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*Editorial-Opinion***Guns, Lies and Hypocrisy**

By Fletcher Word

Beware the knifing free-for-alls in London, says the explainer-in-chief of the National Rifle Association's goal to arm every citizen with firearms in an attempt to protect every citizen from attacks by citizens with firearms. The NRA's apologist spoke at the group's national convention last week in Dallas and suggested that it really doesn't matter whether a country implements gun control or not because people will find another way to kill each other if guns are banned. Take London, for example, said the NRA spokesman, who doubles as the nation's 45th chief executive.

Trump told the NRA convention in Dallas that a "once very prestigious" London hospital was "like a war zone for horrible stabbing wounds." He said London has "unbelievably tough gun laws," adding, "they don't have guns; they have knives and instead there's blood all over the floors of this hospital."

Of course he lied, as he always does. He lies even when he doesn't have to – it's second nature with him.

London's murder rate, according to statistics compiled by the United Nations, is 1.2 per 100,000 residents. New York City's murder rate (which is relatively low for a larger American metropolis) is three times higher than London's and, on the other extreme, Baltimore's is 45 times higher. For the nations as a whole, the murder rate in the U.S. is five times that of Great Britain which banned ownership of handguns in 1996 – six times that of Canada, our northern neighbor.

Such realities do not deter the NRA defender in the White House from repeating the Internet-inspired lies of the horrific knife blood baths in the UK because, that's what he does every day and repeatedly – he lies.

The solution to all this mayhem and murder, according to the NRA and its White House spokesman, is not more restrictions but more weapons. Arm the teachers, arm citizens in public places – the more weapons, the more protection for every citizen.

And, in spite of the fact that there are purportedly more firearms in America than there are citizens, there are still not enough, say the Second Amendment fanatics. In spite of the statistics that inform us that countries with fewer guns have fewer homicides, let's not let the facts stand in our way or prevent us from increasing the number of guns available for our law-abiding citizens.

The president, vice president, most House of Representatives, most U.S. Senators, most governors, most state legislators do not believe in, or profess not to believe in, the efficacy of gun control. They tote the NRA line because the NRA gives out big campaign donations to their A-rated elected officials. In fact, it would appear that there exists only one government agency that espouses the virtues of gun control and practices the same. It's an agency that practices, in fact, zero tolerance for the possession of firearms or any lethal substance when its agents are engaged in

that most sacred of duties – protecting lives.

The Secret Service, unfortunately, is only charged with protecting the lives of the president, vice president and their families. The Secret Service does so because it has been authorized by Congress to do so and it has done so fairly effectively. Apparently, Congress does sometimes believe that gun control is practical and effective. It's been, after all, 37 years since a president was shot. It all depends on whom one wants to protect.

The Secret Service, when one of its clients is facing a public appearance, prohibits guns, toy guns, selfie sticks, laser pointers, aerosols, backpacks, signs and all glass, metal or thermal containers. Thus its client can feel perfectly at ease and perfectly when standing in front of a harmless, armless crowd and spouting perfectly absurd lies about the dangers of gun control and how such a practice would be ineffective.

The NRA, the nation's main proponents of gun rights and guns for all, preaches the theory of "good guys with guns" – a theory claiming that if you have a large audience, such as the one at an NRA convention, the more arms you have, the more fear you place in the hearts of those wicked people who would seek to harm others – with firearms, of course. The NRA leaders and members apparently see no hypocrisy in the fact that they would extend an invitation to someone to speak at their convention when those speaker's protectors overrule NRA principles and flout their hosts' cherished ideals.

Our nation's liar-in-chief finds no irony in the fact that he and his family are protected from gun violence by an agency that practices gun control while he spouts nonsense about gun rights being a God-given right – as if he has any clue whatsoever about what God has intended on any subject.

Meanwhile, in the real world, more than 187,000 students have been subjected to gun violence since the mass shooting at Columbine. Think maybe the Secret Service is protecting the wrong people?

Community Calendar**May 12**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Workshop for Financial Literacy: Mercy Health Center 545 Indiana; 10 am to noon; Estate Planning, End of Life Planning: deltas@dstoledo.org

May 14-18

Baptist Ministers Conference Revival: 7 pm nightly; Jerusalem Baptist Church; Guest speaker Pastor Roger Carson of Southern MBC

May 20

St Paul MBC "100 Women in Red:" 4 pm; Guest speaker 1st Lady Jeanette Barnes of Greater Faith Christian Church: 419-246-2886

May 27

Ebenezer MBC Women's Day: 11 am speaker Elder Tashauna Isaac from Peoples MBC; 4 pm speaker is First Lady Sharon Newsome of Greater Mt. Zion in Cleveland; "Women of God Embracing our Future:" 419-242-2581

