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Lucas County Children Services Applauds Governor's Unprecedented Investments in Child Protection

Children services funding to nearly double

Before an audience of county children services agency leaders, including Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) executive director Robin Reese, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today announced an unprecedented 95 percent increase in the state's investment in protecting abused and neglected children. That \$74 million announcement, along with related spending proposals, makes good on a campaign promise that Ohio should not be last in the nation when it comes to the state's responsibility for funding such a critical program.

"This proposed investment is very needed in Lucas County. While the number of child abuse reports declined slightly between 2017 and 2018, the number of substantiated abuse victims jumped 16 percent. The number of calls involving suspected abuse or neglect that were confirmed rose five percent in that same period, because the referrals we investigated involved more serious situations," Reese said.

"Governor DeWine is standing up for the vulnerable children and families of Lucas County," Reese added. "This investment will help us address the crisis in our children services system by providing funding to offset rising placement costs, serving families struggling with addiction and mental illness, preventing children from coming into foster care, and providing more suitable placements for children who do have to come into custody."

In addition to increasing the State Child Protection Allocation by \$30 million per year, up from \$60 million, to give struggling county agencies the ability to pay the rising costs of serving children, Governor DeWine announced:

- * \$25 million for multi-system youth, to prevent parents from having to relinquish custody of children with developmental disabilities or severe mental illness so that they can get the treatment they need;

- * \$8.5 million to support struggling grandparents and other kin care providers who unexpectedly find themselves caring for children, and to invest in recruiting much-needed foster parents;

- * \$5.5 million to expand the Bridges program for youth who emancipate from our system without achieving permanency;

- * \$4.5 million to expand evidence-based programs like Ohio START, a wrap-around sobriety and trauma treatment program being piloted in several counties; and 30 Days to Family to prevent children from coming into foster care; and

- * \$2.6 million to help our caseworkers be more efficient and productive in the field.

"The Governor is saving a system in crisis and making wise investments," Reese said. "These programs will alleviate the pressure on our county agency

budget, which has struggled to pay rising costs. But more importantly, he is saving children and families by improving their chance for a better future."

LCCS is a longstanding member of Public Children Services Association of Ohio, which is working with county agencies across the state and other stakeholders to support the Governor's proposals. "The Governor's leadership, with the support of his administration, will afford Ohio's vulnerable children and families the quality services that will strengthen our state across the board," Angela Sausser, executive director of the PCSAO said, adding, "As an association, we stand ready to work with our local legislators on the Governor's proposals."



Gov. Mike Dewine and LCCS Executive Director Robin Reese

About Lucas County Children Services

The mission of Lucas County Children Services is to lead the community in the protection of children at risk of abuse and neglect. This is accomplished by working with families, service providers and community members to assess risk and coordinate community-based services resulting in safe, stable and permanent families for children.

Community Calendar

March 16

GLAD Federated Club an Affiliate of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. is sponsoring A Controlling Your Money Workshop for Youth (8th - 12th Grade: Kent Branch Library; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; Topics: Set Your Goals Organize Your Money Credit Smart; Registration (9:45 am to 10:15 am); Lunch provided: 419-260-7453

March 17

Calvary MBC 30th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Floyd Smith Jr.: 4 pm; Guests Pastor Roger Carson and Southern MBC
Jerusalem MBC 14th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Willie L. and First Lady Monica J. Perryman: 4 pm; Guests Rev. Curly Johnson and St. Mark MBC

March 24

Calvary MBC 30th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Floyd Smith, Jr.: 4 pm; Guests Pastor James Willis and St. Paul MBC
Jerusalem MBC 14th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Willie L. and First Lady Monica J. Perryman: 4 pm; Guests Rev. Roger Carson and Southern MBC

March 30

Sylvania Franciscan Spring Art Festival: Celebrate Spring with beauty, imagination and joy; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Fine Art & Crafts; Live Music; Good Food; Franciscan Center, 6832 Convent Blvd.

