 million in scholarships to 12,200 students, part of that includes \$3.8 million in matching funds. All funds raised locally by NOSF are matched by the Children's Scholarship Fund and are used for scholarships in NW Ohio.

Andrea Puhl, principal of St. Aloysius Catholic School, said of the program, "NOSF is a wonderful organization that helps parents who want a private school education for their children. As a result of their scholarships, we are able to spread our tuition assistance even further. We are so grateful for the partnership with NOSF!"

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund is the only need-based scholarship program in northwest Ohio that awards scholarships to children who

otherwise could not afford to attend private schools for kindergarten through eighth grade and who do not qualify for an Educational Choice Voucher. Families must reside in Lucas, Fulton or Wood County and are required to pay a minimum of \$500 towards their tuition. Eligible families are required to demonstrate their financial need as measured by standards similar to the Federal School Lunch program.

Interested families can find more information about the program and apply online on the NOSF website at www.nosf.org. For more information please contact Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund at (419) 720-7048. **Deadline to apply for the 2014-2015 school year is Friday, May 30, 2014.**

What to Look for When Choosing Educational Games and Apps for Kids

Special to The Truth

Navigating the world of children's games and apps can be challenging. While there are online app stores with thousands of apps that claim to be educational, very few truly are. And if they're not fun, kids won't play with them and won't learn from them.

With this in mind, the learning experts at LeapFrog, the leader in educational entertainment for kids, have assembled a handy checklist for parents to consider

before making a purchase:

- **Comprehensive Skills:** Look for games and apps with an emphasis on curriculum like reading, math, science and creativity.
- **Age-Appropriate:** Games should provide children with themes and topics that are relevant for their age group.
- **Personalized Learning:** Opt for games that automatically adjust to your child's level as he or she pro-

gresses.

- **Educator-Approved:** Verify that games have been created or approved by learning experts.
- **Fun and Engaging:** Select games that are designed for kids and kid-tested.
- **Protecting Kids' Privacy:** Confirm that games comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

More free tips for parents are available LeapFrog's Parent's Guide to Educational Games & Apps at www.leapfrog.com/parentguide.

Putting in the time to find fun and engaging games and apps can help children excel both educationally and developmentally, in the classroom and at home.

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- **What's the Deal with Free Credit Reports?**
Holland Branch: April 9, 7 - 8 p.m.
-Wendy Easler, Financial Coach, United Way
- **Power Couponing with LaTisha Williams (The Frugalicious Diva)**
Lagrange Branch: April 7, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Locke Branch: April 8, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Sanger Branch: April 9, 7 - 8 p.m.
- **Social Security: Retirement Strategies and What You Really Need to Know**
Locke Branch: April 9, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
(This program is limited to 20 participants.)
-Erin Thompson, Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Office, Toledo
- **Investing Fundamentals**
Main Library: April 12, 2 - 3:30 p.m.
Heatherdowns Branch: April 26, 2 - 3:30 p.m.
-David Topoleski, Manager, Business Technology Department

Call 419.259.5209 or visit toledolibrary.org for more information.   

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St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Sponsors Annual Men's Day Celebration

By Artisha Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

"Obedience is better than sacrifice" served as the theme for St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church's 2014 Men's Day Celebration. The March 9 festivities include two services under the leadership of Pastor Rev. James Willis, Sr. and Dwayne Smith, event chairman.

The morning service opened with a procession, call to worship, hymn of praise and invocation. Deacon Darryl Reed led the responsive reading, while the congregation sang "The Upright Man," for the hymn. The St. Paul Male Chorus delivered musical selections throughout the service, and Rev. Brandon Tucker, executive pastor of Greater New Psalmist Church in Toledo, Ohio, delivered the service proclamation.

Tucker has been ordained since 2010, has received numerous community awards and has been involved in a variety of community organizations. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and is active as the Ohio district director and the national chairman of Leadership Development.

"The morning service was absolutely anointed. Rev. Tucker's anointed sermon challenged every person to evaluate themselves. The message was from the theme, and the Biblical story was

explained in today's context. He then asked each person to answer, 'what have you done for the Lord,' and then explained that works completed by God should display a sign. Rev. Tucker was truly led by the Lord," shared Rev. Willis, pastor of St. Paul.

