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"There is nothing greater than the feeling of self-awareness and sense of accomplishment for things that I previously thought I was incapable of doing," Malcolm Johnson, Class of 2014

Give The Ribs A Break...

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

As many of you may know by now, the headliner at the 31st Annual Northwest Ohio Rib-Off is rock musician Ted Nugent.

Yeah, that same Ted Nugent who has publically called President Obama a sub-human mongrel... among other hideous names.

Yeah, the same rocker who was gently visited some time ago by the Secret Service when some of his over-the-top comments about the question of the president living a long and happy life caused some grave concern to those agents.

And yes, this same vitriolic rocker is being sponsored at this northwest Ohio event by The Blade and Steve Taylor of Taylor Kia, among other sponsors.

The questions of the day are: (1) What position does the black community take on this rocker bringing his crass act to Toledo for this public event and (2) Do the sponsors have any responsibility to "vet" the headliners to make sure that their public utterances are not demeaning or vile and thus the sponsors do not by their endorsement, seem to affirm such statements?

The day of holding your hands over your ears while the music plays and people are marched off to the gas ovens is over.

Humanity that respects humanity does not overtly or covertly engage in reprehensible conduct simply for the sale of a few sauced ribs or for people to have a "good time" provided by a person who is consciously throwing flaming verbal darts of a despicable nature at the president...or anyone else for that matter.

It is a question that do we come together as a community and, via our social agencies or organizations, speak to the sponsors and

chastise them for this grievous lapse of judgment by which they think it is OK to bring in a Ted Nugent demagogue and think that no one will protest?

Of course, if you think that freedom of speech trumps calling black people subhuman mongrels then this column is not for you and you are free to go and eat the ribs and act as if everything is hunky dory.

However, if you are of the belief that rockers like Ted Nugent and his sponsors who are in it for either the buck or for positive publicity are out of line, you need to tell them that Ted Nugent is not welcome and their sponsorship is distasteful.

As for the valid issues raised by Pastor Donald Perryman in his column in the June 4 issue of The Truth newspaper, we need to find out where our local organizations stand on this issue.

For some, who do not like even challenging a buzzing mosquito, this issue, for them, is of no consequence and they will continue to support the sponsors of this rib cook-off and act as if this is no big deal.

For those persons, I would conjecture that they were the ones, when the civil right marches were happening in the South, were found hiding under the bed and in the attic hoping that no one noticed their absence. But they were the first to come out and enjoy the fruits of those who bore the burden of the hot sun and endured the fire hoses and crammed jail houses.

Over the top? Not really. Remember, that when people see wrong being done and do nothing about it, they are in complicity with the wrong.

Yeah, Ted Nugent can yammer all day about free speech but

when Ted tells you that you are a subhuman mongrel, you have a right and an obligation to speak out and put him in his place.

Unless you think that his right to free speech is greater than your right to exercise your right to free speech and to boycott those sponsors who feel that the vile utterances of a Ted Nugent is not a cause for alarm.

I betcha two dollars to a donut that if Ted Nugent used ethnic slur names for John Robinson Block or Allan Block of The Blade or Steve Taylor of Taylor Kia, you would not find The Blade or Taylor Kia endorsing him as a headliner at this rib-off! Betcha.

For black people and others who care about what Ted Nugent said about President Obama (and which reflects directly on you), you can call The Blade or leave a message (email: jzerbey@toledoblade.com) and you can call Taylor Kia (888-928-3644) and leave a message.

If you feel that such a protest

would mean that those two organizations might not sponsor "black events" in the near future as their way of retaliating...so what.

That would be a further indication that we as a community need to pool our own resources and sponsor our own cultural and social events as opposed to always running downtown to white corporate America and skinning and grinning with hat in hand for a few bucks to do our own endeavors.

Sadly, black Toledoans do not have a proud or rich history of doing 100 percent sponsorships of "our" events. Invariably, when you check into the fine print of who put up the bucks, you will see "others" and we have grown accustomed to that corporate welfare and to get weaned off of that corporate spigot will take concerted energy and many fund-raising ef-

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Community Calendar

June 12

Community Townhall Series on Bullying: "Enough Already;" Recognizing and identifying bullying, stories and concerns, parents voices; 6:30 to 8 pm; 419-720-7002

June 16-18

CHAMPS Camp: ProMedica program to provide resources and support to area children to help them cope with a loved one's cancer; Ages 6 and up; 9 am to 3 pm; UT Recreation Center: 419-824-1004

June 19

Old West End Neighborhood Initiatives Monthly Meeting: 6 pm; Glenwood Elementary; Discussion of summer projects, mural project, youth grass cutting project, house painting for seniors

June 21

St. Mark Baptist Church Family and Friends Reunion Picnic: Ottawa Park; 11 am to 6 pm; Food, fun and fellowship; Register by May 18: 419-460-0389

Jack & Jill's Juneteenth 5K Run/Walk 2014: 9:10 am; Swan Creek Preserve Metroparks; Registration between 7:30 and 8:30 am; Commemoration of the end of slavery in the U.S.: 419-705-5773

SmithFest 2014: 9 am to 3 pm; Smith Park; Summer programs, recreational and educational activities, resources, information and more: 419-245-1064

June 22

New Prospect Church 47th Church Anniversary Finale: 4 pm; Guest Rev. Arnold Taylor and Beulah Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church Men's and Women's Day: Men's Service at 10:45 am; Women's Service at 4 pm; "Christian Men and Women Equipping Themselves to Stand"

Prince Hall Masonic Family Honors St. John the Baptist Day: St. Paul MBC; 10:45 am

St. Stephens COGIC Annual Pew Rally: 3 pm

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In Memory of Maya Angelou

"She lay, skin down on the moist dirt, the canebrake rustling with the whispers of leaves, and loud longing of hounds and the ransack of hunters crackling the near branches. She muttered, lifting her head, a nod toward freedom, I shall not, I shall not be move ..." - From the poem Our Grandmothers by Maya Angelou -

By Rhonda B. Sewell
The Truth Contributor

How do you adequately explain the impact that the late Dr. Maya Angelou (1928-2014) had on your life?