May 30/June 28

Main Library Community forum about the ways the renovated Library space can best be used to provide lifelong learning and opportunities: 6 to 8 pm; Huntington Room; Each forum will build on community discussions from preceding forum/s, so attending all three forums will provide you with the broadest understanding of the renovation. However, if you are only able to attend one or two forums, your input will still make a difference! Areas of discussion will include:

- Overview of project and key decision points
- Serving community needs during Main Library's temporary closure
- How to use the new spaces following renovation

Discussions will be interactive, including the Library sharing information and seeking information from participants. The information shared and feedback provided will be shared on the Library's website (LINK) along with a tool for people unable to attend the meetings to submit feedback

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A Love Story: Barbara and John Williams

By Robert Smith, African American Legacy Project

Guest Column

Barbara Butts Williams, PhD, executive dean, External Relations & Partnerships and dean emeritus, School of Business and Technology at Capella Education Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota will visit Toledo in June.



Barbara Butts Williams

While Butts Williams has an extraordinary professional career in her own right, her visit will be to witness and participate in the induction of her late husband Dr. John McKay Williams, DDS, (1945 – 2012) into The African American Legacy Project's Sports Legends Hall of Fame.

Without question, Butts Williams husband's life on the athletic field is full of accomplishment, however; in a recent interview we could hear her smiling broadly when she said, his work after sports truly represents the man she loved, and shared life with, for 30 years. He was not just an athlete, but a man who gave both his time and his heart so unselfishly to so many.

This is a classic love story like Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee. This is a story of strength, like the Mighty, Mighty Love that Ashford and Simpson sang about. Like Barack and Michelle, this is a story of dignity every step of the way. This is a story about triumph. This story is about John and Barbara Williams.



John Williams

John Williams, aka Big John to most folks in this area [Toledo, OH], was an athletic standout at Libbey High School. He was accomplished in three sports [football, basketball and track]. Graduating from Libbey in 1964, John was heavily recruited by the University of Toledo and The Ohio State University, but ultimately deciding to accept a scholarship to play football at the University of Minnesota. In 1967 "Big John" was selected First Team as an All Big Ten Tackle and in that same year led the Gophers to a Big Ten Title.

Butts Williams grew up in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Barbara watched her dad work three jobs and says, "My mom taught me the value of earning a paycheck while working for the janitorial company she [her mom] owned." Ironically, years later, Butts-Williams occupied an office in the same building she had cleaned as a kid, when she became the youngest director of Education and Training for Pennsylvania's Department of Health.

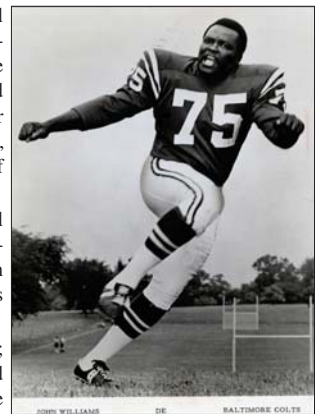
John and Barbara had a chance meeting when Barbara was a freshman at Morgan State University and John was a rookie for the Baltimore Colts. It was only a hello. Twelve years later; they were reintroduced by mutual friends in the Minneapolis area. They remembered their chance meeting and that single "hello" 12 years earlier turned into one lifelong loving, meaningful and productive relationship.

It wasn't fast. John was a gentleman. He was returning to Los Angeles to wrap up his career as a Ram and work for community health organization, but... the two agreed to meet again. It was to be their first date. As agreed, a few months later "Big John" was knocking on Barbara's door. Butts Williams says, that moment was important, "I said to myself, that's the kind of man I want to know, a person of his word."

After officially retiring from the NFL in 1980, John or "Doc," as his patients like to call him, established a dental practice in the inner city of Minneapolis. In addition to running a successful practice for over 35 years,



John received his doctorate of dental surgery (D.D.S.) degree from the University of Maryland Dental School. He was trained in forensic dentistry and served as a member of the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team, a program of the US Department of Homeland Security.



During the early years of his dental career, in a changing and struggling inner city, John was determined to stay in the city and make a difference. He was proud of the choice he made.

"The city is starting to come back; my patients respect what I did, and their children and grandchildren are now patients," he said.

John received numerous awards and recognitions during his lifetime that included: Minneapolis Volunteer of the Year in 1992, inducted into the Toledo City League Hall of Fame in 2004, He served as a commissioner for Minneapolis St. Paul Airport Commission for more than a decade, led a prison ministry for over 20 years, served as the president of the American Odontology Forensics Society of America, served as the chairman of NORTHPOINT

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Toledo Legal Aid Society and Lucas County Board of Commissioners Announce Launch of New Toledo Legal Aid Website

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The Toledo Legal Aid Society is pleased to announce, in collaboration with the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, the launch of a new website. This new site, toledolegalaid.com, will be a fully functioning instrument helping underserved populations better navigate the legal system.

