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Overcoming Hunger



State Sen. Randy Gardner, Former Mayor Carty Finkbeiner, Connecting Kids to Meals' Wendi Huntley, Cherry Street Mission's Dan Rogers

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Who Will Go For Us and Whom Shall We Send?

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

This means that each black person had to decide what he was going to do and the choice should be made in favor of service to people.

- James Forman



Current economic, social and political winds are beginning to have catastrophic consequences for the "least, lost, left-out and left-behind." Thus, there is an urgent need for leaders who are both spiritual and ethical and that will make responsible decisions that do not overlook the needs and interests of historically marginalized people.

Cecelia Adams, PhD, is such a leader and, for decades, has exhibited the ethics and spirituality transmitted to her by previous generations in order to empower others and help the community to advance.

Currently a member of Toledo City Council, Adams is one of several candidates for just six at-large council seats. The upcoming primary election is September 12, with the top 12 finishers moving on to the general election on November 7.

I had the privilege of talking to Adams about her candidacy and history of service to the community. This is part one of our conversation.

Perryman: You are currently a member of city council. Please talk about the journey.

Adams: Well, I got to City Council much in the same way I got to the school board. I was asked by some individuals that I truly respect and admire, and it was just an honor to be considered by them for that position, and when former Mayor Jack Ford passed away, they were looking for someone to take his place on council. And so I had already turned in my paperwork to run for the school board again, but there was a lot of discussion and a lot of asking and I just started to pray about it and talked to my family about it and we decided that this is probably what the Lord wanted me to do now.

So I did submit my name and there were 28 other people who also wanted the position, and so I did get the appointment by vote of City Council and of course you know the people also have to have their say. And so, I ran unopposed in the 2015 election to finish Ford's unexpired term and of course that's how I got on City Council and now I'm trying to get my own full four-year term.

Perryman: Yes, so the community knows you, but please remind the readers what you bring to the table.

Adams: Well I think I bring a vision for wise leadership. I say on

my literature 'Serving you and getting Toledo back to work because the best is yet to come.' The public service part of it is something that my entire family has been about my whole life, and so serving is something the Adams family does from my mother, Dr. Samantha P. Adams, who was a former president of the Toledo branch



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Cecelia Adams, Ph.D

Community Calendar

July 10-15

Greater St. Mary's MBC 2017 Church Revival: Nightly Monday through Friday at 7 pm; Guest revivalist Rev. Robert Lyons Jr, pastor of the Market-Place Movement in Dayton (son of St. Mary's pastor and first lady): 419-536-5155

July 15

Inspiration at The Doug: Frederick Douglass Community Association; 4 pm; The Columbus State Gospel Vocal Ensemble

July 16

Jerusalem Baptist Church Men and Women's Day: 10:45 am and 4 pm services; Pastor Andrew Maize – the Men's Day preacher in the morning; Rev. Kay Crenshaw – Women's Day preacher in the afternoon

July 17-21

Braden UMC Vacation Bible School: 5 to 8 pm nightly; Except Wednesday – 10:30 am to 2 pm; Registration is open from first grade to adults; Light dinner served: 419-386-2700 or bradenumc.org

July 19-21

New Prospect Baptist Church Vacation Bible School: 6 pm nightly

July 22

Fifth Free Universal Health Care Fair: Wayman Palmer YMCA; 9 am to 1 pm; Free medical services – screenings, physicals, etc

July 23

True Vine Church Pastor's Aide Annual Day: 4 pm "I Must Work the Works of Him That Sent Me;" Guest speaker Pastor Robert Bass of United MBC: 419-539-9104

July 27

DBE Certification Workshop: 10 to 11:30 am; TARTA – 1127 W. Central; Designed to assist disadvantaged business enterprises in finding more opportunities with TARTA and the Ohio Department of Transportation

July 28

Jerusalem Baptist Church Service of Ordination: 7 pm; Minister Steve Eaton and Minister Thomas Hutchen

July 29-30

St. Paul MBC 100th Church Anniversary: Church service on Sunday at 10:45 am

August 12

Elegant Beauty Salon 4th Annual Bookbag Extravaganza: 9 am to noon; Free bookbags, free haircuts, food, games, school supplies: 419-930-5823

August 13

Warren AME Praise and Worship Funday: Free community picnic; 11:30 am to 3 pm; Drawings, bouncy house, face painting, musical performance: 419-450-0165 or 419-243-2237

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Ashford: GOP Bill to Weaken Concealed Carry Protections Puts Public Safety in the Crosshairs

Legislation would allow concealed carry holders to knowingly bring deadly weapons to schools, airports

State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) last week voiced objections over House Bill (HB) 233, legislation that allows concealed carry permit holders to knowingly bring guns or deadly weapons into daycares, schools, airports, bars and other restricted spaces, so long as the permit holder leaves when asked to do so. Individuals who refuse to leave or return to the same business while carrying a prohibited weapon within 30 days will be subject to a fourth degree misdemeanor.

"This isn't just a solution looking for a problem, but it is creating a whole new set of public safety problems by overturning Ohio laws designed to keep us safe and secure," said House Democratic Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton). "This will trample property rights of business owners and create confusion in secure locations like airports, police stations, schools and daycares."

HB 233 essentially eliminates any penalty for permit holders who knowingly carry a deadly weapon in a secure area if they leave the premises upon request.

"House Bill 233 reverses protective laws that ensure the safety of our children in daycares and schools," said Ashford. "By introducing this bill, Republican legislators are prioritizing negligent gun owners over families who simply want to go to places without fear of gun violence."