As a self-described strong and deeply historic African-American woman, who upholds her cultural heritage as a source of great dignity and pride, it was difficult for me, a writer, to hear the news of the transition of one of the greatest authors in history – our dear sister Maya, the matriarch of all African-American female writers. May 28, 2014 will forever be remembered as a day to honor this amazing woman.

The news of her death was not so much upsetting, for I find solace in my belief that she is with our amazing Creator, probably writing a book, or waxing poetic on some amazing part two, Good Night answer to her famous poem *On the Pulse of Morning*.

It may be for more selfish reasons that her transition to the other side was hard to digest.

I grew up in a household where black cultural literature – fiction and non-fiction – were abundant. Whether it was my mother reading Nikki Giovanni's poem *My House* to me as a young girl instead of Dr. Seuss, or seeing my father dog ear a page to *Black Like Me* by journalist John Howard Griffin, words written by or about African Americans were commonplace. My uncle had books upon books, and still does to this day, about the fascinating history of African Americans, and my best friend in Chicago was related to the late Sam Greenlee who wrote *The Spook Who Sat by the Door*. Black literature was, and still is, a major part of my DNA.

So as a young teen, that bright orange and yellow cover with the black bird on the front of the book jacket was certainly a work that was familiar and rested among many other greats works on the book shelves of my youth. Dr. Angelou's 1969 autobiographical tale, the first in a seven-volume series, titled *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* was that book. The one that resonated in my soul, that resided deep in my spirit for its transformational qualities of a young Maya from victim to one whom beautifully, critiqued the world of racism that was a part of her existence.

I was only four-years-old when

Dr. Angelou wrote this masterpiece, and when I read it only several years later as a young teen, it stung me like it probably did my now 14-year-old twin daughters when they read this work as required reading at Timberstone Junior High School in English class.

This work would be read again during my high school years, and again in college, and several times over as an adult woman. I viewed *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* as a blueprint for how to navigate a sometimes unfair world.

Fast forward to the year 1991, when Dr. Angelou wrote a collection of poetry titled *I Shall Not Be Moved*. I was working as a local newspaper journalist and decided that I would write a book review of her work and call her for a telephone interview from her then office in North Carolina. I was 35 and she was 62 at the time, and I was so nervous about calling this literary giant!

Would she pierce the perfect image I had of her – strong, kind, bold, intelligent? Would she be kind to me, would she view my questions as deep and meaningful? I set up the interview through her agent and when this strong and deep voice said HELLO, it was as if the Earth shattered and my heart gave way.

I'm big into protocol, so I plunged into my niceties and thanked her profusely for agreeing to take time out of busy schedule, blah, blah blah. And then, as if she was my own relative, maybe a great and favored aunt, my nerves calmed as she thanked ME for taking time from MY busy schedule to interview HER! Dr. Angelou's humble character was revealed to me at that moment and I would be forever changed.

We chatted for about an hour about her book, her method for writing poetry, about black people, about women, about the universe and so many other interesting subjects.

I found it fascinating when she told me that her poem "Our Grandmothers," that begins with the scenario of a slave grandmother on an attempt to attain her freedom, was one that had been "working with her" for about five



Maya Angelou

to six years.

She shared that she had a WIP or Work In Progress box, where poems or thoughts just presented

their thoughts her way, and that was the safe place where they were housed.

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TAKE THE NEXT STEP



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forts but it will be worth it.

Worth it in the sense of pride and accomplishment that when we need some bucks to pull off an event, we can pass the hat amongst us and get the deed done. (secret: black folks in Toledo have the bucks to do it...it is the will that is lacking).

To get to that milestone, we have to educate ourselves as to why we need to fund our own award banquets and social gatherings by ourselves and for ourselves.

I have said before in this column space that have you ever seen the following being done: (1) The Chinese community sponsors the Italian American

Festivals; (2) The Irish-American Society sponsors the Korean Arts Festival; (3) The French American Association sponsors the Mexican American Liberation Festival; (4) The Greek American Society sponsors the Thailand National Pride Day?

No, you won't. But you will always see black America begging white corporate America to

underwrite "our" events. How sad...how embarrassing.

A people that will not honor and respect themselves and pay their own way when they are able, are a people that are not worth respecting.

Apparently, Ted Nugent knows this.

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In that interview, Dr. Angelou called the United States, these "yet to be United States."

She wowed me in that moment, and taught me how to remain hopeful, and live life to the fullest, yet critique injustice at every opportunity. Dr. Angelou taught me to document African-American history due simply to its worthiness. That I had a rightful place even if I were the only one, just like in her poem Worker's Song which stated that "despite it all I have come to this place to stay and I have and I will stay with some dignity through pain and even death and loneliness."