Sean McNulty, Chief Public Defender of the Toledo Legal Aid Society, said:

"Assistant Public Defenders with the Toledo Legal Aid Society represent juveniles and indigent adults that are charged with criminal, traffic, and delinquency matters in Lucas County. Our office has been implementing many changes in the way that we provide legal services to our clients. This website will assist our office in providing even better representation to our clients through increased communication and access to information and resources."

The website will have contact information for those in need of services, as well as provide external links to the dockets of Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, Toledo Municipal Court, Maumee Municipal Court, Oregon Municipal Court, and Sylvania Municipal Court. These links will facilitate access to important court information for those in need of assistance. Frequently Asked Questions, as well as further resources related to non-criminal legal assistance and reentry are also provided on the website.

The development and launch of the website is part of the MacArthur Foundation Safety + Justice Challenge initiative spearheaded by Lucas County and committed partners and stakeholders. The \$1.75 million grant has been

used to build a safer, healthier, and more just community. The website will provide a new avenue of access to the justice system for those who need it most.

Commissioner Carol Contrada said:

"Through the MacArthur Safety + Justice Challenge, Lucas County has had remarkable success in building a safer and more just community. The Toledo Legal Aid Society and our Public Defenders have been tremendous partners throughout the SJC Challenge. We are committed to legal representation for all as guaranteed by the United States Constitution, and this website will help protect individual rights by providing easy access to legal representation."

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Health and Wellness Center, and several other nonprofit organizations in Minneapolis.

Following the September 11, 2001 tragedy in New York City, John participated on the identification team at the Chief Medical Examiner's Office.

By today's standards John and Barbara were a power couple. During the late 70's, Butts Williams served as Director, University of Michigan's Executive Program at the Graduate School of Business, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Earlier in her career, she served as Director of Training and Development for Pennsylvania Department of Health in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Over the past 37 years, Butts Williams has worked for several prominent companies in the Twin Cities and remains fully engaged in the greater metropolitan community. She currently serves on the following boards; 1) Since 2016, board member Allina Health a \$3.9 billion health care system in Minnesota and western Wisconsin 2) Since 2010, board member (chairman elect) Metropolitan Economic Development Association (Meda) provides business consulting, access to capital, and market opportunities for minority entrepreneurs, and 3) since 2012, commissioner (vice chairman) Minnesota's Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA); overseeing the construction and operations of the 1 billion dollars plus multipurpose U.S. Bank Stadium in downtown Minneapolis. Barbara was appointed by former Minneapolis Mayors R.T. Rybak and Betsy Hodges to the MSFA.

John and Barbara's love not only blossomed but evolved as only a real love can. It didn't just last, it got better... because each exemplified a strong religious and moral center and both believed in education. They both had strong work ethics. Both had a passion and compassion for the underserved. They both loved people. Their love affair is our love affair. Two people who mutually loved and respected each other. That is why Barbara Butts Williams continues to honor "Doc" every chance she gets.

Meet Barbara Butts Williams on Friday, June 22, 2018 during a hospitality event at The Premier Event Center 4480 Heatherdowns. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be purchased at The African American Legacy Project.

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A New, Older Face to Opioid Addiction: AOOA Legislative Breakfast

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Area Office on Aging organized a legislative breakfast on April 30 to launch an initiative to raise the awareness about opioid addiction among older adults and to start a community conversation about finding solutions to the problem.

"The Area Office on Aging believes in the importance of addressing this issue of opioid addiction and older adults head on to reverse this growing trend in our community, state and nation," said Billie Johnson, president and CEO of AOOA in the days leading up to the event.

The breakfast at Parkway Place featured a panel discussion and a local documentary titled "Addiction and Aging" highlighting the stories of local older adults who have struggled with opioid addiction.

Ohio Senator served as master of ceremonies for the event and Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz was the moderator for the panel discussion.

Opioid addiction "can, has and will happen," said Justin Moor, Area Office on Aging, vice president of Planning and Development, as he opened the conference. "If we believe it can't happen to us, pretty soon it turns into a nightmare."

The documentary stressed that patients should inform their doctors if they have had a previous history of addiction, that youthful addictions may leave older adults vulnerable to prescription addictions, that it is not a huge obstacle for patients to obtain prescriptions, that opioids affect the brain in a manner that brings pleasure and "the quickest way to grow a problem is to turn your back on it."

In his opening remarks Gardner singled out Lucas County Sheriff John Tharp for praise for his leadership in the opioid addiction battle.

The first panel member to address the audience of about 400 was Nancy Orell, director of the Optimal Aging Institute at Bowling Green State University. Orell presented the history of the current wave of addiction and how health professionals fell into the practice of prescribing opioids so freely.