The bill also modifies the list of places required to post signs notifying consumers of prohibited weapons. Under HB 233, daycares and certain government buildings are no longer encouraged to post prohibited weapon signage, and airports must alter their signage placement from the airport facility to passenger or screening checkpoints.

The bill now moves to the Senate for further consideration.



Rep. Michael Ashford

Harvey Savage, Jr, Files Petitions for Toledo City Council

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Harvey Savage, Jr, the executive director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Kitchen for the Poor, filed his petition to enter the race for Toledo City Council on Thursday, July 6. Savage, who is making his first run for political office, submitted 459 signatures with the Lucas County Board of Elections to meet the minimum requirement of 250 valid registered voter signatures.

"I think I can make a difference," said Savage of his reason for entering the race. "I have a corporate background – we did things a little more efficiently than I see the city doing them. So I'm hoping I can step in and help make us more efficient, do the things that need to be done and take a look at the infrastructure."

Savage has led the MLK Kitchen for the past four years, since the death of his sister, Juanita Savage Person, and has been involved with the agency

since his father, Rev. Harvey Savage Sr., started the kitchen in 1969.

Savage, Jr. retired from DuPont Co. in 1993 as a manager in human resources. He sought an endorsement from the Lucas County Democratic Party but was unsuccessful. He offered his support to the victor in the upcoming mayoral race. "I'm looking at probably supporting whoever the administration is," he said. "I'm not going against them."

Savage is the fourth candidate to file for City Council thus far – the others who have already filed are Gary Johnson, Councilwoman Cecelia Adams, PhD, and appointed incumbent Councilman Kurt Young – all endorsed by the Democratic Party.

Twenty-one other potential council candidates have taken out blank petitions.



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NAACP and also president of the Toledo School Board and she took us everywhere she went. She said 'I stay in my kids' business and I keep them in mine.'

And my grandmother, who was a Pentecostal minister and a pastor and founder of our church, she said 'anywhere you go that your kids can't go, you shouldn't be there.' So we were at all these meetings with her. She involved us in her campaign and so we just knew how to do things because of the example that she gave and so I just feel that that is my foundation. I stand on her shoulders and I am grateful for the support and help of all the individuals in the community who have been kind enough to lend me an ear and give me advice, and so I've been utilizing that.

So, I come from a strong faith background and my grandfather who was the head deacon of our church, he used to sing this song: 'I'll go where you want me to go dear Lord, I'll say what you want me to say dear Lord, I'll be what you want me to be,' and I just want to be what Toledo needs me to be for them.

Perryman: Those songs are familiar to me as is taking the kids around to community events where issues were being discussed, which has been a vehicle for transmitting values and ethics in the black community. Now, you are running for an at-large council seat, so what is your vision for the city as a whole?

Adams: Well, I think at-large councilmen have to think globally and I really like the idea that there are really seven councilmen from each district – six at-large plus the district councilman. So we work very closely with the district councilmen and we also think about things as they affect the whole city. So there may be an issue in one district, but it may have implications for other districts as well. We have a 12-member council and six of them are at-large, six of them are district and City Council works through committees and there are nine of them and I'm a member of six of those committees. I chair the education, recreation and employment committee, and that's a committee that was created by our current council president because he said that we do a lot of talking

about education in the city, but we never do anything about education definitively in the city.

And so he thought that I had the background to do so because having been an educator, I taught science, have a degree in biological science and chemistry, I have three other degrees: a master of education (M.E.), a education specialist degree and a doctor of philosophy and I used my education, background, knowledge and experience and applied it to both my school board experience and now my city council experience.

And so these committees, and I'll name them because I think that people need to be aware of them. We have the City Council Accountability and Advancement Committee, the Education, Recreation and Employment Committee, which I chair, and the Finance and Budget Oversight Committee, which I am also on. When I was on the school board, I was chair of the Finance Committee so I understand finance from a budgetary standpoint as well as from a governmental entity standpoint. And we have the Water Quality Infrastructure and Streets Committee. We have the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee, the Zoning and Planning Committee, we have the Regional Growth and Development Committee, Urban Revitalization and Small Business Enterprise Committee, and of course the Neighborhoods Community Development and Health Committee.

I look at all the issues that come before us and I've taken a very comprehensive approach to this position, because I think that I have to keep my hands and heart and mind around everything that comes up because I have to think globally around all the issues that are affecting the city simultaneously. It's like a juggler that's keeping all the balls up in the air at the same time. And so, it was kind of a global aspect when I was on the school board too and when I was there I thought in terms of quality education from preschool or to early college and now on the City Council I'm thinking in terms of quality city services from birth to the grave, which includes the school district. And, not only our Toledo Public Schools, but also our charter schools, community schools, parochial schools and I've also been trying, as the chair of education, recreation and employment, to involve our area colleges and universities. And one of the things that I've been trying to do, especially, is to work diligently and responsively to champion the issues that are of concern to our citizens and the Toledo community in general.

One example that I'm working with my committee and Work Force Development is that I'm trying to provide more and better employment opportunities with a good living wage and I did initiate and successfully collaborate it with the City of Toledo, Toledo Public Schools and Owens Community College. I initiated two police and fire career cohorts through the College Credit Plus Program and starting in the spring of 2018 we may have as many as 36 certified emergency medical technicians or EMTs beginning. That, I think, is a huge thing. When I first got on council I met with all the department heads, the chief of police and the fire chief. And the fire chief said, "I would love to put together or have a fire academy" and the police chief said, "I wish I could put together a cohort."