That interview alone would move me to celebrate my very identity, to embrace a personal dignity, and define my writing path and journey.

I would be blessed to interview Dr. Angelou again in 1993 during

a visit to The University of Toledo for a keynote speaking engagement. All of the feelings and then some would be conjured up as I spoke to her on the phone and in person.

When local 13abc anchor Kristian Brown phoned me to interview me for an interview about my thoughts about Dr. Angelou's death. I didn't prepare any words and spoke straight from the heart. I viewed Ms. Brown's request as a sign from Dr. Angelou that she was distributing torches to younger women like myself and Ms. Brown and a host of others. She wrote her books for women like us, for women who have room to still rise!

Dr. Angelou, it was described in history that you passed quietly in your home on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, but I am forever thankful that you lived out loud. Thank you for showing us that no matter what the circumstances, And Still I Rise!

****Dr. Maya Angelou (1928-2014)****

Lucas County Children Services to Celebrate, Showcase Fathers

"I Matter, I Care" event to connect fathers with community resources

Special to The Truth

Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) is continuing its efforts to help fathers successfully parent their children. The agency is sponsoring "I Matter, I Care," an evening for fathers, about fathers, on June 27, 2014, from 6 to 9 p.m. The event takes place at Toledo's Woodward High School, 701 East Central Avenue.

fair for fathers, a father/child fashion show, and a town hall meeting. Stanley Lowe, the CEO of Pathway (formerly EOPA) will be the keynote speaker during the town hall. Students from TPS' Young Men and Young Women of Excellence and UMADAOP will be assisting throughout the evening.

among public child welfare agencies in Ohio for its efforts to support fathers and encourage them to become active in their children's lives. The agency offers a men-only support group to teach fathers the skills they need to parent their children.

The evening will feature a resource

The goal of the event is to help fathers to become empowered to improve their own lives and the lives of their children. LCCS has been recognized as a leader

LCCS' "I Matter, I Care" event is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and support from Toledo Public Schools.

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Reading Is Fundamental in Toledo

*By Local Officials of Reading Is Fundamental
Guest Column*

Upon the completion of a successful school year, Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) officials are proud to report on the progress of the program in Toledo.

RIF officials believe it imperative to offer their heartfelt thanks to the Rev. K. David Johnson, D.Min, and the congregation of the historical Third Baptist Church for administering and promoting the program. We truly thank you and pray that God will continue blessing you bountifully.

In total, we had nine sites implementing the program for over 2,000 public school students from the kindergarten through eighth grade. Our sites included

Byrnedale, Glenwood, Jones at Gunckel Park, Keyser, Pickett Academy and Leverette elementary schools along with Pinewood Tabernacle, St. Paul and Third Baptist churches.

For the purpose of promoting a love for reading and a respect for books, RIF distributed books to students at each of the nine sites two times during the school year. The whole idea was to give the students an opportunity to own a book of their choices and interests. This is one method of teaching students that books contain the world's hidden secrets that many people will never know.

It was encouraging to note the

enthusiasm among the principals and teachers in using this program to help unify their communities. On RIF days, activities were open to the general public and the media as the presenters emphasized reading and perseverance. Students were reminded to always work hard and never give up regardless of the difficulty of the task demanded.

At one of the programs in which Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur was a presenter, Hubie L. Pitts, RIF coordinator, presented an historical portrayal of Harriet Tubman that summarized the entire program. Students and adults alike were physically and emotionally moved. Many students requested

an encore performance and many people in the community have invited Pitts to do the portrayal for their clubs and other social functions.

To climax RIF's achievements for the year, Keyser Elementary School was designated by RIF to be a Local Impact Site for its "Be Smart" campaign. Keyser School will receive an allocation of books purchased with funds raised by the local Macy's department store.

We are exceedingly excited and proud of RIF's local accomplishments this year, and we anticipate greater accomplishments in the fall, for the next school year.

Summer Reading Club: Fizz Boom READ!

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

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is pleased to announce the **2014 Summer Reading Club (SRC)** theme: Fizz Boom READ!

This year's SRC, which kicked off on **June 9 and runs through August 9**, will explode with exciting prizes and offerings.

Register NOW at any neighborhood branch location or online at src.toledolibrary.org

The Summer Reading Club categories include:

***Read to Me: Infant to 3 years** (Read to your baby every day and earn a prize for baby and for you!)

***Kids: Preschool to 5th Grade** (Track the time you spend reading with a reading folder ... prizes all summer!)

***Teens: 6th to 12th Grade** (Read a book to enter! The more you read, the better your chances of winning!)

***Adults: 18 years and older** (Read a book to enter! The more you read, the better your chances of winning!)

Throughout Summer Reading Club, kids and teens can show their SRC 'hang tag' and catch a ride to the Library on TARTA for **FREE** this summer!

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Library Book Recommendation for June

Special to The Truth

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library recommends the book *I Love My Hair* (Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 32 pages) by author Natasha Anastasia Tarpley as we kick off the beginning of the Summer Reading Club (SRC): Fizz Boom READ!, which is underway now and continues through August 9. Infants (with a parent's help) to adults can register by visiting any Library location or online at src.toledolibrary.org.

I Love My Hair is perfect to read in the READ TO ME or

KIDS category of SRC, and is designed for readers ages three to six, or preschool to first or second grade.

This whimsical, evocative story about a girl named Keyana encourages African-American children to feel good about their special hair and be proud of their heritage. The book has been recognized as a BlackBoard Children's Book of the Year, and includes full-color illustrations by E.B. Lewis.