March 31

Calvary MBC 30th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Floyd Smith Jr.: 4 pm; Guests Pastor Nathan Madison and Fourth Street Baptist Church of Lima, OH

April 5

Opioid Prevention and Resource Expo: Noon to 7 pm; UT Student Union Auditorium

April 6

Flanders Road Church Clothing Giveaway: 9 am to 1 pm; For men, women and children

April 26-27

Calvary Baptist Church Women's Ministry Spring Retreat: 419-531-9444

April 27

The Libbey High School Historical Marker Dedication: 11 am; The former Libbey High School campus.

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Ohio H.B. 62 to Increase State Transportation Budget

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

The Ohio House passed House Bill 62 last week, in a bipartisan vote total, in order to increase the state gas tax to improve funding for road and bridges improvements and to ratchet up the funding for public transportation.

The gas tax increase will mean that motorists will pay an extra 10.7 cents more per gallon and truckers an extra 20 cents more for diesel under a two-year transportation budget. The House tax increase falls short of the 18 cents tax increase proposed by Gov. Mike DeWine.

The House bill calls for a tax increase of 10 cents per gallon effective October, 2019 and an additional 3.7 cents in October 2020.

The tax plan, if approved by the Ohio Senate, possibly as early as this week, will generate an estimated \$872 million annually once it is phased in in its entirety and that figure includes an additional \$200 million for public transportation.

"There's a substantial increase for public transportation in the state of Ohio," said Jim Gee, president of the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority. "We are very appreciative of that and our message [has carried] on the importance of public transportation on the economy of the state."

Ohio has the 14th highest public transit ridership of any state in the nation but ranks near the bottom in state funding for public transportation

The bill passed the House with a 71 to 27 vote.

The Ohio Department of Transportation had estimated that an annual shortfall of \$1.5 billion could be projected for state and local governments' budgets for necessary road and bridge maintenance and new construction

projects.

"I am proud of our Democratic wins that secure historic investments in public transportation and local community funding," said Minority Leader Emilia Sykes (D-Akron).

One of the amendments to H.B. 62 that was proposed by Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson will change the membership regulations for public transit authorities so that proposed funding changes, that need to be approved by voters, can be placed before voters if the transit members approve by a majority vote.

TARTA, for example, has nine members – its board, the city of Toledo and surrounding communities that utilize TARTA services. During 2018, when TARTA sought to place before the voters in its service area a change to its local funding source from property tax to sales tax (a funding system that most large cities in Ohio use), the transit system needed the approval of all its members. The Sylvania Township Board of Trustees vetoed the plan and local voters never had the opportunity to express their approval or disapproval.

The Hicks-Hudson amendment, if approved, would enable transit systems such as TARTA to obtain a majority vote of its members, rather than a unanimous vote, on such critical issues, and allow voters to have the final say.

"We are really, really hopeful about this amendment staying in the final bill," said Gee. "So we can get our message in front of the voters."

According to Hicks-Hudson, the passage of the tax bill will help public transportation and will also ultimately lead to "help for local roads and help for working men and women."

Black History Month Speaker Shares Stories of Lesser-known Women Activists

"We are all bound up together in one big bundle of humanity," Dr. Crystal R. Sanders said during the Black History Month lecture in Neville Hall at Presbyterian College on Thursday, Feb. 28. "Society cannot trample on the weakest and feeblest of its members without receiving the curse in its own soul."

Sanders, associate professor of history and African American studies at Penn State University, was quoting Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, a poet and writer who lived from 1825 to 1911.

According to Sanders, Harper was telling a mostly white audience in 1866 that denying the freedom of African Americans indirectly weakened the freedom of white Americans.

"She was urging white women in particular to not just be progressive when it came to women's suffrage," Sanders said. "Harper wanted that resolve and commitment to extend to black civil rights."

Women Who Stood Up for Civil Rights

During her talk, which she noted came on the heels of Women's History Month, Sanders told the stories of several other lesser-known women, mostly African Americans, who stood up for civil rights for African Americans.

"Oftentimes in civil rights history, black women are relegated to secondary roles," Sanders said. "However, when we tell accurate, inclusive accounts of American history, women should be a key part of the narrative."