She pointed to a 1999 article in the New England Journal of Medicine that claimed that opioids were not addictive and that they were ideal for treat-

ing arthritis. Doctors had begun prescribing opioids in the late 1990's, said Orell, unaware of the unintended consequences. However, when prescriptions ran out, so many people, now addicted, turned to other sources to relieve their discomfort – first heroin then fentanyl. – a powerful synthetic, similar to morphine but 50 to 100 times more potent.

The largest number of people dying of opioid abuse, said Orell, are in the 25 to 54 age group but those in the 54 to 64 age group show the greatest increase in use. Forty-two percent of opioid deaths are among adults 45 years and older.

Within the 10 counties of northwest Ohio, in the 10 year period between 2007 and 2017, there were 1234 opioid-addiction caused deaths, 46 percent of those adults were over the age of 45.

In addition to Orell, Scott Sylak, executive director of the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Dr. Areatha Hollie, pharmacist, and Tharp also were on the panel and spoke about the dangers opioids present to the older adult population.

If an older adult needs home care, he or she can call the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624.



Billie Johnson

Community Tobacco Cessation Initiative Grant

Toledo-Lucas County Health Department (TLCHD) has been awarded the Community Cessation Initiative (CCI) grant from the Ohio Department of Health aiming to decrease tobacco use county-wide and increase access and knowledge of cessation services to Lucas County residents. The objective of this grant is to create a referral network to tobacco cessation services in Lucas County in order to best help potential patients reach the appropriate services easily, with limited barriers. Through this referral network, TLCHD will be able to complete appropriate follow-up and relapse management after treatment is complete, ensuring the best possible quit

attempt.

As part of this initiative, TLCHD is working to identify and bridge the gaps in current cessation services offered in Lucas County. Additionally, we are focusing on three disparate populations: African Americans and Latinos in low socioeconomic communities, as well as pregnant women.

Toledo-Lucas County Health Department is looking for as many community partners as possible who would be interested in contributing their services and/or referrals to the CCI network. These community partnerships can include provider partnerships, referral partnerships, or both.

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Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union Hosts a Special Community Meeting

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On Tuesday, April 24, the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union (TUFCU) held the first in a series of Special Community Meetings at the Scott High School gymnasium. The credit union was joined by several dozen area agencies and companies that were present to explain their services to members of the community. The free event began at 6 p.m. and Rocky Love of 95.7 "Saturday Morning Blues Show" served as the evening's master of ceremonies.

Love brought up the various agency and company representatives to speak about their services. Visitors were also able to stop by an assortment of booths and receive detailed information. The agencies and companies included: A-1 Bonds, The Ability Center, ABLE, Area Office on Aging, Brothers United, Cherry Street Mission, Toledo Department of Neighbor-

hoods, Connecting Kids to Meals, Fifth Third Bank, First Federal Bank, Flowers Disability Law, Frederick Douglass Community Association, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, IRS -VITA Program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), Lucas County Children Services, Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority, Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity, NAACP, the National African American Wellness Walk, Neighbor Works Toledo Region, Neighborhood Health Association, Toledo elected officials, Toledo Fire Department, Toledo Health Department, Toledo Public Schools, Urban Minority Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADAOP), Whittington Group Realty and YMCA.

The TUFCU staff anticipates holding four such meetings over a 12-month period.



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Lourdes University President Mary Ann Gawelek, Ed.D., and College of Social Sciences Dean Terry Keller, Ph.D., have announced a new graduate program - a Master of Education degree in Special Education. The program is led by Director Carolyn Jaksetic, M.Ed. The first cohort is scheduled to begin Fall 2018.

The M.Ed. in Special Education can be completed in two years for those

seeking the degree with a Mild to Moderate Intervention Specialist Licensure. For those seeking their first teaching license, the program can be completed in two and a half years and allows individuals to obtain an Ohio K-12 Mild to Moderate Intervention Specialist teaching credential.

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Lourdes University began offering a Master of Education degree in 2002. In addition to the new M.Ed. in Special Education program, students can choose to pursue a M.Ed. in Curriculum & Teaching with a concentration in P-12 Reading, P-12 Reading or Educational Leadership.

Lourdes Division of Education

Lourdes University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The Lourdes University Teacher Education Initial Licensure Program in the College of Social Sciences is accredited under the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) Quality Principles through the CAEP Accreditation System, for a period of seven years, 2015 to 2022. Formed in 2013, CAEP is the single specialized accreditor for educator preparation and administers TEAC accreditation.

How to Talk Money With Your College Student

Special to The Truth

While college students earn their degrees, paving the way for future success in their chosen fields, they should also be paving the way for a healthy financial future.

Unfortunately, money is not always discussed at an early age. Indeed, 36 percent of Americans say they are uncomfortable talking about money, and 18 percent say money is a taboo subject within their family, according to the American Psychological Association. As a result, many students start college without good money management skills. What's more, the rising cost of tuition, housing and other fees makes it even more challenging to graduate in good financial standing.