In the book, young Keyana describes the familiar mother-daughter nightly ritual of combing the tangles out of her hair. When she


cries because it hurts, her sympathetic mother tells her how lucky she is to have such beautiful hair.

Imaginatively, the woman goes on to say that she can spin it into a fine, soft bun or "plant rows of braids" along her scalp, prompting her daughter to think of other wonderful things she likes about her hair. The superb watercolor illustrations move from the intimacy and security of Keyana's bedroom to the neighborhood streets and finally to the whole world as her mother's imagery becomes reflected in the art. Keyana's hair

is spun on a spinning wheel, becomes part of rows of plants in a garden, and merges with a globe of the whole world.

The child's favorite style, however, is two ponytails that flap like wings on each side of her head, and the final picture is of Keyana triumphantly flying free against the blue sky. Pictures and text reflect the expanding horizons of the child's world as she learns to be proud of her distinctive hair and her heritage. – END–

Source: *School Library Journal*, Amazon.com



**Thursday,
June 12, 2014**

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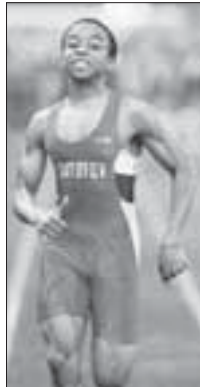
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Malcolm Johnson

"I am very passionate about things that I have to put the hard work into, in order to see the results and seek the rewards. There is nothing greater than the feeling of self-awareness and sense of accomplishment for things that I previously thought I was incapable of doing," says Johnson who graduated from Sylvania Southview this past weekend. In order to prepare for his future Johnson has participated in educational summer programs all over the country.

During his fifth grade summer, he attended a summer program at the University of Michigan called SIG (Summer Institute for the Gifted). This program was three weeks long and challenged him in many subjects as math, French, and forensic science. During his seventh grade summer, he completed a three-week long Honors Algebra 2 course (covering 2 semesters of the equivalent



Malcolm Johnson



Brittany Schrecongost, Kayla Hampton, Rosalyn Whickum, Monroe Smith, David Jones, Jenysey Byrd, Garshawn Paynter, Torrence Price, Shania Caldwell


lent high school course) at Northwestern University through a program called CTD (Center for Talent Development).

One should not presume that Johnson was so absorbed in his studies he had no time for after-school activities. He was a member of the French Club and the Philosophy Club. He compiled dozens of hours of volunteer time. He played basketball as a freshman and sopho-

more; he played football through his junior year and he ran a little track as well. Actually he ran track well enough to be named All State in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes last year. Earlier this year he set a meet record at the state indoor meet in the 60 meter dash.

Johnson will be wearing crimson next year


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when he runs track for his new team at Harvard College. When not at the track, he will be in the classroom focusing on economics.

Jenyse Byrd is a graduate of E.L. Bowsher High School and was named to the Principal's List and Honor Roll. A member of National Honors Society, Byrd has received include Outstanding artist award, St. Paul Center Volunteer award. Byrd has been active as a member of Young Women of Excellence (Y.W.O.E), Teen Outreach Program (T.O.P.), Physics Club, National Honors Society. Byrd proudest accomplishment has been successfully completing high school.

Her most memorable community service was participating in the 2013 Clean Your Streams Service event. Her role model is her mother because she has taught her to stay true to herself and try her hardest at everything she does. Byrd, the daughter of Jennifer Byrd and Kenneth Byrd, will attend The University of Toledo to study recreational therapy. Her career aspirations include helping young people and mentally ill through art. Byrd is also a scholarship recipient of University of Toledo Honors Award.

Shania Caldwell is a graduate of Rogers High School and was named to the Principal's List and graduated fifth in her class with above a 4.0 cumulative GPA. She was a member of Paragon (National Honors Society) and Post-Secondary Options Program at UT. She received recognition awards from Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the Principal's Awards. Caldwell was an active member of the PowderPuff football team and enjoys volunteering. Her most memorable community service activity was passing out trays to kids in the community. She is proud of herself for successfully finishing high school and starting college early. Her role model is Merida Allen, "because she always helps me and is there any time I need her. She is a very successful person in my eyes."

Caldwell, the daughter of Laura Walker will attend UT to study Bio-Engineering. Shania is



Kayla Hampton, Brittany Schrecongost, Rosalyn Whickum, Monroe Smith, David Jones, Jenyse Byrd, Garshawn Paynter, Torrence Price, Shania Caldwell

also a scholarship recipient UT's Honors Award.

Kayla Hampton, graduate of Toledo School for the Arts, was a member of the National Honor Society. Hampton received the following: Citizenship Award; Principal Volunteer Award and Next Generation Boldness Award. She was active in Student Council; Toledo School for the Arts Ambassadors; TSA Student Mentors; Emerge Youth Ministry; Cornerstone Church Sound Ministry and Cornerstone Church Dance Ministry. Her proudest accomplishment was establishing a student

mentorship program at her school where she served as founder, president and student advisor. One of her favorite community service projects was helping underprivileged children shop for necessities with the YMCA Holiday Shopping Excursion. Her role model is Ruth from the Bible, because she stood beside her mother-in-law in the face of adversity and in return, received the desires of her heart. Hampton is the daughter of Douglas Hampton and Barbara Hampton, and will attend Loyola Marymount University to study dance and psychology. She aspires to pursue a professional career in dance in Los Angeles, CA and complete a doctorate degree in psychology. She plans to eventually create her own firm where she can combine education and spirituality to provide complete healing in her patients.