Sanders told the story of Ona Judge, who was enslaved to George and Martha Washington before she escaped the president's mansion. Sanders shared the story of Viola Gregg Liuzzo, a white civil rights activist from Michigan who traveled to Alabama to help Dr. Martin Luther King register African-American voters before she was killed for her advocacy.

Sanders also spoke about Claudette Colvin, a pioneer of the civil rights movement who was arrested when she was 15 years old for not giving up her seat on a bus, as well as the Bennett College Belles, who coordinated sit-ins at lunch counters in North Carolina. And Sanders noted Diane Nash, an American civil rights activist known for organizing sit-ins and continuing the Freedom Rides.

"Black women have been political strategists and leaders in their own

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HUD Awards \$2.3 Million to Help Low-Income Public Housing Residents in Toledo Secure Higher Paying Jobs

Jobs Plus grant awarded to help families achieve financial self-sufficiency

To help low-income public housing residents increase their income and move toward self-sufficiency, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$10.6 million to four Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), including \$2.3 million to the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA). HUD's Jobs Plus Initiative connects public housing residents with employment, education and financial empowerment services—a proven model to help public housing residents find and keep better paying jobs. Read more about how these local housing agencies will put these funds to work.

"These investments help public housing residents reach their dreams," said Secretary Ben Carson. "The idea is simple—connect families with educational opportunities, job training and other services so they can find better paying jobs and achieve self-sufficiency."

"The Jobs Plus Initiative facilitates work readiness to promote gainful employment and advancement opportunities," said HUD Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan. "The foundation of this program is premised upon three core components: employment and training, financial incentives to increase earnings and community support creating a culture of work."

Ravine Park Village and Birmingham Terrace will combine to implement the Jobs Plus Initiative. Currently, there are 274 apartments and 356 workable adults and 76 percent of those working-age adults are unemployed. To support job retention and advancement in the Jobs Plus program, participants will receive employment readiness training and barrier removal from Pathway, supportive services and barrier assistance from Zepf Center,

financial literacy from LISC, and youth employment opportunities from the YMCA.

"With Lucas County recorded as one of 12 counties with the highest percentage of residents living in poverty in Ohio, we recognize the significance of LMHA receiving the coveted Jobs Plus grant," Mayor Kapczukiewicz said. "It is imperative that we continue to identify sustainable strategies to address the county's poverty rate of 25 percent. This grant presents an important resource to provide wrap around services to our most vulnerable families. We are eager to continue our partnership with LMHA by providing employment for residents with the goal of identifying permanent opportunities."

"We are thrilled to have received the Jobs Plus Initiative Grant!" said Demetria Simpson, president and chief executive officer, LMHA. "Its mission to help low-income public housing residents and families secure higher-paying jobs and work towards achieving financial self-sufficiency aligns with our Strategic Planning Goals, over the next five years, to provide pathways to a better quality of life for our residents," said Simpson. "The Jobs Plus Initiative Grant is a first for Toledo Lucas County and a critical component in creating a framework for building self-sufficiency in our residents' lives, as well as expanding our partnership with HUD and the community."

Black History Month Speaker... continued from page 3

rights," Sanders said. "They have been central to our country's social movements."

"We are all bound up together"

Sanders relayed that Americans must rely on one another today the same way Harper argued we must in 1866.

"This idea of interdependency is still true today," Sanders said.

For America to be America, Sanders argued, all citizens' rights should be protected and everyone should abide by the law. Furthermore, all citizens should be concerned about residential segregation, the re-segregation of public schools and the lack of living wages for all workers.

"It might not be our problem, but it is our problem," Sanders said. "It is our problem because we are all bound up together. A forgotten figure in history told us so more than a century earlier."

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African American Chamber of Commerce Screens Business in the Black

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce (TAACC) invited Detroit's Anthony Brogdon to town last week to screen his film, *Business in the Black*, for the local audience. Dozens of Chamber members and guests gathered at the Radisson Hotel on Thursday, March 7, to view the film which chronicles the black business experience from the early 19th century to the mid – 1950's.