Consider initiating a productive conversation about responsible money management. Here are a few things to consider and discuss.

- **Creating a budget:** Break down expenses to show where money is spent and how it's wasted. Introduce the concept of the 50/20/30 rule of thumb, which encourages budgeters to apply half their monthly budget into fixed costs (i.e. rent, cell phone plan), 20 percent into financial goals (i.e. car, vacation), and 30 percent into flexible spending (i.e. food, shopping, entertainment, day-to-day expenses).

- **Building credit:** Credit can influence or limit future financial opportunities, even potentially harming job prospects. Talk about the importance of establishing and maintaining good credit.

- **Funding college:** Whether it's a work-study program, an off-campus job or applying for and receiving a merit-based scholarship, there are many ways students can contribute to their college education financially and ease potential loan debt. Encourage students to investigate these opportunities.

- **Free resources.** Free resources exist which can help get the conversation going. For example, consider checking out Wells Fargo's new "Preparing and Paying for College" webinar series. Families can take part in free instructor-led events that offer financial planning resources, information on responsible money management and best practices for paying for college. Webinar topics include preparing for college, applying for scholarships, funding a college education and student loan repayment. Registration is free. To receive information about the Wells Fargo webinar series, visit engage.vevent.com/rt/preparepayforcollege.

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Holds Annual Senior Recognition Program

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Toledo Alumnae Chapter, held its 32nd annual Senior Recognition Program on Thursday, May 3 at Bowsher High School and honored 74 graduating high school seniors from across the area.

The theme of this year's program was "Pursuing Your Destiny."

After dinner was served, the program opened with a welcome from Angela Siner, president of the local chapter. Recognition Committee member NaTasha Baker related the history of the national sorority and Shannon Tisdale, committee member, spoke of the history of the Toledo Alumnae Chapter.

After a question and answer session, Deborah Rayford addressed the students, their

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Six Toledo Early College Students Advance to National Level in History Day Contest

Toledo Early College sophomores Cassidy McClellan, Ahmed Feruzi, Grace Mulinix, Stephanie Barnes, Sarah Sahmarani and DeNaijia Wesley qualified to compete at the national level of the National History Day (NHD) contest in College Park, MD on June, 11, 2018. The six students took top honors in their categories at the state NHD contest that was held at Ohio Wesleyan University on 21 April 2016. The students were accompanied by teachers Ms. Mona Al-Hayani, Mr. Zach Shepler and Mr. Randy Nissen and Toledo Early College principal Karen Berman.

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Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund Presents Raise the Cap

By Bernadette Joy Graham, MA, LPC, NCC

Certified Grief Recovery Specialist

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund (NOSF) will be hosting its sixth annual Raise The Cap event on Thursday, June 7 at Fifth Third Field. Thanks to this year's Grand Slam Sponsors **Morgan Stanley and LaValley, LaValley, Todak & Schaefer** guests can plan on a fun evening with Toledo's favorite Mud Hens as they take on the Buffalo Bisons. The event will be held in The Roost, on the 3rd floor of the stadium that overlooks the field. Tickets are \$55 and include dinner and a reserved seat. To make a reservation click on <https://tinyurl.com/RTC06072018>, call (419) 720-7048 or visit www.nosf.org.

Proceeds for this annual event help children in the Northwest Ohio community receive an education that best meets their needs which includes private education or homeschooling. Raise the Cap helps make private education affordable for parents in need by raising funds for NOSF. NOSF provides scholarships for students in 19 counties across Northwest Ohio including Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot counties.

Longtime sponsor and Event Chair Jan Tidd said of Raise the Cap, "Arrow Print and Copy has been a proud supporter for many years of this fundraiser. I feel that the scholarships they provide help our youth excel in school. Education is the key to our children's future and Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund provides a fun-filled evening of dinner and a ball game to help raise funds to further their cause."

NOSF has assisted parents since 1999 in providing private education or

homeschooling for their children through need-based scholarships. This coming school year NOSF will be celebrating its 20th year of awarding scholarships. Over 14,700 students have received \$12.6 million in scholarships. NOSF Alumni have a 100% high school graduation rate. The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund is part of the Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) national network of scholarship granting organizations. CSF and its partner programs are committed to empowering families in need with the ability to choose the K-8 schools that best meet their children's needs, regardless of their ability to pay or where they live.

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parents and chapter members.

This year's Recognition Committee members are Tiffany Bailey, Tia Daniels, Kaylene Miller, NaTasha Baker and Shannon Tisdale.