Well that was just right up my alley because education is the background that I have, so I immediately called Dr. Durant, TPS Superintendent, and asked him what he thought. He said fine, and I've been working with the career tech department and we had been able to put together based on this thing called a Naviance assessment, where the kids show what their career preferences are and there were about 70 kids that we were able to take out to Owens and they could see and hear from the people who run that program what it would be like and what the training would be like, if they wanted to be in police or fire service.

So the serious ones have already signed up to be in that cohort and those classes are full and I'm just really excited about it. The national

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Cherry Street and Connecting Kids Open Joint Kitchen, Dining Area

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

Cherry Street Mission Ministries and Connecting Kids to Meals, formerly Feed Lucas County Children, held a grand opening of their new food facility on Monday July 3 and unveiled a kitchen and dining area that has the capacity to serve over a million children and homeless adults annually.

The Life Revitalization Center, at 1501 Monroe, the site of the former Macomber High School, which will also serve as a job training and educational center, is the result of a cooperative effort by two institutions that will bring food and nourishment to so many more adults, children and families than was previously possible.

"Two great institutions, doing the same thing but in different ways," said Dan Cherry, the president and CEO of Cherry Street Mission Ministries, during the grand opening ceremony. "By working collaboratively, that's how we do it."

"We are honored to be in partnership with Cherry Street Mission," said Wendi Huntley, CEO of Connecting Kids to Meals. "Our focus is on children – our job is to lift up, to pick up these children that need our help".

Connecting Kids to Meals, an organization that delivers meals to neighborhoods in Lucas County, has been operating out of the facility for about a year, noted Huntley, "and has delivered [26,000] more meals from last June to this June because of this facility."

"Within the 419 area code more than 340,000 people – 140,000 households – don't know if they are going to have food on the table at night," said Mistress of Ceremonies Barb Petee, chief advocacy and government relations officer for ProMedica and a member of the board of trustees for Connecting Kids to Meals. "What's worse is that we have about 30,000 kids who face hunger daily," she continued.

According to Rogers, the move to combine forces began about 21 months ago as a result of a conversation between himself and former Mayor Carty Finkbeiner, who is chairman of the board of Connecting Kids to Meals. The two were touring the former Macomber High School building and realized that they both the same goal in mind – the construction of a kitchen with far greater capacity than either agency possessed at that time..

At that time the two men "decided to join forces and operate together," said Rogers. Since then, he added, "tons and tons of folks have pitched in so that [we could complete] the building under budget and ahead of schedule."

One of the critical pieces of putting together the Life Revitalization Center was raising funds for the nearly \$3 million project. Finkbeiner turned to State Sen. Randy Gardner for his assistance and the Republican from Bowling Green brought home the bacon - \$1 million worth of bacon to be exact.

"I said 'you do whatever you think is best and right to serve the people in this community and I will support you,'" recounted Gardner.

The Democratic former mayor and the Republican representative began a bipartisan effort to forge "basically a plan to feed more children – but we are talking about not only about providing more meals and also about education

and job training," said Gardner.

Pulling out a flag from his pocket, Gardner said the kitchen will provide the "freedom" and "independence" that the flag represents though the center's additional emphasis on job training and education.

Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson agreed with Gardner's reference to the freedom the center will offer. "Freedom is really being able to not be worried about your basic needs of food and shelter," she said.

The state-of-the art kitchen will now be able to provide well over a million meals a year between the two organizations – a significant increase over previous capacities. One million meals will be delivered to those in the community, a half million others will be served in the dining area.

The importance of proper nutrition was a theme that was repeated numerous times during the opening. "If a child does not have decent nutrition – and that starts in the womb – they will be slow learners forever," said U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur as she presented a plaque and flag to the two institutions.

"That's how we end hunger," said Rogers of the services offered at the Life Revitalization Center. "We end hunger by doing both simultaneously – stabilizing a life through a nutritious meal and then transforming a life through access and options to education and through job readiness – and the job itself."



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Great Books to Get Kids Excited for School

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As kids head back to school, you can help put them in a learning mindset by beefing up your home library.

Here are a few new books to consider that can make learning fun, as well as support STEAM education initiatives.

It's Elemental

Created in association with the Smithsonian Institute, *The Elements Book: A Visual Encyclopedia of the Periodic Table* is an easy-to-understand guide to the 118 chemical elements that make up our world.

Cataloged by type, each element's properties and atomic structure is explained. More than 1,000 full-color photographs showcase the natural forms of each element, as well as a wide range of unexpected everyday objects in which each is found, to make them relevant to a child's world. This guide brings the periodic table to life for children ages 9 and above.

Creative Coding

For kids ages 10 and over, *Coding Projects in Python* teaches those with some experience already how to build graphics, games and useful apps. All they need is a desktop or laptop, and an Internet connection to download Py-

thon 3.

Instructions illustrated with pixel art teach essential coding basics, like loops and conditionals, and outline seven fun projects, including a script that cracks secret codes, a quiz to challenge family and friends and a tic-tac-toe game. Once kids are feeling confident, they can creatively use the tips and tricks provided to personalize each project.

Coding is a sought-after skill that teaches kids how to think creatively, work collaboratively and reason systematically.

Kitchen Adventures

With easily prepared recipes, visual step-by-step instructions and charming designs, *Look I'm a Cook* is a great activity book for parents and little ones to share. From ice pops to chocolate muffins, more than 20 hands-on recipes for kids aged three-to-six will help children discover everyday science and cook up fun-filled food.

Scientific Discovery

More than 20 hands-on projects await kids aged three-to-six in *Look I'm a Scientist*. From an iceberg animal rescue to stretchy slime, each sensory-friendly activity becomes an exciting science experiment that's easy to prepare and create. Visual step-by-step instructions make it a fun activity book for parents and kids.