Brogdon, founder of Strong Productions, has produced a number of films, including *Play Foot Soldiers* (2012) and *The Great Detroit* (2014). His films have been screened in a number of cities, including New York and Los Angeles.

Business in the Black is a documentary about the history of black-owned businesses with three segments. "How did slaves go to college?" is the first segment in which the film explores the ways in which African Americans have historically sought to attain education – what the qualifications were and which colleges allowed black students to attend.

Secondly, the film looks at those black-owned businesses that racists tried to destroy around the nation through race riots, bombings and government action.

Thirdly, the film explores the rise of successful entrepreneurs – millionaires – in the 1800s and the growth of black business districts using interviews with family members, descendants, of the business owners.

The screening was part of TAACC's new outreach movement designed to re-engage members – local black-owned businesses – and enhance community awareness of the opportunities black-owned businesses present. Roy Hodge, REH Systems Solutions, is the president of TAACC.



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Portman Statement on the Administration Proposal to Cut Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding

U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) released the following statement on the Trump administration's FY 2020 budget request to cut funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) by 90 percent, saying he would again fight to preserve the program and its funding:

"For the past few years, no matter whether it was a Republican or Democratic-led administration, there have been attempts to cut or eliminate funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. And every year, we have successfully defeated those efforts and ensured that this critical program receives full funding. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has been a successful public-private partnership that helps protect both our environment and our economy. It has been a critical tool in our efforts to help

protect and restore Lake Erie. I have long championed this program, and I will continue to do everything I can to protect and preserve Lake Erie, including preserving this critical program and its funding."

Senator Portman, who serves as co-chairman of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force, has led efforts in the U.S. Senate to protect Lake Erie, which provides drinking water for three million Ohioans and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is currently funded at \$300 million annually. Under both the Obama and Trump administrations there has been attempts to cut or eliminate the funding and every time Portman, along with his bipartisan colleagues in the Senate, has rejected those efforts and ensured the programs received full funding.

Lucas County Commissioners Reaction to Governor DeWine's Proposal for Special H2-Ohio Fund to Address Lake Erie Algal Problem

The Lucas County Commissioners gave the following response on Tuesday to Gov. Mike DeWine's proposal for a new H-2 Ohio Fund in his State of the State speech at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus:

"On August 2, 2014 over 500,000 residents of Lucas County and North-

west Ohio went without clean, safe drinking water for three days due to the detection of microcystin in treated drinking water. Since then, the Lucas County Commissioners have advocated for a more pro-active response from state officials. Lucas County continues to be a leader in addressing the harmful algal blooms by funding programs, such as Clear Water 2, the Nutrient Source Inventory Tool, and sponsoring the development of habitat restoration plans.

The County Commissioners are encouraged by Mr. DeWine's enthusiasm to find solutions to clean up Lake Erie, and welcome the willingness by the state to invest in resources to restore the lake back to health.

We must ensure that taxpayer dollars yield results. That means measuring the actual nutrient reductions that are achieved through the projects that are funded. The Commissioners urge the governor to put an accountability mechanism in place

Remember, the western basin of Lake Erie has been declared in distress. For us, we need to move out of distress. We need specific non-point source measurements to help the lake recover. We hope the proposed H-2 Ohio Fund can help the impaired distress designation move forward.

Last spring, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency released its Nutrient Mass Balance Study that details nutrient loads coming out of Lake Erie's largest tributaries, including the Maumee River. What we learned from this study is that Ohio is not on target to meet the mutually agreed upon goal made by Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario to reduce the nutrients going into Lake Erie by 40 percent before 2025.

Despite state and federal leaders continuing to allocate funding to the issue, we are not making progress. The findings in the Mass Balance Study support our continued call for accountability for the money being spent on solutions.

Lake Erie is an economic driver for the entire Great Lakes region. Hundreds of thousands of families depend on a healthy Lake Erie for clean drinking water, financial livelihood, and recreational opportunities. We encourage continued investment in solving one of Ohio's most critical environmental issues. Our hope is that not only can we celebrate the significant investment of money being made, but actually achieving nutrient reductions."