David Jones is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales and was named to the Honor Roll. Other awards received include two years as varsity basketball letterman and varsity track. Jones has been active as a member of football, basketball, track, the African American Club and intramural activities.

Jones proudest accomplishment was being accepted to every college to which he applied. His most memorable community service project was working with the Special Olympics. His role models

are my mother and father because "they have taught me all of my life that hard work is the key to being successful and throughout my life that have showed me if you work hard great things are bound to happen."

The son of George and Linda Jones, David will attend UT to study sports medicine. He has career aspirations of becoming and Athletic Trainer. His cousin, Julian Vaughn is a graduate of Group XXII. He is the recipient of the Student Success Scholarship, Regents Award and Underrepresented Students Scholarships.

Garshawn Paynter is a graduate of Toledo Christian and was named to the Honor Roll.

He has been active as a member of Computer Club, Leadership Speech Debate Team, Leadership with Swag, varsity basketball, 3x Sectional Championship, 1x TAAC Conference Championship, 2nd Team All-Conference, Honorable Mention District. Garshawn has been awarded the Most Improved Player and Eagle Spirit Awards.

Garshawn's proudest accomplishment has been fulfilling his potential as a student, as leader in the school and as a basketball player. He enjoys giving back and his most cherished community ser-

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Attendees are asked to bring new or gently-used books for youth and deposit them at the book drop-off at *The Blade* truck located in the parking lot between Macy's and bd's Mongolian Grill.

The daylong event includes the following activities and attractions:

- Noon-1 p.m. – **Toledo Symphony School of Music Vivace! Fiddlers, and the Ann Arbor Suzuki Flute School Ensemble**
- Noon until supplies last – **Cupcake decorating** (*courtesy of Just Baked*)
- 1-3 p.m. – **Clifford the Big Red Dog Meet & Greet** (*Note: Clifford takes periodic breaks*)
- 3-5 p.m. – **Jean Holden Singers**

Books 4 Buddies was founded in 2012 by Toledo native **Toure McCord** and his grandmother **Laneta Goings**. The organization collects new and gently-used books for disadvantaged children and young adults, and has donated more than 30,000 books that have been delivered throughout Northwest Ohio and beyond.

The books are distributed by area students who serve as the programs ambassadors. The 2013-14 ambassadors are: Jesus Avila, Keshawn Corrgens, Ivan Dye, David Hart, David Henninger, Malcolm Johnson, Myles Johnson, Day'shawn Jones, Scottie Seymour, Nathaniel Stroman, Aaron Thompson, Andrew Urrutia, Oran Williams and Jaden Williams.



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Lourdes University Social Work Field Education Director Featured at Author Event

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Lourdes University held a meet-the-author event featuring its director of Social Work Field Education, Mark Robinson. The event took place at Downtown Latte in Toledo on Saturday, June 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Robinson shared inspiration behind and signed copies of his latest book *Ingredients: A Collection of Motivational Ingredients to Facilitate your Every Success in This Journey Called Life*. Published by Trafford Publishing, the book is available for purchase online at <http://bookstore.trafford.com/Products/SKU-000672413/Ingredients.aspx>.

Regarding his inspiration for *Ingredients*, Robinson explained "as I looked back over my life, I saw that the development of certain ingredients enabled me to mature to the next level of development and likewise saw when the lack of certain ingredients inhibited me from growing beyond my present circumstances. I am not perfect. Every now and then, I have to stir up my ingredients, but the pot continues to simmer and I am not done yet. There are ingredients that still can be added by ourselves or by the Holy Spirit as we progress

through this journey called life. I was inspired by the Spirit of God to write this book and hope it will help others achieve the success they desire in life through the development of their own ingredients."

In addition to serving as director of Field Experience, Robinson serves as an instructor of Social Work at Lourdes University where he put his passion for fatherhood into the development of a faith-based curriculum titled *Restoration of Fathers: Restoring Fathers to Their Original Purpose and Position*. Outside of the Lourdes community, he is known for establishing R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Inc., a faith based non-profit organization for restoring fathers back to the head of the family through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is also a member of the Lucas County Fatherhood Leadership Committee and serves on the board of the Ohio Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF).

Prior to his extensive work in the Toledo area, Mark served as a School-Based Mental Health Clinician for several years and designed, developed, and imple-

mented a successful fatherhood program in Syracuse, N.Y. Mark. He was also team captain of a local chapter of All Pro Dad which he implemented at Lincoln Academy for Boys. Mark holds a master's degree in social work from Syracuse University.

Rooted in the Catholic Franciscan tradition, Lourdes University offers baccalaureate degrees in more than 30 academic majors as well as graduate degrees in business, education, liberal studies, nursing, organizational leadership, and theology. Community outreach programs include the Appold Planetarium, the Center for Science Education & the Environment, and Lifelong Learning. A member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Lourdes students can also compete in a variety of men's and women's sports. Named a "Best in the Midwest" college by the



Mark Robinson

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vice experiences have been working with the Wayman Palmer YMCA, The Frederick Douglass community Association, assisting with Toledo EXCEL interviews of prospective candidates and the MS Walk Toledo. His role models are his mom and grandma because they work hard and are successful. "They also have great morals," says Payntner.