Fun Formations

Colorful and informative, *My Book of Rocks and Minerals* gives kids the expert knowledge they crave and will have them digging deep to discover all they can about rocks, minerals, gems, and fossils, from the deepest caves to outer space.

From crystals to glow-in-the-dark minerals, illuminating images provide a closer look at amazing geological formations. Kids can take their fascination one step further and use the catalog and activity pages to help them collect and group rocks to discover how different rock types fit into the world around them.

Applied Science

Maker Lab includes 28 projects and crafts requiring only household materials. From exploding volcanoes to race balloon rocket cars, photographs and facts detail the "why and "how" of each experiment using real-world examples.

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Class Act Lucas County

Helping start the school year off right

Class Act Lucas County, a group of community service agencies, churches, businesses and organizations are teaming up to make it easier for Toledo-area students to receive the supplies they need to go back to school in August. They are partnering to simplify the process for parents to apply for back-to-school assistance, and to make it easier for individuals, businesses and other groups to donate supplies or volunteer their time.

Class Act Lucas County is utilizing the familiar 2-1-1 system to distribute all of the necessary information. By calling 2-1-1, parents and those interested in helping can get all the information they need.

Comprised of over 20 organizations, Class Act Lucas County brings together organizations that participate in the following: they provide backpack and school supplies, are funders for backpacks and school supplies or are recipient organizations.

State Scholarship Application Windows Now Open

Families have until July 31 to apply for EdChoice or Income-Based Scholarship

The second application windows for Ohio's EdChoice and Income-Based scholarship programs opened on July 1 for families interested in applying for a scholarship for the 2017-18 school year. The deadline to apply for these programs is July 31.

EdChoice Scholarships are available to students who are attending or are assigned to attend the state's underperforming public schools. The scholarships are worth up to \$4,650 per year for students in grades K-8 and up to \$6,000 for high school students. They are to be used toward tuition at the participating private school of the family's choice. There are 60,000 scholarships available for eligible students.

The Income-Based Scholarship Program is available for students who are entering kindergarten, first, second, third or fourth grade in the 2017-18 school year, if their family's income is at or below 200 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines. The scholarships are worth \$4,650 and are to be used toward tuition at the participating private school of the family's choice.

Applying for one of these state-funded scholarships is just one of the many education options available in the state. School Choice Ohio is the only statewide organization that educates families on the full range of education options available for their children.

Families who have questions about scholarship eligibility, the programs, or any of the other education options available to Ohio students can contact School Choice Ohio at 1-800-673-5876.

For more information about Ohio's scholarship programs or the wide variety of education options available to Ohio students, visit www.schoio.org.

Formed in 2016 after last year's backpack distributions, the member organizations wanted to work together to cut back on duplicated services allowing everyone to serve more students in need in Lucas County. Class Act Lucas County wants to help students start the school year off right. Remember simply call 2-1-1 for information about how to receive a backpack or help a student in need.

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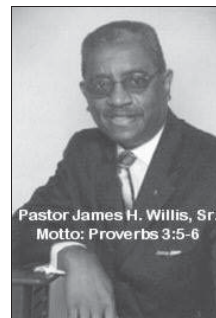
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A large group of students, mostly young women, are posed for a group photograph. They are wearing white uniforms consisting of a long white dress or skirt and a white long-sleeved top. Many of the students are also wearing blue hats with a yellow tassel. Some students are wearing blue sashes with white text. The group is arranged in several rows, filling the frame. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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By Lynne Hamer, Ph.D., Program Coordinator, Teach Toledo

Guest Column

On August 21, the first cohort of approximately 20 students will begin university coursework in *Teach Toledo*. *Teach Toledo* is a collaboration of the University of Toledo and Toledo Public Schools designed to encourage "Toledo citizens to become Toledo's teachers."

Cohort members recently attended the first organizational meeting for fall classes and learned more about the nuts and bolts of the program. Cohort members will attend five semesters of University of Toledo coursework held at Jones Leadership Academy and culminating in an Associate of Arts degree. Those who want to be eligible for a State of Ohio Teaching License will then go onto campus to complete a Bachelor's of Education degree.

What makes the Associate degree unique? All students receive a 22 percent tuition scholarship for each of the five semesters, and they work together to master a curriculum based on state-of-the-art research on effective urban education.

Courses include African American Culture, African Civilizations and two semesters of Spanish language – cultural knowledge essential to being culturally relevant in today's global world. Cohort members see their participation not just as going to school, but as a mission: Nicole Leach noted, "I am proud to have this unique experience to impact young students' lives."

Though graduates will not have any obligation to teach in Toledo, most of the cohort members already live and work in Toledo, and most intend to stay. As cohort member Michael Haack put it, "I want to be the person I needed when I was in school."

This rootedness is key to Teach Toledo's place-based, community-based approach. The theme of family-community connection runs strong in cohort members' motivations. Marisela Haack said, "It is very important to me to be an example for not only my children, but for other children and young adults from my home town."

Melanie Barnes said, "I am excited about being a part of the first cohort for Teach Toledo because I grew up in an urban area and students can relate better to people who are like them."

Similarly, Robert Fletcher III explained, "I want to give back to the students. I know what most of them are facing day to day, and I could be not just a teacher but a confidant and mentor."

Research backs Barnes' and Fletcher's insights: current work on improving urban education makes a strong case for the need for an ethnically and racially diverse teaching force who have lived experience in the neighborhoods in which they will teach. Recruiting Toledo residents has led to a very diverse cohort that mirrors the city's richly diverse population.