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Registration for Toledo Museum of Art Youth Summer Camps and Adult Art Classes Opens March 28

Applications also available for teen work study volunteers

Registration opens Thursday, March 28 for summer youth camps and adult art classes at the Toledo Museum of Art. Applications are also available for teens interested in volunteering for the teen work study program, which offers free art class registration in exchange for volunteer hours as a teacher's assistant.

"Art camps are a wonderful way to provide educational and fun activities during the summer months," said Studio Program Manager Sara Daniels. "These one-week classes, which are available to students ages 5 to 18 in either half-day or full-day options, provide engaging opportunities in a variety of media including drawing, glassblowing, painting, digital media, and more."

The summer camps run each week from June 10 through July 26 with the exception of the Fourth of July week. The morning session runs from 9 a.m. to noon and the afternoon session runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Students attending both sessions can stay at the Museum for a supervised lunch hour.

And because you are never too old to learn, TMA also offers a range of adult classes in convenient weekday, weeknight, and weekend hours this summer. The summer sessions run May through August and include multi-week classes and shorter workshops.

"Art classes are a great time to try something new," Daniels said. "The Museum's adult classes have options for beginners who have always wanted to explore an interest in drawing, painting, jewelry making and more, as well as advanced classes for those who are building on previous art classes or experience."

The mission of the Museum to provide art education extends to training the next generation of art educators, added Daniels.

TMA's teen work study program offers youth an opportunity to explore art education from two different viewpoints— as a teacher's assistant and as a student.

"The work study program provides students valuable life experience through the application, interview, and selection process for a volunteer teaching assistant position," Daniels explained. "Those who are selected and commit to volunteering are rewarded with free registration for their own art class."

Registration deadline for summer youth camps, which begin June 10, is May 27. Registration deadline for Session 1 adult classes, which begin the week of May 12, is April 28. Registration deadline for Session 2 adult classes, which begin the week of June 23, is June 9. Scholarships are available. Visit toledomuseum.org/education/classes to register.

Unison Health's ProjectPROM Gives Area High School Chance to Win \$1,000 for After-Prom

For high school students, prom is a night they'll never forget. Unison Health wants to make it a night they'll never regret as well. That's why Unison Health is proud to present ProjectPROM, in which one Lucas County school will win \$1,000 for their after-prom celebration. This collaboration with BCSN/BCAN, aimed at promoting a safe and healthy prom season, was made possible through a grant from the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.

Beginning February 11, 2019, BCSN/BCAN on-air personalities Jordan Tomase and Jessica Furnas are visiting Lucas County High Schools, interviewing them about the importance of staying drug- and alcohol-free on prom night. In addition, students are encouraged to submit their own 30-second videos by posting them to Twitter and tagging Unison Health, BCSN, and BCAN. The winning video will receive \$1,000 for their school's after-prom, and all participants will be eligible to win individual prizes as well.

By sponsoring ProjectPROM, Unison Health aims to call attention to the need for safe, sober prom night events. According to Unison Health President and CEO Jeff De Lay, "About 40 percent of high-school students say they're planning to use drugs or alcohol on prom night, and 75 percent say they believe they'll be pressured to use. By creating after-prom events that students are excited about, we can see a real reduction in those numbers — and that can make a real difference as we seek to prevent substance use

disorders from affecting the lives of young people here in Lucas County

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Local Student Wins National Academic Contest

Gabrielle Dennis, who recently won a national academic contest that is sponsored by Steve Harvey, Essence Magazine and Walt Disney World. The contest receives around 10,000 applicants every year but only one percent are picked to be a part of the Disney Dreamer's Academy for the year. Gabrielle was one of 100 teens picked.

"I am 15 years old and a sophomore at Ohio Virtual Academy in Toledo, Ohio," said the newly-selected Dis-



Gabrielle Dennis

ney Dreamer. "I enjoy learning and feel blessed that I have around a 4.0 GPA. Outside of school, I am in a program called Toledo Excel, a college scholarship and preparatory program. I also volunteer as a Zoo-teen at my local zoo, where I handle animals, prepare animal diets and educate people about conservation. My ultimate goal is to become a certified wildlife biologist. I will someday achieve this dream by getting a bachelor's and master's degree in wildlife ecology and a doctorate in wildlife biology."