The afternoon service opened with a warm welcome delivered by Deacon Andrew Porter and musical selections presented by Mt. Enon Male Chorus. Willis introduced guest speaker Rev. Cory Pruitt, pastor of Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. Pruitt has served as pastor of Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist Church since February 2012 and previously served as pastor of Mt. Zion #2 Baptist Church in Grove Hill, Alabama.

"Today's message is from I Samuel and speaks directly to the men, to ensure they understand God's calling. From today's text, we'll discuss that men don't have to hide from God but trust him. Faith keeps us the opportunity to serve," explained Rev. Cory Pruitt.

"I thank Pastor Willis for the opportunity to serve. I want to thank everyone who donated their time, the cooks, the decorators, and all service participants," said Dwayne Smith, celebration chairman and deacon-in-training..



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University of Toledo Catholic Student Association Will Be Hosting Campus H.E.A.T. March 20 @ 7:00 pm

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On Thursday March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in The University of Toledo Student Union Auditorium, the University of Toledo Catholic Student Association (CSA) along with other student organizations will host a University wide event open to all students called Campus H.E.A.T. This event will be an opportunity for students to give back to the city

of Toledo in a big way.

Campus H.E.A.T. is an event where students will get together and make 750 pizzas. These pizzas will then be distributed to various homeless shelters and soup kitchens around the city of Toledo during the day on Friday March 21. This is a way for students to not only learn about a major is-

sue that is prevalent in the city, but also do something to help.

Last year Campus H.E.A.T. involved almost 300 students and all 750 pizzas were assembled in eight minutes and seventeen seconds. These pizzas were donated to nine different homeless shelters varying in amounts from 12 pizzas to 168 pizzas per location. This year we

are working to break records for the amount of students attending, and the time it takes to assemble the pizzas.

Campus H.E.A.T. is funded through donations. Donations can be sent to Campus H.E.A.T. in care of Corpus Christi University Parish, 2955 Dorr Street Toledo, Ohio 43607.

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Principal Shares Five Fun At Home Activities for March is Reading Month

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Schools across the country will put an extra emphasis on reading for March is Reading Month with special programs, activities, and events to celebrate. The principal of Winterfield Venture Academy (WVA) says the celebration does not have to stay in the classroom; parents can bring the fun home as well.

Principal Nate Preston says it's important for children to see their parents are just as excited about reading as their teachers. "It is always a positive experience when parents get involved and excited about reading," Preston said.

He provided a list of simple activities parent can do at home to during March is Reading Month.

- 1. Theme reading night:** If your child wants to read about pirates, then create some paper pirate hats together to wear while reading the book. After the story, you can take turns reading it with a pirate accent.
- 2. Decorate Your Door:** Let your child get creative by decorating their bedroom door like the cover of their favorite book.
- 3. New Word Wednesday:** Se-

lect a new word to add to your child's vocabulary and challenge them to use it in a sentence throughout the day on Wednesday. Have a reward system in place for when they use the word.

4. Young Author Night: Select a picture from your family album and ask your child to write a story about what happened the day the picture was taken, then have them read the book to you.

5. Black Out Day: Select one day where your child can not watch television, play on the computer, or an electronic device. Come up with a list of activities they could do instead such as reenacting a scene from a book, playing Scrabble, or tell a story on a T-shirt art project.

Preston said while these ideas are fun, the simplest way for parents to help their children with reading is to set at least 15 minutes out of every day to read together.

"Reading helps students in all subject areas. It allows them to increase their vocabulary, gain confidence through repetition, and sharpen their literary skills," Preston said.

WVA plans to hold several reading events at the school and parents are

encouraged to participate in those as well. Sorority members from Pi Beta Phi (University of Toledo) will come to the school to read to kindergarten through second-grade students, local preschools will visit for a "March Into Reading" event, and students will participate in a variety of other literary events.

Winterfield Venture Academy is a free public charter school serving students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

2014 Chuck Ealey Undefeated Spirit Contest Winners To Be Announced on March 25

Special to The Truth

Through his *Undefeated Spirit Foundation*, former University of Toledo and CFL football star Chuck Ealey gives back to the Toledo community by providing 15 scholarships ranging from \$125-\$500 to area high school seniors.