Having a diverse teaching population is crucial both for children of color, concentrated in urban public schools, and for all children.

The nation and the Greater Toledo area have suffered a shortage of teachers of color that continues and worsens. In the aftermath of *Brown vs. Board of Education*, across the South teachers of color were fired rather than hired to teach white children in integrated classrooms. Diversity in the teaching force has continued to decrease since that time, with little attention paid to this civil rights crisis.

Some cohort members' echoed this research in

sharing their experiences and motivation. Victoria Sanders commented, "I grew up in Toledo and I attended TPS schools and would have loved to see someone like me (black) in school teaching."

Teach Toledo builds not only on residency and diversity, but also on professional experience. Many (but not all) in the cohort already spend their days in TPS classrooms. Dawn Merritt noted, "I have worked for Toledo Public Schools for 20+ years as a paraprofessional and have wanted to further my education to become a teacher. This cohort will help me do this." Paraprofessional Vera Hair felt similarly: "I'm getting to realize my dream of being a teacher."

The program is designed for adults of all ages and all backgrounds. Many cohort members have had earlier college experience—and as many are brand new to college. As cohort member Amber Alleyne said, "I think this is a great program for anyone looking to achieve their dreams, and I finally get to achieve mine. It's never too late or too hard to find your path to success."

The program has room for a few more students and will work to get their admissions applications submitted and financial aid arranged. Those with experience living and working in urban Toledo are given preference; however, anyone can apply and several current cohort members are not Toledo residents. Come to Mott Branch Library on Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30 pm for more information, visit (<http://www.utoledo.edu/education/teachtoledo/about.html>), or contact program coordinator Lynne Hamer, PhD, at lynne.hamer@utoledo.edu or 419-283-8288.



Some of the Teach Toledo Cohort I Members, left to right: Marisela Haack, Melanie Barnes, Nicole Leach, Michael Haack, Amber Alleyne, Robert Fletcher, Velvet Saunders-Dobos, Vera Hair, Jamisetta James, Nick DiSilva, Victoria Sanders, Anthony Smith, Dawn Merritt, Kaleene Hairabedian, and Jody Scallish

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The Grand Session, which rotates around the State of Ohio, was hosted this year by The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The purpose of the Grand Session is to give youth from around the state the opportunity to fellowship and to compete in a range of activities – in the classroom and on the playing fields.

Eric Warren, the R.W. Director of Youth Activities, led the Pythagorans events and Cheryl Spencer, Grand Director of Youth Activities, led the Girls Assembly.

The weekend events began on Friday with the Grand Royal Queen Banquet as Raymond Hann, II, R.V. grand senior counselor, and Princess Jocelyn Edwards, then the grand royal princess, served as master and mistress of ceremonies, respectively.

The event culminated in presentations to the 2017 Grand Royal Queen, Kyras Gayle, and the Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor, Joseph Cook.

Daytime activities included sessions devoted to breakouts on math, science and other educational topics along with voting sessions for elected officials.

Saturday night's Awards Banquet was again hosted by Hann and Edwards. Introductions were made by Joseph Cook and Faith Sawyer.

On Sunday, the main event was a divine service held in the Student Union and attended by both youth groups. Rev. John Hicklin of Mt. Zion, the City of Zion, offered the sermon.

The scripture reading was offered by the newly elected Most Valiant Grand Master Companion John Cook and the invocation offered by the newly elected Grand Royal Queen Jocelyn Edwards.



Cheryl Spencer and Eric Warren



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certification that they'll get, they can take anywhere, but the impetus behind that was trying to increase the diversity on those departments, because as you know 30 years ago there was a consent decree lawsuit that forced the City of Toledo to make sure that they had more minorities and women in the police and fire departments and you know how important it is for there to be individuals that look like the people they're going to serve, especially when they're in trouble because it helps to, I think, to deflate a situation as opposed to aggravate it, if say for instance there's a cultural gap between the enforcement officer and the person at trouble.

So this I thought would be a more natural way of getting diversity and there would be a pipeline that we could provide to the city and both of them are very, very happy. Both the police and the fire chief are very, very happy about it and I'm extremely proud of it and happy about it, too. So we'll be talking more about that as those young people matriculate through that program.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min, at drdperryman@centerof-hopebaptist.org

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Library Hosts Two Author Events This Week!

- Maumee Library Welcomes Historical Fiction Author Martha Conway
- Main Library Welcomes Biographer and Children's Book Author Julie Rubini

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library is excited to host two wonderful authors this week: Martha Conway and Julie Rubini. Both events feature the authors discussing their process and work, answering questions, and signing copies of the books. The events are free and open to the public.

Martha Conway

Wednesday, July 12 at 7 p.m.

Maumee Branch

Join award-winning author Martha Conway as she discusses the newest nov-

el in her Ohio Trilogy, *The Underground River*.

Julie Rubini

Thursday, July 13 at 7 p.m.

Main Library

Join us for the release of an engaging new biography, celebrated with a starred review by Kirkus Virginia Hamilton: America's Storyteller, one of the most honored authors of children's literature in the twentieth century. Julie's previous biography illuminated Toledo journalist and Nancy Drew author Mildred Benson titled, *Missing Mille Benson: the secret case of the Nancy Drew ghostwriter and journalist*.

Is Your Child's School Prepared for the Next Academic Year?

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Unfortunately, classroom needs cannot always be matched by school budgets. If you are a concerned parent, consider getting involved in the PTA. It's one of the best ways help ensure your school is equipped with the academic tools that teachers need most.