Need-Based Scholarships Are Available for Private Schools and Home-school

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund (NOSF) is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year for need-based scholarships for grades Kindergarten through eighth worth up to \$1,500 for children to use at a nonpublic school or \$500 for homeschool expenses. Families need to reside in Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood or Wyandot Counties.

NOSF is a partner with the Children's Scholarship Fund and awards need-based scholarships to provide parents with a choice for their child's education. The Children's Scholarship Fund was founded in 1998 by the late Ted Forstmann and the late John Walton who saw a need for educational alternatives for families.

Since 1999, the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund has awarded a total of \$13.2 million in scholarships to 15,400 students, part of

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Youth Clubs felt a need to add an important issue to their Cotillion workshop series on "Human Trafficking " on Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at Keyser Elementary School at 5:30.



Frances Collins, PhD and Denise Cardwell

This workshop included over 80 guests who were junior and senior high school students from the Toledo community as well as adults and club members.

Toledo Club President Frances Collins, PhD, welcomed everyone and spoke about how a program like this was something everyone should become aware of. Wilma Brown - Cotillion chairman; Denise Cardwell and Karen Jarrett, co-chairmen, added Human Trafficking to the workshop series because this is such a major problem in Toledo. The community needs to be aware of this importance and wants to say that there are various ways to get help from special task forces in and around Toledo as well as other parts of the world..

The Human Trafficking Workshop was presented by a high security taskforce that talked

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Brown Attends United Negro College Fund's (UNCF) First Annual State of The HBCU Address

At Event, Senator is Recognized as One of the Leaders in Congress Working to Support HBCUs, Like Wilberforce and Central State in Ohio

Last week, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) attended the United Negro College Fund's (UNCF's) first annual State of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Address. At the event, Brown was recognized as a member of the HBCU Congressional Honor Roll. Brown is one of just 59 members of Congress who were recognized for being champions and strong advocates for HBCUs during the 115th Congress. Only 10 percent of the Senate was named to the Honor Roll, along with just 49 of the 435 House members.

"HBCUs have fostered generations of African American leaders in law, academia, agriculture, politics, health care, and the sciences, who otherwise might have been denied the opportunity. HBCUs have a rich tradition in helping make our workforce more diverse and they do an incredible job of providing opportunity to underrepresented and low-income students," said Brown. "It's critical we continue to secure the kinds of investments needed to ensure these institutions, which have anchored our communities for years, can continue training the next generation of leaders."

"As the President of Wilberforce University, I was proud to be a part of the inaugural State of the HBCUs address and, more importantly, I was proud to see Senator Sherrod Brown in attendance," said Elfred Anthony Pinkard, PhD. "Senator Brown has been a great representative for the State of Ohio and for issues pertinent to HBCUs. He is well deserving of the HBCU Honor Roll distinction."

"Senator Sherrod Brown has been an advocate for HBCUs and issues impacting low-income, first generation college students for years," said Michael Lomax, PhD, president and CEO of UNCF. "When we contemplated who would serve on our inaugural HBCU Honor Roll, it was without question that the Senator would be on the list. We know that we can count on Senator Brown to be a partner on issues near and dear to the HBCU community."

Senator Brown has long fought to secure funding for HBCUs like Central State University and Wilberforce University in Ohio:



Sherrod Brown

- In FY 2018, Brown helped secure a 14 percent increase in HBCU appropriations, including additional money for Title III programs, \$10 million to provide deferments of loans made under the HBCU Capital Financing Loan program and \$20 million to cover the loans of the program. The funding will also bolster research opportunities for HBCUs. That funding was again secured in the FY 2019 appropriations bill, and Brown will continue fighting to ensure future investments for HBCUs.

- In the 2014 Farm Bill, Brown helped secure Central State University's recognition as an 1890 Land Grant University. 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.

- In the 2018 bill, Brown authored and fought to secure investments<<https://www.brown.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/brown-1890-land-grant-hbcu-presidents-applaud-historic-investments-in-2018-farm-bill>> that will ensure the 1890s can expand their research capacity and outreach in the coming years.