The seniors honored for their academic achievements are: Bowsher students – Deavion Archie, Tykienna Williams Barnes, Tavia Brooks, Telayah Hughes, Alaysha McCoy, Alesandria Parkar, Marnique Swift, Brea Webb; Notre Dame Academy students – Victoria Douglas, Marissa Dzotsi, Rylee Harper, Ahniya Jones, Evangeline Obeng, Jasmine Frelin; Rogers students – Myia McLeod, Janae' Scott, Lauren Smith, Kierra Williams, Veshante Wynn; Start Students – Ayiana Byrd, Tatiyana Haythorne; Sylvania Southview student – Jada Douglas; Toledo Early College students – Alanna Copeland, VyJet' Derden, Keyara Edwards, Caprice Frazier, Marcella Knowles; Toledo School for the Arts students – Leah Brock, Courtney Draper, Terri Draper, Jada Harris, India Hart, Myan Hudson, Cerenity Reaves, Danielle Thomas; Toledo Technology Academy students – Kierra Grant, Sheraia Smith



NaTasha Baker, Shannon Tisdale, Angela Siner, Tiffany Triplett, Tia Daniels, Kaylene Miller

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Every freshman and sophomore at Early College is required to create an NHD project; entering the contest is optional. Project categories include exhibits, websites, documentaries and performances. One hundred-twenty students represented the school at the regional contest at BGSU in April where 33 qualified for the state contest.

Cassidy McClellan and Ahmed Feruzi created a website entitled Combahee River Collective: Advocating for Black Women's Rights

Grace Mulinix and Stephanie Barnes worked together on a Group Performance titled A Nuclear Decision: Choosing to Drop the Atomic Bombs.

Sarah Sahmarani and DeNaijia Wesley created Individual performances titled respectively Freedom Summer: A Season of Conflict and The Conflict and Compromise of the Trailblazing Black 14 in 1969

"National History Day is the centerpiece of our humanities curriculum. The process teaches a myriad of research and presentation skills. I am a true believer in NHD", said Randy Nissen, social studies teacher. "History has always been a passion of mine along with theatre so to do a performance about history is an absolute dream come true", said Grace Mulinix. "Not only did it push me to new limits as a performer but as a historian and it let me understand more about the human condition."

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Weekly News From Toledo Public Schools

TPS Announces New Direction for Jones Leadership Academy

Toledo Public Schools announced that Jones Leadership Academy will now be Jones Leadership Academy of Business.

Jones, which will graduate its inaugural graduating class in just a few weeks, will now have a Career Technology focus on business in an effort to ensure that students are prepared for college and 21st century careers after high school. Confirmed guests include:

Natural Science Technology Center Hosts Plant Sale

Spring is here, which means flowers and plants are in bloom. Find the perfect addition to your home or office at NSTC's annual plant sale. All plants are grown using organic practices and all native plants are locally grown. In addition to plants, herbs and vegetables will be available for purchase and there will be school tours to see the small farm animals and mini-zoo.

When: May 10-13, Natural Science Technology Center, 5561 Elmer Drive

Thursday May 10, TPS ID required from 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
 Friday, May 11, 12:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
 Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Sunday, May 13, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

NFL/LISC Grassroots Program and Cleveland Browns Grant \$250,000 for Start High School

Toledo Public Schools will install a new synthetic turf field at Start High School, thanks in part to a \$250,000 grant from the Cleveland Browns through the National Football League Foundation Grassroots Program. The grant from the Browns, the NFL Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is part of more than \$3 million in field refurbishment awards allocated this year.

To celebrate the project, TPS, the Browns, the NFL, and LISC will host a groundbreaking ceremony at Start at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10.

Through Browns Give Back, the Cleveland Browns are committed to assisting the development, safety and growth of youth and high school football in Ohio with year-round programming for players, coaches, officials and parents. Through camps, clinics and other initiatives, the Browns' goal is to promote healthy, social, emotional, intellectual and physical development of youth by enhancing opportunities for youth football participation and education.

The NFL Foundation/LISC Grassroots Program, a partnership between the NFL Foundation and LISC, the nation's leading community development support organization, has committed nearly \$46 million to the program since 1998, supporting 336 projects nationwide. Fields are

newly built or significantly renovated, with improvements including irrigation systems, lights, bleachers, scoreboards, goal posts and turf. Grassroots grants are issued once established funding thresholds are reached for each project.

TPS Hosting Special Olympics

The Special Olympics competition will be held on Friday, May 11, at Woodward High School. This is the fifth year that Toledo Public Schools is hosting this special competition. There will be a full roster of track and field events, as well as an opening ceremony that will feature an honor guard as well as awards ceremonies for each event.

The second day of competition will be on Friday, May 18, at Rogers High School. TPS students can start training for Special Olympics as kindergartners and those ages 8 and older

are eligible to compete in as many sports as they train for. There will be an opening ceremony with the Parade of Athletes at 9:00 a.m., followed by track events for both female and male athletes, lunch, and then field events for both male and female athletes and finally, relay events.