Here are a few areas of the classroom that could use some extra help.

- **Mini Library.** While most schools have a central library, individual classrooms should also have books on hand for students to thumb through during breaks, study hall and quiet time. Opportunities to learn should be right at student's fingertips, so consider advocating for a well-stocked bookshelf in every classroom that includes both fiction and non-fiction titles.

- **Math Tools.** Advanced graphing calculators can help students grasp difficult mathematical concepts. Be sure your school is equipped with highly functional options, such as the fx-9860 or fx-9750 from Casio, which feature USB connectivity, AP Statistics features, pie charts, bar graphs and more.

- **Lab equipment.** Does your school possess up-to-date lab equipment? Is there enough equipment for every student? From Bunsen burners to microscopes, be sure the equipment-to-student ratio is one that can foster active, hands-on learning.

- **Classroom tech.** Teachers need highly functional projectors to keep up with today's educational demands. Newer models should come with such features as closed captioning and expanded input/output connectivity. The LampFree projectors from Casio are a good option for schools, as they can outlast traditional models by up to ten times, saving schools time and money. For example, the XJ-UT310WN is good for any classroom, with its ultra-short throw ratio and ability to automatically adjust to the brightness of the room.

To get your school's classrooms up to speed, consider hosting some fundraisers this summer to benefit your child's school. One fun, low-key way that students can help run is a car wash. Perfect for summer, this is a great way to raise awareness in the community about the needs of the school. To make some extra funds, you might also combine the event with a bake sale.

Or, ask local businesses if they can donate their products and services to a silent auction. From restaurant gift certificates to free yoga classes, this is a great way to get the entire community involved.


While not every school has all the latest and greatest gear to enhance classroom learning, as a parent you can help discover where there are shortfalls and help lead the charge towards filling these gaps.

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PANCAKES, POLITICS & JAZZ will be held at Our Brothers Place, 233 N. Huron Street, in downtown Toledo on Sunday, August 27, 2017 and Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Current elected officials will be on hand to discuss their perspectives and respond to probing questions from the participants. The public is invited to participate in these events for a cost of \$20.00 per person for each event which includes, breakfast, listening to and questioning elected officials and enjoying smooth jazz.

Come and hear from City Council Members Cecilia Adams, Yvonne Harper, Tyrone Riley and Larry Sykes at the August affair and Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson in October. This is your opportunity to meet and interact with current elected public servants—and the food will be delicious and the jazz will be smooth featuring our own "Lady K" (Karen Harris) and C.J. Manning.



R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. Is at it Again: Hosting Its 8th Annual Dads and Kids Kampout!

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R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. is in the thrust of preparations for its **8th Annual Dads and Kids Kampout on Friday, August 4 at 5 p.m. thru Sunday, August 6 at 11:00 am.** The event will be held at Camp Miakonda Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, OH. Children attending the Kamp Out will be roughing it with dads under the stars, pure quality time, good old fashion fun, food, games, contest, and giveaways. A \$50.00 registration fee per family is required. * *Limited number of scholarships are available.*

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc., uses biblical principles that are applicable and effective regardless of one's belief system. This non-profit's aim is to help men get the support, education and services they need to be the best fathers they can be. "This is a community event, we are still in need of sponsors to support our scholarship fund for dads who cannot afford the registration fee of \$50, and volunteers to make this a very memorable event for the dads and their children," said Mark Robinson.

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. is a faith-based not-for profit 501(c) (3). Its mission is to restore fathers back to the head of the family through the gospel of Jesus Christ; and reverse the trend of fatherlessness in the greater Toledo Area. R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Inc. provides a variety of practical services, such as, fatherhood education, service referral, and spiritual support; and it uses biblical principles that are applicable and effective regardless of one's belief system. This non-profit's aim is to help men get the support, education and services they need to be the best fathers they can be.

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. was founded in 2006 by responsible fatherhood advocate, Robinson, a recipient of the 2013 Fatherhood Heroes Award, through President Obama's National Fatherhood Initiative Campaign. He knows firsthand about the lack of support provided to men with children having been a single parent for six years. Robinson recalls, "It was extremely difficult to get any type of support from the social service networks in my community, they were not designed with me in mind".

Robinson is a social worker by profession and at the present time holds a position as manager of Recovery Services for the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County. He has an extensive background in the field of Social Work and has served on numerous committees here in Ohio and in New York. He is currently serving on the Ohio Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) Board, which is a statewide collaboration that seeks to advance a fatherhood and family agenda at the state and local level.

According to Robinson, the 2010 Census is a clear indicator that we as a community must be proactive in our support of men in their role as Fathers and Husbands. "Dads are vitally important in the lives of their children and must be supported as they assume non-traditional and somewhat unfamiliar role as primary caregiver", says Robinson.

For more information about R.E.S.T.O.R.E. and/or "The Dads and Kids Kamp Out" please contact:

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Public Invited to Two Toledo Waterways Initiative Public Meetings

The City's Toledo Waterways Initiative team will host public meetings for the upcoming Swan Creek North Sewer Separation and Downtown Storage Basin projects. The meeting about the Swan Creek North Sewer Separation Project will take place at 6 pm on July 25th at the Frederick Douglass Center at 1001 Indiana Avenue. The Downtown Storage Basin Project will be reviewed at 6 pm on July 27 at the McMaster Center of the Downtown Main Library at 325 N. Michigan Street.


These meetings are being held to inform all interested area residents and business/property owners of the construction that is to begin in August of this year. Project details such as schedule, traffic impacts and

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Surpassing Certainty by Janet Mock

Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

When you were 20, you wanted only to impress.

