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*Toledo Fire and Rescue Department Hails the New Chief*



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# The Movement Brings State Democratic Candidates to Toledo to Fire up GOTV Effort

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

The Movement was on the move this past Sunday at Hydromatic Park as upwards of 200 of the faithful turned out to hear statewide Democratic Party candidates preach their message of the all important impact of the vote in this non-presidential election year. That message from each of the candidates was loud and clear – change is possible if the faithful vote and if they bring along others with them to the polls.

Sunday's event was organized by Tina Butts, the Democratic Party's Northwest Ohio Minority Coordinator, along with help from her vast network of friends, most particularly attorney Rick Mitchell and State Rep. Michael Ashford.

The event opened with a welcome from Valarie Robinson and an invocation by Bishop Randall Parker. Then came the speakers – local notables: Ashford; Mitchell; Robin Reese, executive director of Lucas County Children Services; Judge Myron Duhart; David Fleetwood, business manager of Laborers Local 500; Lucas County Commissioner Pete Gerken. The statewide speakers were Betty Sutton, candidate for lieutenant governor; Zack Space, candidate for Auditor; Rob Richardson, candidate for Treasurer and Judge Melody Stewart, who is running for justice on the state Supreme Court.

"We got to make this happen, in a big way," said Butts of her group's goal of getting out the vote in numbers that will approach the turnout of a presidential election year. "We're going to be committed to doing some work."

"This is a critical lesson," said Reese during her opening remarks as she urged the crowd not to take anything for granted about the possible turnout. "Ohio is the epicenter for the heroin and opioid crisis," she said. "Ohio is the leading state for infant mortality." Reese told the crowd that Ohio is the 50th state in the nation for its contributions to child protection. "If you



Rob Richardson, Tina Butts, Michael Ashford, Zack Space



Kurt Young, Betty Sutton, Tina Butts



Celeste Smith and Suzette Cowell

double it, we would still be the 50th state." Children Services depends on ballot levy initiatives for funds to operate.

"If we don't vote, we die," said Gerken who spoke to the fact that urban areas have been gerrymandered to a position of lesser importance during

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## Community Calendar

### August 6, 13, 20, 27

Awareness Program: "Families to Families, Their Life ... Our Dreams;" Mondays – 6 to 8 pm; Kent Branch Library; For adult family members who have loved ones with substance abuse issues – learn about the trends in relationships between gangs, drugs and addiction: 419-213-6582

### August 11

Youth Explosion: First Church of God; 11:30 am to 2 pm; Food, music, giveaways; Bring your own chair: 419-843-1434 or 419-255-0077

### August 14

Talk Back with Candidate Paula Hicks-Hudson: 6 – 7:30 pm; Friendship Baptist Church; Want to know what state government does for you? Want to learn how the state House of Representatives serves you? Want to give your input on issues that are important to you and your family?

### August 16

Art Loop – "Dog Days of Summer + Cats"

### August 20

Toledo Public Schools First Day of the 2018-2019 School Year

### August 21

Talk Back with Candidate Paula Hicks-Hudson: 6 – 7:30 pm; United Vision Baptist Church; Want to know what state government does for you? Want to learn how the state House of Representatives serves you? Want to give your input on issues that are important to you and your family?

### August 25

Pilgrim Church's Annual Parking Lot Party: 6 to 8 pm; Food, live musical entertainment, games: 419-478-6012

### September 3

Labor Day Parade!

### September 11

Talk Back with Candidate Paula Hicks-Hudson: 6 – 7:30 pm; New Psalmist Church; Want to know what state government does for you? Want to learn how the state House of Representatives serves you? Want to give your input on issues that are important to you and your family?

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# Chief Brian Byrd Takes the Reins of the Fire and Rescue Department

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Battalion Chief Brian Byrd and his family were on the verge of announcing his retirement at the end of the year and move to Louisiana when he got the call from Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz asking the 31-year Toledo Fire Department veteran to postpone those plans, stay in Toledo a little longer and lead the department he has devoted his adult life to.

"I'm blessed to be handed the reins to a fire department that is the best in the country in my opinion," said Toledo Fire and Rescue Department Chief Byrd after he was sworn into his new job on Friday August 3 in the One Government Center City Council Chambers before an overflow and raucous audience of Safety Department employees, family members, city employees and department friends. Frequent standing ovations punctuated the ceremony as those in the room celebrated the transition.

The mayor opened the ceremony by announcing that "this is a celebration of two gentlemen." The outgoing Chief Louis Santiago, observed Kapszukiewicz, had joined the fire department when he was only 21 years old and "has known nothing in his adult life other than serving the citizens as a firefighter."

"I have learned lessons from you I will carry the rest of my life," said the mayor of his relationship with the outgoing chief and due to Santiago's conscientiousness "we have had the most professional transition I could have imagined," added Kapszukiewicz.