Garshawn, the son of Shantae Brownlee and Garland Payntner will attend UT to study business management and finance. His career aspirations include obtaining a dual college degree.

Torrence Price is a graduate of Central Catholic and was named to the Honor Roll, and has earned Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Cum Laude academic honors.

Price has been active in football and Spanish Club. Price proudest accomplishment has been the person who he has grown into over the last four years. His most memorable community service experience was working at the Kitchen for the Poor as a server, and the Frederick Douglass Community Association where he assisted as a summer camp counselor. His role model is his mom Alicia because even though she suffers from kidney disease she is still the best mom. His career aspirations include becoming a pharmacist and teaching Pharmaceutical Science. His cousin Sydni Harmon is also a member of EXCEL, Group XXI. Price is a recipient of the Hampton University Undergraduate Merit Scholarship and the 2014 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Scholarship.

Price the son of Alicia Price and Torrence Pullom will attend UT or Hampton University to study pharmacy.

Brittany Schrecongost is a graduate of Woodward High School and was named to the Honor Roll, and Principal's List and is a member of the National Honors Society. Other awards received include varsity letter for track and academic awards.

Schrecongost has been active as a member of Slam (church for teens), Y.O.P. (Youth Outreach Program), Change Program for girls, M.S. Walk, Show Choir, and Color Award. Brittany's proudest accomplishment has been overcoming her shyness and graduating high school. Schrecongost most memorable community service is working at the M.S. Walk. Schrecongost, the daughter of Summer Williams and Wendell Bates will attend UT to study Sociology. Her cousins Azhia Wiggins (Group XXIII), Ashlynn Edgecombe (Group XXII) are members of TOLEDO EXCEL and her aunt is Shawanna LaVoy (Group I) serves as Toledo EXCEL associate director. Schrecongost is also a scholarship recipient of Wood-

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How Roosevelt Elementary School Was Renamed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

In the months following Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination in April 1968, citizens around the nation were confronted with the dilemma of how to honor the memory of the fabled civil rights leader. It was no different here in Toledo.

K. LaVerne Redden, no stranger to getting things done in this community, decided on a course of action almost immediately. "Upon the death of Dr. King, we thought there was something we ought to do in Toledo to honor him," says Redden.

Redden decided to swing into action and target a school to be renamed. To do so, however, would mean a rather drastic shift in pattern for her own family.

Redden, a Roman Catholic who would three decades later become the first black president of the National Council of Catholic Women, was in 1968 a nurse and the mother of six children. Her children attended Catholic schools. She knew, however, that the diocese would not give up one of its cherished names. "There was very little chance of changing one of the 'saints' to 'Martin Luther King,'" says Redden.

says Redden.

So she looked at the public schools in the inner city and decided that Roosevelt Elementary School was an appropriate target for a name change. Unfortunately, with her children in parochial schools, she wasn't involved in the Roosevelt school community or in a position to effect such a change.

"I had to get over there," she decided.

That fall of 1968, her youngest daughter, Kelly, started kindergarten at Roosevelt.

"She enrolled her daughter into Roosevelt school with the sole purpose of changing the name," recalls her son, Lamar Norwood. "We had all gone to St. Ann's."

Kelly started school and her mother also started school – assisting on the adult side of operations. Redden joined the Roosevelt Parent Teachers Association and the Mothers Club and began her campaign to have a structure in Toledo named after King. "Out of sheer respect and dedication to the work of Dr. King," she says.

Redden and those she recruited



K. LaVerne Redden and Kelly Norwood

to work with her began writing Toledo Public Schools Superintendent Frank Dick to enlist his support. Dick provided leadership for the cause, says Redden.

Finally after months of writing and cajoling school board members, the name change was accepted. On March 30, 1969, less than a year after Dr. King's death, Roosevelt Elementary became Martin Luther King Elementary. At the re-naming ceremony, K. LaVerne Redden served as mistress of ceremonies.

Redden, whose father, Casey Jones, was the first African Amer-

ican to serve in the Ohio General Assembly, continues to remain active in the Toledo community and to represent causes that reflect her concerns about preserving and honoring history. In recent years she served as treasurer in the campaign to save the Lathrop House in Sylvania. The house was a notable stop for escaping slaves along the Underground Railroad on their way to Michigan, Canada and freedom.

And MLK Elementary still stands – rebuilt over the years. The school is now the MLK Academy for Boys.

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ward High School's Hall of Fame Scholarship, MT-Regents Award.

Monroe Smith, IV is a graduate of E.L. Bowsler High School and was named to the Academic Achievement List, received Honors Recognition earned Honor Roll and Principal's List honors. Smith has been active as a member of French club, Physics club, Young Men of Excellence (YMOE), Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB), Rotary Club, a participant of the Boys to Men Conference and the Debutante Cotillion.

Smith most proud accomplishment has been rowing as an individual and finding himself over the course of his 4 years and having a strong work ethic in pursuit of academic excellence. Monroe's most memorable community service is the M.S. Walk of Toledo, and his role models are his father and mother who are supportive.

Smith, the son of Cynthia Lincoln and Monroe Smith, III, will attend UT to study entrepreneurship and criminal justice. His career aspirations include becoming a criminal psychologist and working as a French translator. His niece, Alexis Lincoln is a member of EXCEL Group XXIV. Smith is also a scholarship recipient of UT Merit Scholarship, UT Regents, UT Legacy Award and is a recipient of the Scholarly Savings Program.