Ten athletes - five football players (one \$500 scholarship) and five girls' basketball players (one \$500 scholarship) have been selected as finalists based on the following criteria: 1) An undefeated spirit-inspiring drive and leadership with their teammates, campus, community and or youth 2) Strong family values with strong family support-encouraging and supporting parent/family structure behind the athlete 3) Strong focus on education and community/campus involvement- good grades and extracurricular activities

Ealey has also partnered with Leadership Toledo to encourage all area high school seniors to share with him their "Undefeated Spirit" stories through a 500-word essay contest. In 2014, almost 50 students from more than 15 area high schools entered the "Undefeated Spirit" essay con-

test. All scholarship winners will be celebrated during a ceremony scheduled on Tuesday, March 25 at 6 p.m. at The University of Toledo's Driscoll Alumni Center. The list of all finalists includes:

Girls - Athletic Finalists

Student	School
Katelyn Westhoven	Bowsher
K'Shawna Barnett	Woodward
Camille Gist	Toledo Christian
Taylor Works	Waite
Caty Rieker	Cardinal Stritch

Boys - Athletic Finalists

Student	School
Mac Jewel	Bowsher
Mordecai Brownlee	Woodward
Mark Washington	Bowsher
Trevor Walsh	St. John's
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Essay Finalists

Thomas Rubuano	
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Ashlee Barth	Northview
Seo Hyun Kim	SUA
Sydney St. Andre	Springfield

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High school juniors and seniors are urged to compete in the 2014 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition. Go to www.nationalbar.org/mlk competition to register and for further de-

tails and deadlines. Local contact person: Life Tolliver at tolliver@juno.com or call 419-249-2703. Scholarships are being awarded for college study and with the national competition to be in Atlanta, GA in July 2014

Ask a Science Teacher by Larry Scheckel

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

You love to take things apart.

Whether it's in your hand or in your mind, it helps to break objects down in order to understand them. You know how something works that way. You see how to make improvements and you learn where the item might be useful elsewhere.

Yep, taking things apart is fun, even though it might make your parents or teachers a little crazy. So maybe you need to read *Ask a Science Teacher* by Larry Scheckel instead. That might be somewhat safer.

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says Larry Scheckel, but science is a way of "learning about the world around you..." Understanding it is a great way to understand all the other things you're interested in knowing, too.

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this book. Don't you wonder why dogs wag their tails when they're happy, for example? Can you really "talk" with your pet? And which animal is smarter than all the others?

Haven't you ever wondered why there are no seat belts on your school bus? Or how they get salt into peanuts without breaking the shells? Or, speaking of food, how they know the number of calories in that handful of snacks you're eating?

And then there's your favorite subject: YOU!

Why can't you regenerate missing limbs? Could you really spontaneously combust? What happens (and doesn't happen) when you sneeze? What if you didn't have fingernails or fingerprints? Why are people left- or right-handed? And why should you never, ever use your tongue to see if a battery is any good?

So you say your child grouches

about having science class, but he's also plenty curious. He can't have it both ways – but he can have *Ask a Science Teacher*.

With an engaging Q&A format and a delightfully geeky sense of humor, author Larry Scheckel picks apart all sorts of things to see how they work. The topics here are broad, touching upon a wide variety of interests and branches of science, and Scheckel's musings practically beg to be explored further. I also liked that this book doesn't have to be read cover-to-cover, but instead can be browsed.

While it's perfect for curious kids ages 12 and up, I also think this more-than-merely-science book would keep an adult entertained just as well. If you're baffled by biology, frustrated by physics, or confused over chemistry, *Ask a Science Teacher* will pull it all together.

Library's Local History & Genealogy Department Wins National American Library Association Labor Award

Special to The Truth

The history of America has been largely created by the deeds of its working people and their organizations ...there is scarcely an issue that is not influenced by labor's organized efforts or lack of them. – Labor historian William Cahn (1912-1976)

The Local History & Genealogy Department of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library was recently recognized as the 2014 recipient of the John Sessions Memorial Award by the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

Established in 1980, the award recognizes a library or library system which works closely with the labor community and consequently raises awareness of the history and contribution of the labor movement to the development of the United States. The late John Sessions was co-chair of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)/ALA Joint Committee on Library Service to Labor Groups. Sessions was also an assistant director of the AFL-CIO Department of Education.