As for the incoming chief, "I have always been impressed by his skills, demeanor and community involvement. He will lead the department into the future with a spirit of innovation, fairness, vision and energy," said the mayor.

In his parting words for his successor, Chief Santiago said: "You have a department that is full of talented and dedicated people, just allow that talent to be on full display every day and I think you will be OK."

The incoming chief joined the department in 1988 and was promoted to lieutenant in 1992. In that position he earned certification as a nationally-registered EMT-paramedic from the Northwest Ohio Paramedic Training Program. He was promoted to captain in 1997 and battalion chief in 2000.

He served as battalion chief for seven years before being promoted to deputy chief, a position he filled for nine years before voluntarily taking a demotion back to battalion chief – to be on the line.

A Toledo native, Byrd is a graduate of St. John's Jesuit and attended Penn State, the University of Toledo, Owens Community College and the National Fire Academy.

"The service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth," said the newly-minted chief quoting Muhammad Ali in his remarks after being sworn in. He promised to pay the rent and thanked his family – wife Pamela, sons Brian and Brady – his colleagues and the public for their support.

"I accept the responsibility to lead this department."



Chief Byrd and Councilwoman Cecelia Adams, PhD.JPG



The chief's family helps re-arrange the new uniform insignia



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Republican rule of the last eight years. "Our votes are being taken away from us."

Then came Space, who noted that he is running for Auditor because "our democracy is not working anymore" and for three reasons, he said. First, the money in the system influences policy matters disproportionately; second, the way Republicans have carved the state up "we are disenfranchised;" third, "people aren't voting."

Ashford spoke next and put on a bravura performance about the loss of influence on important issues when voting falls off during non-presidential elections. Ashford asked 10 people who voted in both President Obama victory years to join him up front and as he ticked off the loses on issues important to most Democrats - college tuition, Obamacare, public education lack of funding, public safety, jobs/jobs/jobs. As he ticked of each loss, he had someone of the 10 sit until there were only three left - demonstrating the lack of voter influence since the Obama victories.

The day's keynote speaker was Sutton. "If you don't have a seat at the table, you're on the menu," she said of the problem of being out of political power. "We have to send a message to America about who we are and who we stand up for," she said. "Everything is on the ballot, we have to do every single thing we can; we all have to do our part."

"The civil rights of this generation is economic development," said Lucas County Court Judge Duhart as he began making the case for know how to vote for judges down the ticket. "Make sure you go all the way down the ticket."

Duhart also urged the audience members to take more time out of their schedules to inform themselves about the choices for judge. "Before you go to vote, do your homework."

If Stewart prevails in her race for Supreme Court Justice, she will be the very first African-American woman to serve on that bench. "I'm running for two reasons," she told the crowd. "I'm running to help bring some balance to the Court - we do need some reform."

Currently all the justices of the Ohio Supreme Court are Republican but Stewart noted that if she wins, there are things even a sole Democrat can place on the record to start the process of re-establishing balance. "Our

voices are in the room," she said.

Stewart made a point of the reforms necessary to the criminal justice system and the high rate of incarceration and the long period of incarceration that plague communities currently.

"The majority of our brothers and sisters are going to get out of incarceration," she said, and it is important that they have the ability to re-adjust to society or re-criminalization is inevitable.

The second reason Stewart said she is running is to "to bring a high level of public service to the Court"; I'm not doing this for me, I'm doing this for us."

Fleetwood lit up the crowd even more with his impassioned plea to vote. "We ought to be sick and tire of being sick and tired," he said of the process that has left Democrats out in the cold for so long in Ohio. He noted a big difference this year in the quality of Democratic candidates, however. "We've got the candidates but they can't get over the finish line if we don't vote; we have to do a little more than what we normally do. Voting is like fighting for your own breath."

There are things a treasurer can do to have an impact on the quality of life for the state's residents and Richardson, the last speaker, emphasized that once he is elected he plans to take on the cause for-profit prisons and for-profit charter schools, neither of which performs any beneficial service for Ohio citizens he said.

"I'm going to work every day to hold the powers that be accountable," said Richardson. "We need people who are going to fight for us but I can't do it without your vote. We are going to have to save ourselves; we are going to have to work harder than we ever have before."

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State Treasurer candidate Rob Richardson, Jr



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# NAACP Will Take the Time to Get the Facts Straight

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

On Tuesday, July 31 the NAACP Toledo Chapter held a press conference at the Mott Branch Library to emphasize the group's determination to avoid rushing headlong into controversial situations without knowing all the facts first.

Referring specifically to the fatal police shooting of the previous weekend, Ray Wood, chapter president, noted that the suppositions in that incident came out well before the facts. The deceased, Lamar Richardson, who was being followed by officers of the Toledo Police Department because he was suspect in the string of convenience store robberies, was shot in north Toledo after he was seen with a firearm according to video released by the TPD hours after the shooting. However, reports came out prematurely that it was an unarmed teenager who had been shot in the back by the police.