The Cotillion Escort Workshop

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The NANBPWC -Toledo Club felt a need to offer their escorts for the Debutante Cotillion a special workshop entitled "Being a Gentleman." This workshop was led by Ward Barnett, EdD, principal of Jones Leadership Academy of Business on Wednesday, April 25 at Keyser Elementary School at 6:00.

Barnett is committed to educating urban youth. He believes that a school can change a community having seen education impact the trajectory of urban youth. Barnett has been a teacher and administrator for almost 20 years in Columbus, Cleveland and Toledo.

The 27 Cotillion escorts from Toledo and surrounding areas participated in this workshop took notes, brainstormed on ideas, talked about proper behavior, expectations, shared thoughts, etc.

There are so many reasons young males don't get the opportunity to have another male figure to talk to about the proper way to react, behave, and be the gentleman. That is a big problem because it affects both men and women

in any relationship, whether it is friendship, couples, or a person you've never met before who opens doors, is polite, courteous, or just being helpful.

Some of the escorts replied, when asked how they felt about the workshop, said it was much needed, knowledge and interesting.

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On Saturday, April 28, organizer Donnetta Carter brought together over 50 business owners and health agencies to hold the 7th Annual Business and Health Expo at the Stephenson-Roberts Fellowship Hall at Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church.

Over 500 visitors turned out for the event to sample the wares and to take advantage of the free health screenings provided by Mercy Health.

This year's corporate sponsors included Toledo Family Pharmacy, Woodforest National Bank, Area Office on Aging, Buckeye Health Plan, The Sojourner's Truth, Tyrell L. Betts Productions, OMG Productions – Tracy Roberts, Paramount, the Toledo Visitors & Convention Bureau and Adventurous Travels.



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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

You are a pretty super kid.

Mom and Dad say that all the time because you're kind, smart, and you always like to help others when they need an extra hand. Even so, there are times when you might help too much and in the new book *The Adventures of Wrong Man and Power Girl!* by C. Alexander London, illustrated by Frank Morrison, mistakes happen.

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When the worst thing you can possibly imagine occurs, what do you do? Who do you call when you need a hero to fix a bad situation? Young Janice hollers for a superhero she knows quite well, and Wrong Man comes to the rescue!

Or, well, he sort of rescues a little bit. Mostly he does the wrong thing, like bringing stinky cheese to a disaster site. Fortunately, Janice has seen this before and she "knows what to do" so she calls 9-1-1, and asks for help.

Sometimes, disasters can happen back-to-back. In a flash, Wrong Man is on the scene with his dance moves but the truth is that you can't catch crooks by waving your arms or shuffling your feet, so Janice calls 9-1-1 again. There's just no doubt about it: Wrong Man can be a clumsy fool with inappropriate solutions and bad judgment, and he really has a knack for making a mess, causing big problems to get even bigger.

Even so, Janice knows that he's only trying to help!

And so is she. People sometimes try to avoid Wrong Man, but they're

always happy to see Janice – also known as Power Girl – because they know that Power Girl is a very smart superhero who does what's needed. Of course, she still loves Wrong Man very much, even when he messes up, and she's always glad when he's around. There are days when Power Girl is powerless, disasters get out of hand, and sometimes "Even Wrong Man is right...."

The world is full of scary things, no matter how old you are. Think about that – and then remember that it's harder when you're five years old. Now imagine the most perfect superhero you can – and then read about him in *The Adventures of Wrong Man and Power Girl!*

For your child, this book speaks to the part of her that needs a hero, not just when disaster occurs but every day of the year. Fortunately, as author C. Alexander London shows with a delightful sense of humor, kids don't have to look far to find that super person in their lives. Young Janice, furthermore, shows kids that resourcefulness is important, too, and that quick-thinking can also save the day.

Now, here's the bonus: as an adult, this book will appeal to the child in you because its illustrations by Frank Morrison are old-school comic-book style, but with a modern feel to the artwork. Read this book for your 3-to-7-year-old and see if it doesn't take you back a few years. Read it, because *The Adventures of Wrong Man and Power Girl!* is pretty super.