If people looked at you, wasn't that good? You wanted to be seen, watched, adored by those you saw as desirable. But what, exactly, did you want people to notice? Was it your hair, your body or, as in *Surpassing Certainty* by Janet Mock, was the whole you on display?

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At age 19, Janet Mock should never have been where she was, three nights a week.

Her Thursday-through-Saturday schedule was meant for women over 21; that was the legal age for dancing as a stripper in a Waikiki clubs, but the proprietress of the club jokingly offered to "give" Mock two of her own birthdays, and that was that: Mock was a dancer, albeit a self-conscious one.

She was afraid that someone could spot her secret from the bar rail.

At a very young age, Mock knew she was a girl in a boy's body. Her mother looked the other way while Mock wore feminine clothing and grew out her hair, and she ignored when Mock started taking female hormones as an adolescent. After saving every penny, Mock flew to Bangkok to finalize her transition at eighteen; months later, she realized that nobody saw her as anything but a pretty black woman.

But the club, well, money was good there and she settled in. She sometimes made a cool grand a week, and she didn't have to sleep with customers; the club's owner, in fact, urged her girls not to do so. "Love can wait," she'd said, but when Mock met the man she'd ultimately marry, there was no reason not to take the plunge.

He was a Navy man who took Mock's truth in stride, but the two grew apart: Mock quit dancing before she quit the marriage to move to New York City to attend college, where she felt empowered as a woman in control of her life. She made friends, decided what she wanted to do with her life, landed the job of her dreams and, "I was home."

Filled with florid prose and swoony drama, *Surpassing Certainty* is one of those memoirs that feels like a long conversation.

That can be a good thing, and it can be bad.

In speaking directly to readers, author Janet Mock offers an aura of girl-friendship. We're privy to many details – maybe even too many – and the information is meted out as if we're all *Sex-in-the-City* in a bistro somewhere on a Sunday afternoon.

And yet, this conversation doesn't seem to have a point. Mock writes at great length about stripping. She tells about her many loves, fusses too much about her appearance, and shares thoughts about men that reflect her youth at the time. Except for a juicy admission of omission in her last book, this seemed like a lot of navel-gazing.

Heavy sigh.

If you read Mock's first memoir and are eager for more, by all means, find this one because you'll love it. For most readers, though, *Surpassing Certainty* may not completely impress.

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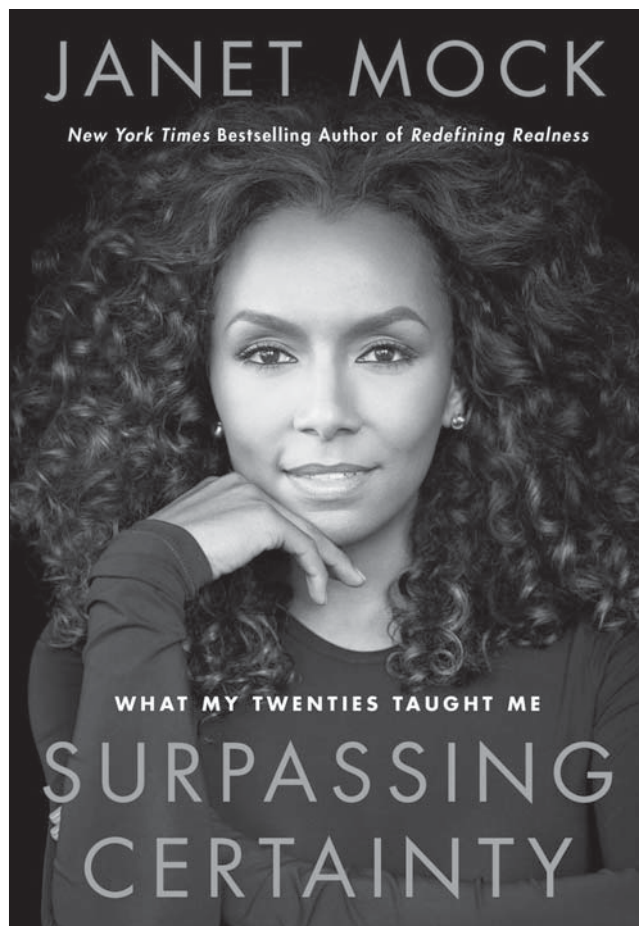
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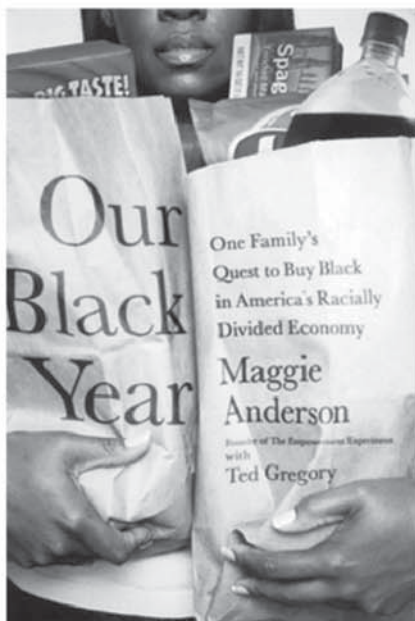
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Proposals must be received no later than
4:30 PM on Monday, July 17, 2017.

The University of Toledo Department of Foreign Languages invites applications for a Visiting Assistant Professor in the area of Latin American Literature and Culture. The position will involve teaching at all undergraduate levels within the Spanish program. Applicants must have native-like fluency, and hold a Ph.D. in Spanish, although ABDs will be considered. Teaching experience of upper level courses is preferred, and interest in teaching writing is a plus. The teaching load will be a maximum of 24 credit hours. The position is a one year contract, renewable up to two additional years. Screening of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applicants may apply for this position at <https://jobs.utoledo.edu>. Applicants must include a cover letter, CV, three recommendation letters, and a statement of teaching philosophy. The University of Toledo is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V.