The Richardson shooting, noted Micheal Alexander, local chapter vice president, was the third in a series of high-profile incidents in recent weeks, including the Ryn Douglas-Reed traffic stop that appeared on social media and the racist graffiti spray painted on a house.

"We appreciate the transparency of the administration," Alexander said of Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz and the manner in which he has reached out to the NAACP and other African-American leaders, especially after the most recent incident.

"I think we would hope people would take time and exhale," said Wood, "make sure we know what we are talking about and be part of the solution and not the problem."



*NAACP's Ray Wood and chapter officers*

# Toledo Alliance for Social Justice Wants to Stir the Pot

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

Taking issue with the Toledo Police Department and its history with the black community, with the current police leadership and the way the recent shooting was handled and even with the NAACP and how it interacts with the city administration, the Toledo Alliance for Social Justice held a press conference on Thursday, August 2 in front of the Safety Building to announce that they lack trust in what the TPD reports and set out a list of demands.

"We have a social responsibility to do the right thing," said Sir Maejor Page speaking for the group and making clear that the purpose of the gathering and future actions the group will be taking is "to send a message."

Page listed the actions taken by the group the night before to gain the attention of the community, the TPD and the mayor's office. The Alliance held a rally, went to Old Orchard Elementary School and on to Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz's home.

The group contended that the recent actions were not just a reflection of the recent shooting in north Toledo on Friday, July 27 during which Lamar Richardson was shot to death by Toledo police officers.

"We are not here to take an official position," said Page. "But we have made some judgment calls based on what was presented. How can the [police] chief launch an investigation when you've already cleared the officers?"

"The Toledo police have made a claim the Mr. Richardson was a suspect in four robberies; he was allegedly a suspect in four robberies; allegedly he stole a vehicle; then he allegedly was on a bike ... it can be a life or death situation when being chased by the police," Page continued. "The Toledo Police Department has given everyone in this community a reason not to

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# Sen. Brown's Remarks at National Urban League Conference

Last week, U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) delivered the following speech at the National Urban League Conference's Education Plenary in Columbus, Ohio.

Sen. Brown's remarks, as prepared for delivery, follow:

To those of you not fortunate enough to be from Ohio, welcome to Columbus. I'm thrilled you've brought this conference to our great state.

Thank you to President Drake and Councilmember Hardin for being here and for being outstanding hosts this week, and for the great work they're doing in our city.

The Urban League has a proud history and a strong presence in Columbus and throughout Ohio. Stephanie Hightower is doing great things here in Columbus, and my friend and neighbor, Marsha Mockabee, leads our Cleveland chapter.

All of your work is so important, particularly now.

It's disheartening that in the United States of America, in the year 2018, there is still a need to defend the affirmation that black lives matter.

Too many young black children are being taught by society that they must put their hands up when they see police, instead of encouraged to raise their hands in the classroom.

When we say "black lives matter," we acknowledge the fact that special attention must be paid to the disparities between black men and women and their white counterparts, and the racism that deepens these disparities – in everything from housing to health care; from access to credit to job opportunities to criminal justice, and so much more – including, of course, education.

And we're committing ourselves to fighting those disparities.

Let me tell you story:

A few years ago I was at a MLK Day breakfast on a cold, snowy morning in Cleveland. One of the speakers said, "Your life expectancy is connected to your

zip code."

That's something many of you know all too well in your work, but that we as a society don't think enough about.

Whether you grew up in Hilliard or Hilltop, the east side of Cleveland or Appalachia – your zip code often determines whether you have access to health care, to quality housing, to broadband, and to all the social supports necessary to succeed.

And more than anything else, it determines whether you have access to quality education.

Education is a basic human right for every child.

For too long in this country, we haven't lived up to that responsibility.

Ohio has been ground zero for the fight to invest in all schools, in all neighborhoods that serve all our students.

In Ohio, too many for-profit schools are denying students a quality education and stealing our tax dollars – tax dollars that should be going to educate Ohio kids in public schools and public charters that have record of success.

For-profit charters didn't come out of nowhere – they're a product of a decades-long campaign to undermine public education in this country.

Civil rights groups like the Urban League have fought for the right to a quality education for decades.

Generations of activists have waged battles in local school districts and state capitols and in Washington, because they all understood that public education is one of the greatest tools we have in this country to provide equal opportunity to every child.

But instead, we have a Secretary of Education waging an all-out assault on public education.

This administration's budget took a hatchet to the Department of Education, including proposals to eliminate federal funding for before and after school programs and professional development for teachers.

And it's not just funding cuts. It's attacks on teachers, and plans to roll back school discipline guidance meant to protect students of color and students with disabilities.

It's a higher education agenda that will make it harder for Americans who don't come from privileged backgrounds to access the college education they need to succeed.

And children don't go to school in a vacuum. Attempts to gut Medicaid and slash nutrition programs affect education. Kids can't learn when they're hungry, or when they're sick and their parents can't afford insurance.

That's why your activism matters.