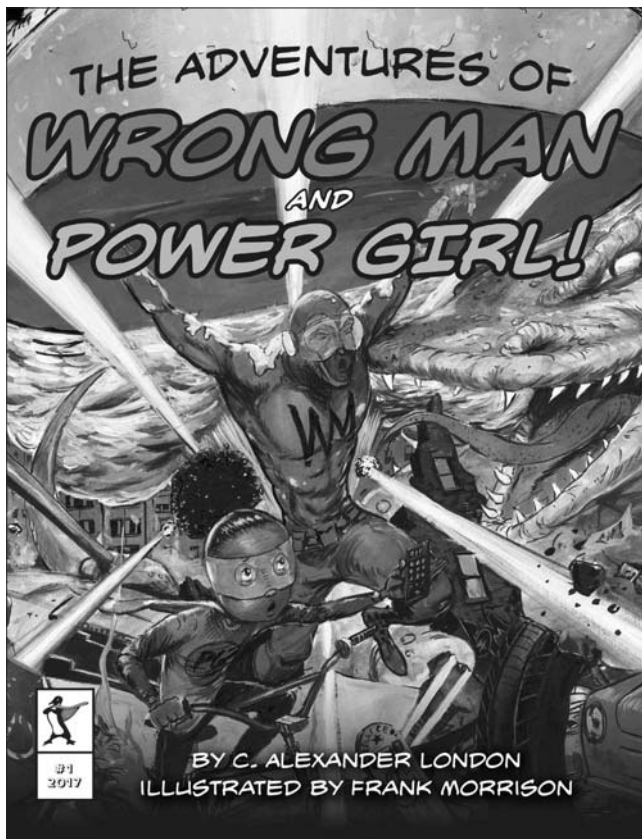
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Proceeds fund Bethany House's long-term apartment-style domestic violence shelter and specialized advocacy efforts which give survivors the safety, time, and resources they need to begin recovering from the trauma of abuse - all free of charge.

Last year Bethany House sheltered 27 households, including 58 children. The average length of stay was 12 months, empowering survivors to not only physically and emotionally begin to heal, but also to get on their feet financially.

Real Seafood Company and Zia's managers said that the Bethany House Celebrity Wait Night is now the largest that they host.

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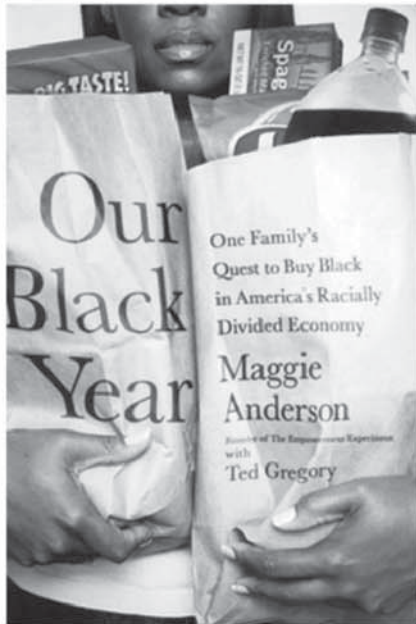
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Please note that there will be a pre-bid meeting for this project for all prospective bidders on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Banquet Room in the Toledo Express Airport terminal building, 11031 Airport Highway, Swanton, OH 43558. Attendance is suggested, but not necessary. Please submit all questions to the Port Authority, Tina Perkins at Projects@toledoport.org by Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 10 AM local time. Attendance is suggested, but not necessary. Additional information can be found at www.toledoport.org

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No bids will be accepted after **3:00 p.m., May 24, 2018**; bids that are submitted via any method other than that described in the RFQ will not be accepted.

The Request for Qualifications will be available on **May 9, 2018**. It will be available in the Lucas County PlanetBids system for potential bidders to download by going to the site: <http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx>.

An electronic Question & Answer period (Q&A) will be from May 9, 2018 to May 16, 2018. **PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL, BUT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.** Questions for the Q&A must be submitted in writing via PlanetBids. The posting of the Q&A will be on May 18, 2018. If any changes are made to the RFQ as a result of the Q&A, an addendum to the RFQ will be posted in PlanetBids at the website address (noted above).

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To the greatest extent practicable, the commission will be comprised of members who represent the racial and ethnic diversity of the men and women of Toledo, and who have demonstrated in their words and actions a sensitivity to the need to end discrimination and ensure equal opportunity for all. In order to ensure representation of a broad range of community perspectives, the commission will include one labor representative, one religious affiliation representative, one education representative, one business or economic development representative, one youth representative, one member of the legal community, one neighborhood representative, one LGBT representative, and five at-large appointments. The at-large appointments include the four members and the board chairman who make up an executive committee.

Its mission states: The Human Relations Commission shall endeavor to support a safe, energetic, and livable city. The commission will support residents working to overcome prejudice and build mutual respect. Anyone interested should submit a resume and a letter of interest to the Mayor's office at mayor@toledo.oh.gov.

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Bethany House Raises \$35,000 at Annual Event

Toledo - Nearly 50 "Celebrity" waiters invited their guests to the Bethany House 9th Annual Celebrity Wait Night on Monday April 23, 2018, at the Real Seafood and Zia's. Over 500 people attended the event which raised over \$35,000 for Bethany House.

Bethany House Board of Trustee and Event Chairman MJ Stewart said, "It's exciting to see the diversity of our guests growing year to year! We are so grateful to our waiters, guests and the community for their support."

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