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City Engineers to Host Community Street Forums

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The City of Toledo Division of Engineering Services is hosting its third annual series of community street meetings. The first meeting in the 2014 series will be Tuesday, March 11 from 6-8 p.m. at Regina Coeli Catholic Church, 530 Regina Parkway.

Community Street Forums improve citizen input in street planning for Toledo and provide an opportunity for citizens to be engaged in the planning process. Sessions will be held in each of the city's six council districts. City engineering staff will share with citizens which streets are involved in the City's 2014 street program

and how it will impact their neighborhoods, as well as share how streets are selected for repair. In addition to discussion in small groups, those who attend will be able to share their thoughts on which streets in their neighborhoods should be considered for the City's street program in future years.

All meetings will be held from 6-8 p.m. A full schedule of dates and locations for the 2014 forums follows.

March 11, 2014 District 6 Regina Coeli Catholic Church, 530 Regina Parkway

March 12, 2014 District 3 East Toledo Family

Center, 1020 Varland Avenue

March 18, 2014 District 2 Heatherdowns Library, 3265 Glanzman Road

March 20, 2014 District 5 Christ Presbyterian Church, 4225 W. Sylvania Ave.

March 25, 2014 District 4 Kent Library, 3101 Collingwood Boulevard

March 27, 2014 District 1 Grace Church, 3700 Dorr Street

For more information about the forums or the street planning process, citizens are encouraged to contact the Division of Engineering Services at 419-936-2275.

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And the group is also comprised of our target audience, those folks under age 40. But everyone's welcome to join and so we have people over 40 in the group also. We have a very mixed group in terms of gender, even in leadership as well. So that's a misnomer that it's just comprised of males.

Perryman: There seems to be a divide in the African-American community between the haves and the have-nots and fragmentation of the black community by class. A sort of ghetto versus "bougie" and middle class versus underclass conflict. What are your general thoughts?

Rogers: As far as our group, we have a very broad cross-section. I know those things have existed. People talk about them and people have written about them from the beginning of African-American political thought. I know W.E.B. Du Bois talked about it but here locally that class divide is a little different. I mean if you talk about people expanding out of the central city, I mean our stuff goes -- that's a very complex phenomenon that goes back to desegregation. But as for now, the class divide is really just about in jobs I would say, and access to education. Those who have limited opportunities to education are less likely to move up in the corporate world and the workforce.

Perryman: I guess what I'm getting at is, how do you unify the community? It seems to me that many of the people who are cut off from mainstream are not voting in the same percentages except in presidential elections. We saw this in the most recent mayoral election.

Yet, to me, the so-called underclass represents an untapped source, a gold mine even, of activism. I think you could also say is that their indifference or even some of what we term irrational behavior - crime, gangs and anti-social rebelliousness is, in a sense, political in itself. So how do we unify and speak out across the entire social strata and across income or cultural divisions? How do we make the message more appealing to all African Americans?

Rogers: I think the issue is: are we asking the right questions? What questions are we asking ourselves? In many regards unification, and I'm not sure I understand what the word means, but I'm not sure how pragmatic it is. So when we discuss unifying I think that there has to be multiple efforts coming from multiple places, if that makes any sense.

Perryman: Please elaborate further.

Rogers: I just don't think that there needs to be one monolith. I think that you need people working and moving and thinking about different aspects across the entire collective. It's almost like writing a scholarly article or being a member of an academic group. They always talk about what's your contribution to the field. And so in this setting, what is your contribution? Your contribution may be being a basketball coach,

teaching young kids how to avoid the hazards and trappings of street life or it could be your opportunity to be a tutor helping young children to read. Or it could be your opportunity to help keep the parks clean so people can feel better about the neighborhood in which they live. And I think when you bring those things together there's a synergy. And I think that when you have this type of constant movement things will come together.