We can't be discouraged.

I am horrified by what we see coming out of the Department of Education in Washington, but I'm encouraged when I look around Ohio.

Cincinnati is pioneering an innovative wraparound service model with its full-service community schools. And I'm introducing legislation soon to use these schools' success as a national model and expand them around the state and the country.

Ohio's flagship universities are training a new generation of teachers to educate students of all backgrounds.

I'm proud Ohio is home to two HBCUs – Wilberforce and Central State University. I'm member of the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus and fought to make sure Central State University and the other 18 1890 land grant universities got a \$6 million increase in funding in the Senate appropriations bill we passed earlier this week.

Our office is partnering with OSU and communities around Ohio to expand President Obama's My Brother's Keeper mentorship program and make Ohio a national leader.

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Sen. Sherrod Brown

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# Ashford's Bipartisan Predatory Lending Reform Bill to Become Law

*House Bill 123 signed by Kasich*

State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo), a joint sponsor of House Bill 123, today issued the following statement in response to Gov. Kasich's signing of the bill to crack down on predatory short-term lenders in Ohio: "After years of discussions, false starts and negotiations, I am proud that predatory lending reform today is becoming a reality for the consumers and families of Ohio. For the last decade, predatory lenders have exploited a loophole in Ohio law and taken advantage of consumers by charging some of the most outrageous and unfair interest rates and fees in the nation. "Our bipartisan reforms in House Bill 123 will ensure Ohioans can still access short term loans, but in a way that's honest, open and fair to working families and consumers in this state. I applaud Governor Kasich for his swift signature of this badly needed legislation, and I look forward to the positive outcomes this effort will have for generations to come."

# The 3 Basketball Presents; The Open Run II - Community Back To School Jump Off

The 3 Basketball League's Open Run II is scheduled for Sunday August 19 at 2pm at Winterfield Venture Academy. The League will consist of eight teams holding six spots each. The 3's goal is to find the best basketball players for the inaugural The 3 Basketball League season. According to The 3 Basketball League organizers, the Open Run II - Community Back To School Jump Off will be free and open to the public. It hold a mini 3 on 3 tournament for prospective players to showcase their talents and

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We know the road ahead is long and winding when it comes to making sure there's no ceiling on success for all Americans. That is why your work is so important. Your voice, your stories, your activism, all make a difference. Let me close with a story from my friend John Lewis. John is a hero to so many of us, and he and I were both co-chairs of the Congressional delegation to Selma in 2015, to mark the 50th anniversary of the march for voting rights, across the Edmund Pettis bridge. On the plane to Selma, he told me a story he had told the year before, when he gave the commencement address at Ole Miss. John grew up on chicken farm in a little town called Troy, Alabama. John said, as a child I saw those signs that said 'white men,' 'colored men,' 'white women,' 'colored women,' 'white waiting,' 'colored waiting.' I would come home and ask my mother, my father, my grandparents, my great-grandparents, 'Why?' They would say: 'That's the way it is. Don't get in the way. Don't ask questions. Don't make trouble.' Then in 1957, at the age of 17, I met Rosa Parks. In 1958, at the age of 18, I met Martin Luther King Jr., and they said no, John. Ask questions, get in the way, make trouble. That's what all of you do – you challenge the status quo, you go up against powerful special interests, and you make good, necessary trouble. That's how we change the country.

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Butts and her volunteers with The Movement will be organizing voter registration drives in the next several weeks in the city's parks and in LMHA housing complexes. "We are trying to hit all the areas where we need to engage people," says Butts. And when the election days start with early voting, she will be focusing on getting those registered to the polls.



Councilwoman Yvonne Harper and Judge Melody Stewart



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Toledo Chapter representatives Kelli Winston (left), Angeli-ta Cruz Bridges (3rd from left) and Dionne "Dee" Dolsey (far right) present Wayman D. Palmer Community YMCA executive director Eric Williams (2nd from left) a check for \$ 1,345.00 that will be used for additional educational

# Speakers Reach out to UT MESP Students

On Friday, July 20, 2018, speakers Jeremy Holloway and Victor J. Coleman Jr. shared their story with over 30 students from the Multicultural Emerging Scholars Program at UT. The speakers spoke about casting vision for success in their future academic and long-term career goal. Holloway and Coleman shared about building support groups, casting out vision for their lives, and becoming focused on using words that support a clear outcome for achievement in their academics. Each student also created their own personal Vision Board as a tool to help their pursue and achieve their desired goals.

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# The Ninth Annual Scott Alumni Weekend!

A time to celebrate with family, friends, classmates and BULLDOGS from all over the world! This will be a three-day event starting with.....

FRIDAY AUG 10: Decade Meet & Greet (various venues)

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2: Alumni Picnic, this is a B.Y.O.P event at Detwiler Park from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., kicked off with Church Service with Pastor Tony Thomas of St. Stephens.