Rosalyn Whickum is a graduate of Central Catholic High School and was named to the Honor Roll for 4 years. She was honored with an Academic Letter and Pin, Honor of Summa

Cum Laude for maintaining a 4.2 GPA. Other awards received include varsity letter and pin for cheerleading, Student School Choice Award, and was designated as most spirited at cheer camp.

Whickum has been active as a member of the Fighting Irish Cheerleading Team; school council; Central Catholic choir; Irish News Network; Spanish Club, African American Club; Central Catholic Youth Group and Drama Club. Her community involvements include being selected as a Deb-in-Waiting, and Debutante for the Cotillion Ball. Whickum proudest accomplishment has been achieving and maintaining a 4.2 GPA during her junior and senior years and being able to participate actively with all her extracurricular and volunteer activities. Her most

memorable community service activities were the 2012 Susan G. Komen Walk, and tutoring.

Rosalyn's role models are her parents for teaching her how to love and her gospel choir instructor, Dwayne Hammond for encouraging her to be confident. Whickum is the daughter of Kimberly Whickum and Roger Whickum and will attend UT to study communications specializing in journalism and broadcasting. Her career aspirations include becoming a news anchor for one major television stations.

Her cousins, Antonia Draper of Group XX and Caitlin Anderson, Group XXIII are also members of TOLEDO EXCEL.

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Tips to Keep Kids Learning and Prevent 'Summer Slump'

Special to The Truth

"No more pencils, no more books" is a familiar summer refrain. But make sure your youngster doesn't take those words too seriously.

All students -- regardless of socio-economic status -- lose approximately 2.6 months of grade level equivalency in mathematical computation over summer, according to a Johns Hopkins study. The study also concluded that low-income students experience significant losses in reading comprehension and word recognition while on break.

This pattern of academic regression has been dubbed "summer slump." Fortunately -- for proactive parents -- these quick-and-easy tips can help stem its tide.

Watch Your Language

You've probably admonished your son or daughter with this phrase, but when it comes to summer learning, take heed of it yourself. When kids are enjoying vacation, they may not want to hear words like "school," "educational" or "assignment." Try using words like "exploration," "adventure" and "discovery" instead.

Make Learning Fun

Remember when you had to take a spoonful of cough medicine and your mom or dad

would let you wash it down with something sweet? For kids, summer learning can be a bitter pill to swallow, but it tends to go down more easily when paired with a fun activity.

The National Center for Families Learning (NCFL), for instance, has created a program called Camp Wonderopolis, a digital platform aiming to harness the spirit of exploration and adventure captured by traditional summer camps.

After registering at www.Wonderopolis.org/camp, kids can wend their way through six science-themed tracks and 42 individual lessons, all of which can help combat the dreaded "summer slump." For parents who want to keep kids active during the summer months, Camp Wonderopolis also features hands-on offline activities.

"The key is to make learning feel like an extension of their vacation," says NCFL Vice President Emily Kirkpatrick. "Camp Wonderopolis seeks to tap into a child's natural feelings of wonder and curiosity, allowing learning to occur organically."

Learn Together

Why should kids spend the summer *Courtesy StatePoint*


learning while mom and dad get off the hook? It's easier to get cooperation when learning is a shared experience, so dust off some books you never got around to reading and share them together.

Power of Choice

Oftentimes, kids rebel against schoolwork simply because it's obligatory. Their teachers assign books to read and problems to solve without their input, and set hard deadlines for when such work must be completed. Put your child in the driver's seat over summer by letting them tell you what they'd like to learn.

Instead of mapping out a strict plan, take a trip to the bookstore and let kids pick out books. Many young people are invigorated by this sort of freedom and may even choose something more challenging than you would have selected.

There are plenty of strategies that will keep your kids learning over summer. Approach the subject tactfully and your youngster will have a leg-up when it's time to head back to school.



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All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom by Angela Johnson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

Tomorrow morning, when you wake up, everything will be changed.

Oh, sure, you'll still be in the same bed with the same sheets and jammies. Your room will be the same room you went to sleep in. Your mom will still be your mom and your dad will still be your dad – but it'll be a whole new day with new possibilities. As you'll see in the new book *All Different Now* by Angela Johnson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis, one day can really mean a lot.

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40 pages

Every morning, the breeze from the gulf woke everyone up, telling them it was time to start the day in the fields beneath the hot Texas sun. Just like every other day, it was time to work and work some more – but there was one day when everything was different, though nobody knew it at first.

And then someone told someone else on the edge of the gulf. And that someone took the word to town, and told friends. The friends were so happy that they spread the message around the country. The news

was like a wave in the ocean and pretty soon, everyone in the fields knew – and they were happy.