Perryman: Let me put it this way. The civil rights movement was one that was inclusive. In other words, you had blacks, Puerto Ricans, whites, Christians, Jews, rich, middle class, working class as well as those living in abject poverty involved in the struggle. When you invite politicians in to address your group and you are employed as a young professional the politicians are addressing your issues. How do you understand that all of the people of your community are not being addressed such as those who are poor? Do you repeat the mindless, mythical mantra of conservative ideology that blames the victim by saying that it's their personal responsibility? Or do you look at that presentation from a broader perspective that also looks at social and political responsibility? How do you respond when they're not including the entire community?

Rogers: That's a very elegant question that you ask and it's very complex. Again, it depends on what questions you're asking of yourself and how one perceives his/herself. I see myself as a person on the ground. I am a young professional but I deal with the same issues that the people in the neighborhood that I grew up and live in deal with on a daily basis. So when you come and tell me that you just got racially profiled or jacked up by someone, I'm there. I hear it. People call me. You talk about the Great Recession, but we call it the great reset between the haves and the have-nots. And you're right. A lot of middle class folks have lost a great deal of the wealth that they possessed prior to the financial crisis. So again, what questions are you asking? What are the commonalities? You need to know your audience first of all. I mean if you're going to try to tackle a problem you need to identify the situation and before you give any presentation you should know your audience.

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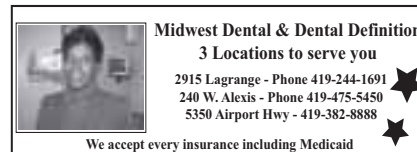
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Public Meetings on Long Range Transportation Plan

At a series of public meetings in March, 2014, transportation planners will be asking people what they want to see in the region's transportation system. Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is the regional Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible for maintaining a transportation plan that looks out 20 years or more. The "On the Move 2015-2045 Plan" is in now development. At the meetings, planners will share information about the region's transportation system and ask for input including a short public survey. Most meetings are acces-

sible by public transportation and are in different parts of the community to encourage a wide and diverse attendance. Light refreshments will be available.

TMACOG Transportation Project Manager Diane Reamer-Evans said, "To build a transportation system that serves everyone well, we want everyone to contribute to the conversation. We need to hear from people who commute by car and by bus, people who use bicycles for transportation, business owners who depend on deliveries. Everyone uses

the transportation system and every concern matters."

Information and surveys are at public libraries in Lucas and Wood counties and the southern townships of Monroe County, Michigan. Surveys will also be at the Bedford Business Association Trade Fair on March 15 & 16 at the booth of the Monroe County Road Commission.

To fill out the survey online go to www.tmacog.org/onthemove.htm.

7th Annual Celebration of Women Festival Coming to Lourdes University

Special to The Truth

In honor of National Women's History Month, Lourdes University will host the seventh annual W.A.V.E. (Women, Artists, Visionaries, Entrepreneurs) Festival on Saturday, March 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Franciscan Center.

Created as a way to celebrate the successes and accomplishments of women throughout the region, W.A.V.E. is a juried indoor exhibition and sale of fine arts and crafts such as ceramics, fiber arts, jewelry, pottery and paintings. This year's festival features work from more than 65

exhibitors and a variety of live entertainment including local female groups Bliss and Someone's Daughter. Guests can also enter to win prizes donated by some of the exhibitors and enjoy refreshments from a local food vendor.

Proceeds from the 2014 W.A.V.E. Festival will go to Bethany House, a local women's shelter and sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio. In past years, beneficiaries of the festival have included Aurora House, Harbor House, Second Chance, and Women Bless-

ing Women. Email wave@lourdes.edu or visit www.lourdes.edu/wave for more information. W.A.V.E. is free and open to the public.

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The local history department was selected for its extensive efforts in building an ongoing legacy recognizing the labor community, according to the RUSA official website.

"We are very proud of our outreach efforts to local labor unions, our special labor collection, exhibits and displays of the area and national labor movement, and of our Rogowski-Kaptur Labor History Room, which houses materials with a focus on Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan labor history but also includes materials on national labor history," said Jill Clever, manager of the Local History department, located on the third level of Main Library, 325 Michigan St.

The honorable U.S. Congresswoman **Marcy Kaptur** (OH-9) helped to secure federal funding for the Labor History room, dedicated in 2001, which provides researchers with private space to peruse the library's collection of photos, books on union and union history, newspaper clippings and letters documenting the region's

rich union history. Many Labor History room materials are purchased through the Library Legacy Foundation, with proceeds from an annual event titled, "Labor Loves the Library".