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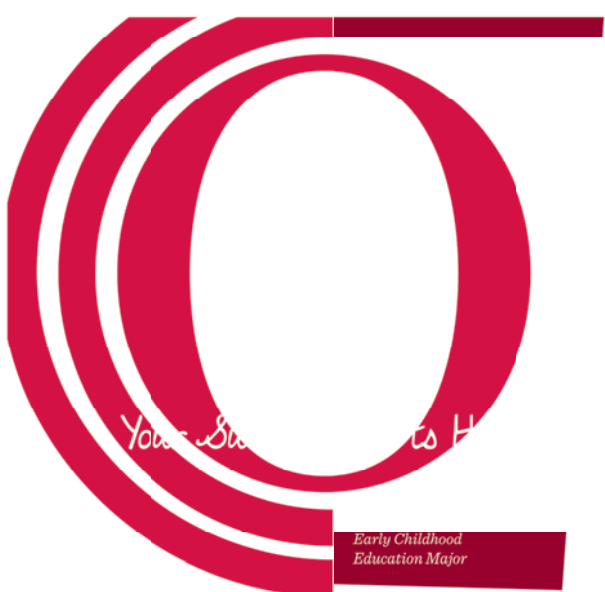
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# Hondros College Nurses

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Victor J. Coleman Jr. is a public speaker, community organizer, who enjoys helping youth build up their futures to great achievements. Jeremy Holloway is a public speaker and UT PhD Candidate in Education.

The MESP program is a six-week bridge summer program, in which students engage in academic and social enrichment activities, explore and, enjoy resources on the UT campus and in the local community, and meet with UT faculty and college administrators in a relaxed environment. For more information on MESP visit their website at <http://www.utoledo.edu/diversity/mesp/summer-bridge-living-learning-community.html>



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## Brown Amendment Will Help Historically Black Colleges and Universities like Central State University get Additional Funds for Agricultural Programs and Research

*Brown Secured Amendment in Senate Appropriations Bill that is Set to Pass this Week*

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U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) secured an amendment to increase funding for agriculture research at Central State University and other his-

torically black Land-Grant colleges established in 1890. Brown secured the amendment in the Senate Appropriations bill to appropriate funds for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The amendment increases funding made available to 1890 Land-Grant colleges through the Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 by \$6 million. The final Senate Appropriations bill is expected to pass.

"It's important that historically black colleges and universities like Central State University have the resources they need to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to advance their careers," Brown said. "This amendment builds on our work to ensure 1890 Land Grant institutions have the resources they need to prepare students for the future."

Brown's amendment builds upon his work in the Senate Farm Bill to ensure Central State University receives additional USDA funds that it was previously denied. For more than 100 years, Central State University was denied 1890 Land-Grant status, meaning it was ineligible for funding from the USDA for its innovative scientific research. In 2014, Brown along with Reps. Fudge and Beatty, helped correct that injustice in the last Farm Bill by ensuring Central State received land-grant status.

Brown has also been fighting to ensure Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) like Central State University are able to expand their research capacity and outreach in this year's Farm Bill. Brown secured an amendment in the Senate Agriculture Committee, of which he is a member, to create six Centers of Excellence and Leadership on campuses like Central State. Brown's amendment was based on the bipartisan REAL Opportunity Act, which was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC) and Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO).

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## Helping Hands of St. Louis Holds 5th Annual Shoe Fest

*Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, 9 a.m. to Noon*

Upwards of 50 volunteers will spend the morning at Helping Hands of St. Louis, 443 Sixth St., Toledo, OH, washing children's feet and

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# New STEAM Books to Inspire Learning and Creativity

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Keep the excitement of the new school year going by finding fun ways to encourage learning at home.

Consider introducing interactive and engaging books into your household that make STEAM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) more accessible.

Whether your children are reluctant readers or learning enthusiasts, these books will entertain budding scientists and inspire kids to make things and be creative.

### Backyard Laboratory

Go on a journey of discovery in your backyard with *Maker Lab: Outdoors*, which offers 25 science projects and experiments that can be done outside, helping kids develop science skills through hands-on learning.

Projects focus on Earth and the environment, plants, animals, weather, water and physics. Young scientists can build a wormery and learn about compost, crack rocks with water and learn about freezing and thawing, build and launch a water rocket to see Newton's laws in action, and more. Photography and succinct step-by-step instructions make this a must-have for every young maker curious about his or her surroundings.

Science Fiction Meets Fact

Ever wanted to move things without touching them, like a Jedi? Or grow a kyber crystal? Now that's possible with *Star Wars Maker Lab*, a book which teaches aspiring Padawans how to become science masters through 20 projects -- from making Jabba's gooey slime to making a glowing Gungan Globe of Peace. Fact-filled panels explain real-world scientific principles as well as the "Star Wars" science fiction from the movies.