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Date: August 11, 2017

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Location: Charlotte Hall 5319 W. Bancroft Toledo, OH

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Vision: The Takeover is a city-wide service aimed towards youth and young adults. Our main focus groups are those between 13-35, but all are welcome to attend the event. The night will consist of music, dance, spoken word, an opportunity for open mic, and worship.

Our goal is to get youth back in the church and to guide them into a deeper relationship with God as well as help them to better understand that they are loved despite their flaws through the ministries represented that night.

We are in the process of putting together a community choir for the night that can sing well-known worship songs. Preferably, we'd like this group to be made up of people who are in the age range of the focus group of this event, which would be 13-35.

Please spread the word and get back to us within one-two weeks if you or anyone you know would like to participate. Once we have a nice group of people, we will schedule a couple of rehearsals to go over the songs for the night.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Bid Item "NECU1 – General Trades", for the necessary materials, equipment and labor to construct the Nueva Esperanza Credit Union at 1638 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, consisting of interior building renovations and exterior improvements, and, Bid Item "NECU2 Demolition of Existing House", for the necessary materials, equipment and labor to demolish the existing house at 524 Langdon, Toledo, Ohio, will be received by ProMedica System Supply Chain Management until 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME - Wednesday July 26, 2017. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00AM LOCAL TIME Wednesday July 12, 2017 at the project site 1638 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio. All bids must be submitted on the provided Proposal Form. Proposals shall be hand delivered, mailed, emailed, or faxed to:

ProMedica – System Supply Chain Management

1695 Indian Wood Circle, Suite 100
Maumee, OH 43537

Attn: Thomas Snavely – Contract Analyst, Supply Chain

Fax: (419) 291-4313

Thomas.Snavely@ProMedica.org

Contract documents shall include Request for Proposal, drawings, supplementary drawings (when issued), General Requirements, specifications, and addenda issued prior to receipt of bids. Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty in the form of a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in the full amount of the bid or a certified check or cashier's check equal to 10% of the bid in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form shall be issued by a surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. Copies of bidding documents may be obtained from Newfax Corporation 333West Woodruff Avenue, Toledo Ohio 43614, Phone 419-241-5157. Call or place an order on their website at <http://www.newfaxcorp.com/> by navigating to this projects name under "Bid Projects and Plan Holders List". Hard copies will be available for a non-refundable fee of \$28.00 per set, plus shipping if requested. Hard copy plus Digital download is available for \$46.00 plus shipping. A list of bidding document Plan Holders will be available online via Newfax's website at: http://www.newfaxcorp.com/bid-projects-and-listings/bidder_listing_main.html Addenda will be issued to all bidders who have registered with Newfax as a Planholder of Record. Copies of the bidding documents are on file, and available for viewing only, at the office of Rudolph/Libbe, Inc. 6494 Latch Road Walbridge, Ohio 43465. Printing costs are the responsibility of the bidder. All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of this project. This is a prevailing wage project. Also in accordance with ORC 153.03 all contractors and subcontractors involved with this project shall participate in a drug-free workplace program.

The Berlin Painter and His World – Toledo Museum of Art

Sojourner's Truth Staff

There's a lot that art historians do not know about the Berlin Painter. They don't know his name nor little about his personal life. They can only assume in fact that he was a he.

However, art historians do know when he lived, where he lived, how he worked and that he was an incredibly accomplished and prolific artist who developed a style with his painted ceramic vases that forever changed the art that was produced after him.

The Toledo Museum of Art has assembled a collection of the Berlin Painter's work that will never be replicated, says Adam Levine, PhD, Toledo Museum of Art associate director and associate curator of an-

cient art.

Eighty-four vessels and statuettes of bronze and terracotta from the early 5th century B.C. Greek art world have been assembled for the current TMA exhibition – dozens of the vessels attributed to the Berlin Painter himself (so named because the first such piece attributed to the artist was identified in a Berlin museum in 1911).

The current exhibit at TMA has been assembled from 15 renowned museums around the world from Boston to Berlin.

The Berlin Painter and His World: Athenian Vase-Painting in the Early Fifth Century B.C. will remain at TMA until October 1, 2017.



Your starship awaits.

As the Toledo Symphony launches its FREE 2017 Music Under the Stars concert series at the Toledo Zoo Amphitheater, TARTA is offering round-trip Park-N-Ride service from five locations with the **TARTA Music Under the Stars Shuttle** for just \$1.25 per person each way.

All 2017 Music Under the Stars concerts are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and have free admission with open seating:

Sunday, July 9; Sunday, July 16; Sunday, July 23; and Sunday, July 30.

Catching the Shuttle

- Arrive at any TARTA Music Under the Stars Shuttle Park-N-Ride location at 6:30 p.m. for a direct round-trip ride to The Zoo's Broadway entrance.
- Fare is \$1.25 per person each way; payable before each trip to and from the Toledo Zoo Amphitheater aboard the Music Under the Stars Shuttle.
- Return trips leave 20 minutes after the end of each concert.

Music Under the Stars Shuttle Park-N-Ride Locations

- Maumee/St. Luke's Hospital
- Sylvania/Centennial Terrace
- Toledo/Franklin Park Mall
- Toledo/Miracle Mile Shopping Center
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Music Under the Stars at the Toledo Zoo

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