Rep. Kaptur said she is pleased to recognize and congratulate the Library and its "outstanding" Local History department on being the recipient of the national John Sessions Memorial Award.

"Toledo has been part of the bedrock of the united labor movement for centuries. Our community proudly and humbly remembers on whose shoulders we stand," said Rep. Kaptur. "The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library has been a leader in cataloguing and enshrining the epic struggles of our labor history. The Library has been the 'keeper of the flame' that burns in the hearts of our community's working men and women and carries their legacy to the world beyond."

As the John Sessions Memorial Award recipient, local history department officials are scheduled to receive \$1,000 and a plaque funded by the Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO. The award is scheduled to be presented at the RUSA Awards Ceremony and Reception during the ALA Annual Conference in June.



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Scott Class Reunion

The Scott High School Class of 1969 is having our 45th class reunion on July 25 and 26 2014 here in Toledo. We are looking for classmates who we have not and cannot locate. These are the people and numbers to use for contact, Mary 419-536-9544 / Tommy 419-704-1835 and Evelyn 419-490-6851..

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Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), located in Toledo, OH is seeking experienced applicants for a Service Coordination Specialist position. For complete details of this position and to apply, visit our website at www.lucasmha.org. **Only online applications received at the above website by Friday, March 21, 2014, will be accepted.** This is a Section 3 covered position. HUD recipients are encouraged to apply and are to indicate on the application if you are a LMHA Public Housing resident or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. **NO PHONE CALLS.** Equal employment opportunity shall be afforded to all qualified persons without regard to age, race, color, religion, religious creed, sex, military status, ancestry, disability, handicap, sexual orientation, genetic information or national origin.



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Requests for Qualifications marked "Fallen Timbers Visitor Center" will be received at the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area, Fallen Timbers Field Office, 6101 Fallen Timbers Lane, Maumee, Ohio 43537, until

**4:00 PM Local Time on
Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

Requests received after the specified due date and time will not be considered.

In General, THE SCOPE OF SERVICES consists of providing design and build services to renovate an existing residential structure into a commercial visitor center located at the Fallen Timbers Battlefield park area in Maumee Ohio.

Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) packets for the requirements may be obtained at the above address between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by contacting Pete Boss, at Pete.Boss@metroparkstoledo.com, or (419) 304-5368. Three (3) copies of the RFQ must be sealed, marked, and submitted as above. The Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area will directly select a firm based on the RFQ.

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Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY14-64, (Project # 1130-10-651) for 2013 Building Envelope, Scott Hall/Tucker Hall - Exterior 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., Tuesday, March 25, 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 Rossi & Associates, LLC, 970 S. Byrne Road, Toledo, Ohio 43609. Call 419-385-6633 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 Brad Rossi of Rossi & Associates at 419-385-6633. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 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: \$100,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$100,000.00.

Ohio Voters Bill of Rights Certified This Week By Ohio Attorney General

State Representative Alicia Reece, Chairman of Ohioans For A Voters Bill of Rights released the following statement in response to today's decision:

"Today marks a victory for Ohio voters as we made

a major step forward with the certification of the Ohio Voter Bill of Rights by the Ohio Attorney General. This puts us one step closer in getting this historic initiative on the ballot so that voters in Ohio will have a say in protecting their voting rights."

Representative Alicia Reece is President of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus and Chair of Ohioans For A Voters Bill of Rights.



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The Master of Studies in Law Program is designed primarily for professionals in a variety of career settings who could benefit from a better understanding of law and the legal system but do not want to practice law. Master of studies in law students will gain a solid foundation in the law and can enhance their careers, without investing the equivalent of three years of study to obtain a juris doctor.

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The Master of Studies in Law Program can benefit those who work with lawyers, whose work is governed by laws or regulations, or who work in fields in which knowledge of the law provides an edge. Although designed primarily to enhance existing careers, the program also can help re-direct and launch career paths.

Master of studies in law classes will begin in August.

For more information about the Master of Studies in Law Program, see utoledo.edu/law/admissions/apply/mlw.html or contact the Law Admissions Office at Law.Admissions@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4131.

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