### Robot History

From automata created by Leonardo Da Vinci to modern-day androids and animal robots, *Robot* covers artificial intelligence (AI) throughout history. Discover cutting edge robotics, where science, technology and mechanical engineering meet. Through bright graphics and stunning photography, learn how robots work, how they're made, and how they help and sometimes hinder society. A thematic approach covers a range of subjects, including the most iconic robots in popular culture and robots in the workforce, as well as the future of robotics.

### For Younger Makers

Young readers will love getting in on the fun with *Junior Maker*, a cool supplement to

classroom learning that encourages hands-on interactivity and play. With clear step-by-step instructions and photos, young children learn about nature, history, wildlife and space through activities, crafts and experiments. Projects include watching a homemade volcano erupt, building a storm in a jar and taking a trip back in time to see how the Roman legionaries conquered their enemies.

### Real-World Inspiration

*How to Be an Engineer*, offers clearly explained engineering concepts, and fun, simple projects, to give kids ages seven to nine the chance to put their STEAM knowledge to the test. Build a robot arm out of rulers; learn about jet propulsion with balloons; crush toilet-paper rolls to explore materials; and more. Read about how engineers use STEAM subjects and their imaginations to think critically and solve problems. Get inspired by engineering heroes such as Nikola Tesla, Mae Jemison, and Elon Musk.

To make STEAM learning fun and fascinating, stock up on books that spark kids' creativity.

Courtesy StatePoint

## Helping Hands... continued from page 10

fitting them with new shoes and socks to get their new school year off on the right foot.

Face painting, balloons, games and children's activities will keep the youngsters occupied as they wait their turn. Helping Hands Clothing Center will host a Sidewalk Clothing Give-Away. The Locke Branch Library will also be represented.

"Each year we've provided new shoes, socks and school supplies to over 400 school-age children," says Sue Shrewsbury, Director of Helping Hands of St. Louis, noting children must be present to be fitted for shoes. Available sizes run Toddler size 10 through Youth size 6. First come, first served. "We focus on East Toledo families, but no child will be turned away, if we have their size shoe."

Various area churches, service groups and businesses are volunteering and many have donated new shoes and socks. Toledo Zoo Teens is the largest volunteer group.

This year, 400 pairs of new shoes were purchased through Samaritan's Feet from \$1,700 raised from local children and friends of Helping Hands of St. Louis and \$4,000 raised by the First Baptist Church in Ottawa, Illinois.

Hannah's Socks donated new socks. School supplies and draw-string bags were donated by Buckeye Health, Herzing University, and friends of Helping Hands of St. Louis. "Books for Buddies" will be passing out new and gently-used books for children. Health

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trust them.”

The group then listed its demands as presented by member Rahwae Shuman. Those demands are

- Mandatory de-escalation of violence
- Mandatory cultural and sensitivity training
- Task force on 21st century policing
- Scrap current police review board and replace with one with teeth and authority
- Get officers out of police cars and patrol neighborhoods on foot
- Stop aggressive policing
- More black police officers
- Strengthen requirements for joining the force
- Screening for mental health issues and racist leanings
- Remove officers who present a liability
- De-militarize the force

In addition to the set list of demands, Page also asked that police officers be required to live in Toledo. “It is insensate to have police officers who don’t live here,” he said. “We want true accountability.”

Then the press conference took a turn and Page addressed the group’s antipathy towards the NAACP. Noting what he termed the NAACP’s willingness to communicate with the city’s leaders, Page denounced the association’s unwillingness to be confrontational.

“The NAACP does not represent black people who have been injured. The NAACP cannot be trusted; they do not represent the community; you cannot fight for justice if you have never seen justice,” he said. “We want to stir the pot.”

Ray Wood, president of the Toledo NAACP, took issue with those comments later. “The NAACP is involved and engaged,” he said. “We are not



*Crystal Echols, Rahwae Shuman, Sir Maejor Page, Laura Smith, Jerel Perry*

going to get out in front of something before we have all the facts, but we are at the table whether they like it or not. We will never be a knee-jerk reaction group. Credibility and trust are hard to establish.”

The Toledo Alliance for Social Justice ended its press conference noting that “we are willing to have a diplomatic conversation with Mayor Wade [Kapszukiewicz].”

*Perfecting Church... continued from page 16*

rently, Perfecting Church Detroit is located at 13220 Greenfield. Bishop Winans covers the Perfecting Church Toledo’s 8:00 a.m. service, then travels to Detroit for their 10:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. services. This Sunday’s celebration marked an occasion because Bishop Winans remained in Toledo for the brunch.

Winans also serves as bishop-elect of Perfecting Fellowship International and oversees sisterhood of churches in the following states and abroad: New York, Texas, Florida, Alabama, London, and South Africa.

The celebration committee included: Shayna Brooks, Shenia Brown, Tra-

cy Gordon, Monica McCain, Marci Moore, Teresa Quinn, Michele Roberts, Joyce Singer, Nicole Wilson and Shelia Willis.



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*3 Basketball... continued from page 7*

skills for the coaches of each team. Registration is free on the league’s website and is open to anyone over the age of that wants to participate.