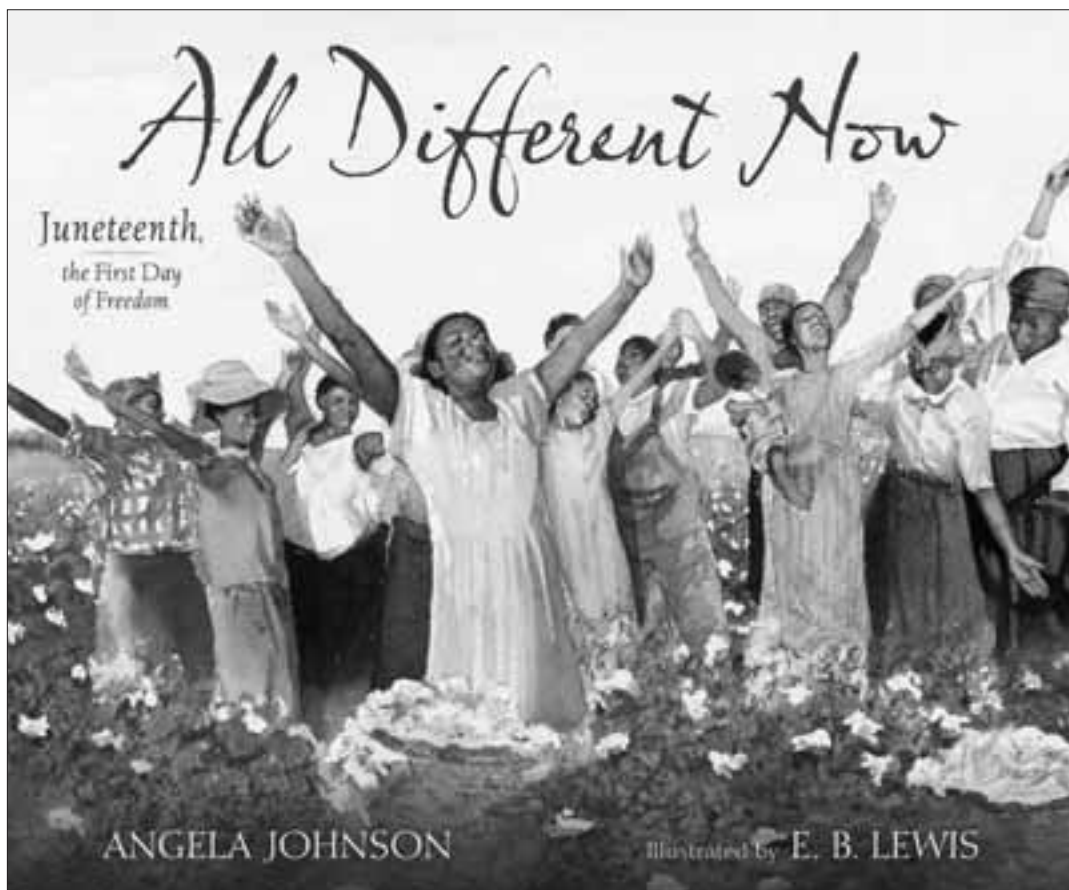
They knew that “a Union general had read from a balcony” that everyone was free – not just now, but “forever.” From that minute forward, nothing would be like it was the day before. Everything would “be all different now.”

People sang their happiness with faces raised. Others – those who didn't think they'd ever see it – cried tears of joy. Some could hardly believe that day had come and they “whispered things” to one another.

Since nobody was being forced to work in the fields that day, they all went to the beach for a picnic by the water. Even the sand was changed. Dancing felt new. Food tasted different for those who were free for the first time. Even stories sounded sweeter. And at the end of the day, it was especially nice to walk next to cotton fields that didn't demand work. It was nice to go to bed, knowing that the next morning and every one after that, the sun would wake everyone up and nothing would ever be the same...


In her notes, author Angela Johnson says that a photo of her great-grandparents led her to wonder how they celebrated when they learned of their freedom which, because they were slaves in Texas, came more than two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. That's a great way to introduce the pages of historical overview about Emancipation and Juneteenth that follow, but be sure to read the illustrator's note, too. E.B. Lewis writes about making this book come alive, which he calls his “biggest challenge.”

The challenge for you, I think, is talking your three-to-seven-year-old into letting go of this book now and then because they'll want to hold fast to it. As for you, if you're prone to saying no to “just one more book,” then “All Different Now” might change your mind.



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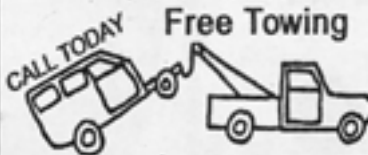


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Pastor Rev. Brock Celebrates Pastoral Anniversary

By Artisha S Lawson

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Pastor Cedric Brock and First Lady Debra Brock of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church celebrated their 21st pastoral anniversary, using the theme, "Legally Blessed," from Psalms 103:1-2.

"Today is my 21st anniversary and it seems to have gone by so

fast. I'm very blessed. I have an awesome wife and team. After 21 years, we're still working with our sleeves rolled up. I thank God for my wife, my family and this church family," said Brock, who is also president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

The Sunday, June 8, 2014 ser-

vice began at 4:00 p.m. and included special guests and local dignitaries, including Rev. Tellis Chapman, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church. The service opened with spirited praise and worship, immediately followed by the entrance of the honorees escorted by Mt. Nebo youth. Master of Ceremony Deacon Alan Crawford, Sr. welcomed guests and the youth ministry presented a dance celebration.

"Rev. Brock is a civic leader and more than just a pastor. We've collaborated on issues and cases

that are relevant to this Toledo community," explained Judge Dean Mandros.

Mt. Nebo's music ministry presented selections, while several Mt. Nebo ministries delivered presentations including Chris Byrd and music ministry. Bro. Sim Byrd officially welcomed guests, Galilee Baptist Church's choir presented a selection, and guest pastor Rev. Chapman delivered the message. The service closed with remarks delivered by First Lady Debra Brock and Rev. Brock.



Rev. Cedric Brock and First Lady Debra Brock



Rev. Brock and fellow celebrants