The Open Run II will also be giving away school supplies to students returning back to school. Supplies are limited and will be given on a first come, first serve basis. There will be 50/50 raffle and a raffle for a Chromebook for one lucky student and/or parent. Food and concessions will also be available at this event.

The season opener will be February 24, 2019. A full schedule can be found on the league website. It consists of 14 games for each team and a 4 team playoff following the season, with the League championship to finalize the 2019 inaugural season.

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# How Sweet the Sound: The Story of Amazing Grace by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Frank Morrison

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

In church, you sing a lot of songs.

Some are just for Sunday School, and you clap when you sing them. Others make you dance right in your seat. And some songs you sing in church are very old and have a quiet, hidden meaning. In *How Sweet the Sound* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Frank Morrison, you'll learn about one song that feels a lot like a prayer.

John Newton was not a very nice man.

He was a brawling sailor, and that was why he was so mean: he had to be tough, and that meant fighting and swearing and hurting people. He'd been doing it for years and he didn't have plans to stop. Toughness was in his blood.

But then, one night, there was a storm and John was at the wheel of the ship as she tossed back and forth on the waves. The rest of the crew was frightened and, truthfully, so was John. He began to think about all the things he'd done in his life. He remembered how much he loved his mother, and he recalled when she died.

Was that when John became a not-so-nice guy? Was that when he started "picking fights" and arguing?

No, John was still nice then. He met Mary, the woman he loved, and they had plans for the future until the Navy nabbed John and forced him to enlist.

Ah, there's where John became a cruel bully. It happened aboard a ship, where he worked hauling humans over the ocean to bring them to slavery. Oh, John suddenly understood – and he began to pray.

He prayed when he bailed water. He prayed as he "plugs leaks." He talked to God while he was at the helm of the ship. He prayed and prayed until the sun peeked over the horizon on wet but peaceful sails. He prayed because the crew still wasn't out of danger and he kept praying until the ship reached land.

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God spared John's life and, in gratitude, John became a preacher and spoke out against slave ships. Then he wrote a song that people of many faiths have leaned on in times of trouble.

You've sung the words countless times. You've heard the song in many places. But did you know the true story of the classic hymn?

Most people haven't, but in *How Sweet the Sound* author Carole Boston Weatherford tells it with couplets more powerful than a storm at sea; indeed, this book is little more than a poem written in descriptive style, but sparsely, which lends more weight to each careful word. The tale itself – that of John Newton – is all true, and that's explained in Weatherford's Author's Note near the back cover. Be sure you read that, too. It makes an extraordinary story even more... *amazing*.

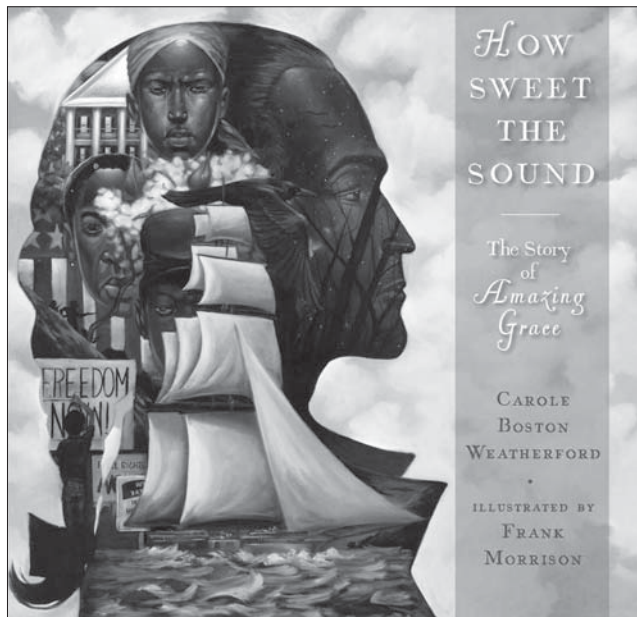
With beautiful artwork by Frank Morrison, this book is great for children ages four to eight and may be a Sunday School winner for kids and adults. *How Sweet the Sound* could make your soul sing.

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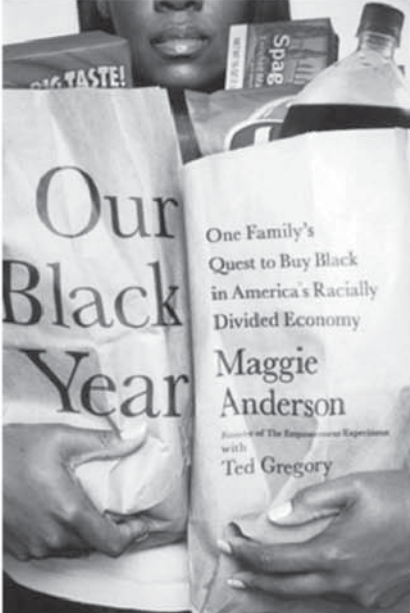
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Qualified candidates must possess current Ohio RN license, CPR and First Aide certification. At least three years of experience in a critical care setting required. Psychiatric nursing experience preferred. Position requires ability to work weekends and alternate shifts at times as needed.

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The city of Toledo (COT) is directed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to notify the general public of the undertakings, activities, and accomplishments completed in and at the close of each Program Year through a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER provides an assessment of the federally funded programs monitored by the COT's Department of Neighborhoods & Business Development: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP), and Lead Hazard Control & Healthy Homes Grant.

The Draft CAPER will be available for public review as of August 28, 2018 at the locations listed below:

1. Department of Neighborhoods & Business Development website: <http://toledo.oh.gov/services/neighborhoods/fiscal-monitoring/reports-information/>
2. One Government Center (Toledo, OH 43604 - corner of Jackson and Erie Streets):
  - Department of Neighborhoods & Business Development (18th Floor)
  - Office of the Mayor (22nd Floor)
  - Clerk of Council (21st Floor)
3. The Fair Housing Center (432 N. Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604)
4. Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (435 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604)
5. Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board (1946 N. 13th Street, Suite 437, Toledo, Ohio 43604)
6. Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (325 Michigan St., Toledo, OH 43604) (available at the Main Branch and by request to all other branches)
- Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities (1154 Larc Lane, Toledo, OH 43614)

A public meeting to present the CAPER is scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2018, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers (One Government Center, 640 Jackson St., Toledo, OH 43604).

Written comments are welcomed through September 13, 2018 by submittal to:

Consolidated Annual Reports  
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# Perfecting Church Toledo Celebrates First Church Anniversary

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Music, singing, and joyful sounds could be heard coming from 5025 Glendale Avenue. The Perfecting Church Toledo congregation commemorated their first anniversary on Sunday, August 5, 2018.

"In the coming year we will have our edifices. We will begin to organize, so we will have more of a community impact. There are so many things in the coming year," shared Bishop Marvin Winans. Bishop Winans serves as the presiding pastor for both the Perfecting Church Detroit and Perfecting Church Toledo.

The anniversary service opened with prayer, immediately followed by scripture reading from Mark 3:1-5. The church's soulful choir sang selections, then the featured guest speaker Evangelist Joyce Rodgers delivered words using the theme "blessing in being stretched."

"We were and are still blessed to have Bishop Winans over us. He saw fit to be our pastor and Perfecting Church Toledo is still going strong," explained Dorothy Arnold, church mother.

Immediately following the service, guests and members gathered for a fellowship brunch that was decorated in majestic gold and shades of purple. The brunch was catered by Club 300 Catering, and over 200 individuals were fed.

"We had such a wonderful turnout and as I share with people, Perfecting Church Toledo has more church by 9:30 a.m. than most churches because service begins at 8:00 a.m.," said Bishop Winans.

The congregation of Perfecting Church Detroit held their first service May 27, 1989 with eight members in the basement of Pastor Winans' home. Cur-



Committee members: Nicole Roberts, Teresa Quinn, Marci Moore, Nicole Wilson, Monica McCain, Shelia Willis, Joyce Singer, Shenia Brown, Shayna Brooks



Bishop Marvin Winans, Mother Dorothy Arnold, and Elder Martin Johnson



Elder Martin Johnson, and Mrs. Marcia Johnson

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- **12 Front/Starr** - one Sunday morning inbound trip time adjustments
- **15A Summit/Suder/Alexis** - one Sunday morning inbound trip: time adjustments
- **17E Lagrange/Eleanor via Miracle Mile** - one weekday afternoon inbound trip time adjustment
- **22 Bancroft via UT Campus/Franklin Park** -weekends-only inbound curbside service at Franklin Park Mall
- **27N Nebraska/Angola-Wenz** - one weekday morning inbound trip time adjustment

#### SCHOOL DAYS-ONLY UPDATES

- **27A/B/C Reynolds Road Crosstown** - morning schedule adjustments
  - **34A/B/C Airport Highway Crosstown** - morning and afternoon schedule, and routing adjustments
- NO changes:**
- **11A/B East Broadway Crosstown**
  - **18A/B/C Sylvania Avenue Crosstown**
  - **20A/B Upton Avenue Crosstown**
  - **36A/B Hawley Street Crosstown**
  - **37A/B Central Avenue Crosstown**

#### UT-ONLY ROUTES UPDATES

- **BLUE** - Main Campus, The University of Toledo: Lancelot Thompson Student Union; Center for Performing Arts; Driscoll Alumni Center; Transportation Center; Gateway Plaza; Palmer Hall; Rocket Hall
- **GOLD** - Main Campus, The University of Toledo: Lancelot Thompson Student Union; Center for Performing Arts; Driscoll Alumni Center; Transportation Center; Gateway Plaza; Palmer Hall; Rocket Hall
- **SCOTT** - Main/Scott Park/The Flats



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