UNCF is the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization. To serve youth, the community and the nation, UNCF supports students' education and development through scholarships and other programs, strengthens its 37 member colleges and universities, and advocates for the importance of minority education and college readiness. UNCF institutions and other historically black colleges and universities are highly effective, awarding nearly 20 percent of African American baccalaureate degrees. Today, UNCF supports more than 60,000 students at more than 1,100 colleges and universities across the country.

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and Northwest Ohio." For more information on ProjectPROM, please visit: <https://besnation.com/prom/>.

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The words “veteran,” “hero” and “patriot” usually evoke images of men. Many people are not aware that some 3 million women are currently serving or have served in the U.S. Armed Forces beginning with the American Revolution. Their stories are largely unknown.

“Women have served alongside men to gain and preserve liberty, from the American Revolution to today’s Global War on Terror,” says retired Army Major General Dee Ann McWilliams, president of the Women In Service For America Memorial Foundation.

The Foundation aims to bridge the gap in the public’s understanding of women’s military service and encourages everyone to help in the following ways:

Learn Their History

Women’s History Month, celebrated in March, is a great time to learn about trailblazing military women. Here are five you should know about:

- In 1782, Deborah Sampson disguised herself as a man to become the first woman known to enlist as a soldier in the Continental Army. The only woman to earn a full military pension for service during the American Revolution, she served as an infantryman and was wounded in action.

- Minnie Spotted-Wolf enlisted in the Marine Corps Women’s Reserve in 1943, making her the first known Native American woman to do so. Skilled

at breaking horses, she described Marine boot camp as “hard but not too hard.”

- Capt. Sunita Williams, an astronaut who served 322 days as commander of the International Space Station, at one point held the record for the most cumulative hours of spacewalking. During her early Navy career, she flew helicopters in Operation Desert Shield.

- Overcoming childhood adversity, in 2010 Lt. La’Shanda Holmes became the first African-American female helicopter pilot in the history of the Coast Guard. She played a vital role in the Global War on Terror.

- During her three deployments to Afghanistan, Air Force Senior Airman Vanessa Velez drove a loaded Humvee into enemy territory on more than 120 missions.

Pay a Visit

Located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, the Women In Military Service For America Memorial (Women’s Memorial) is the only memorial dedicated to honoring the 3 million women who have served or are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Preserving the details of their achievements, from clerk typist to fighter pilot, the Memorial aims to integrate military women into the public’s image of courage. When visiting the nation’s capital, consider adding this educational and inspiring institution to your

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Toledo Library Hosts Writing Contest for Local Students

Nearly 18,000 local students have participated in writing contests supported by the Library Legacy Foundation

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library is hosting the annual Writing Contest, with this year’s theme: “A Day with My #BFF (Book Friend Forever)!” Students can spend the day with their “BFF” by choosing a character and exploring their world or bringing that character into the student’s world.

Hogwarts, Wakanda, Wonderland - the only limit to this year’s writing contest is imagination!

Guidelines:

- The story must be an original work, which comes solely from student’s imagination

- Story should include three parts – a beginning, middle, and end
- 500 word maximum
- Hand written or typed entry accepted
- Winners must have parent/guardian permission to receive prizes

Grade Categories:

K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12

1st Place: \$150

2nd Place: \$100

3rd Place: \$25

4 Honorable Mentions: \$25

Prizes will be awarded in each grade category from all entries. Stories must be turned in by Saturday, March 23, 2019. No entries will be accepted after March 23.

TLCPL has published the 1st-3rd place essays in Overdrive for the past four years. The winners names are searchable as authors in the Library catalog.

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that includes \$4.5 million in matching funds. All funds raised locally by NOSF are matched by the Children's Scholarship Fund and are used for scholarships in NW Ohio.

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Interested families can find more information about the program on the NOSF website at <<http://www.nosf.org>> www.nosf.org and apply online <https://tinyurl.com/NOSF19AP>. For more information please contact Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund at (419) 720-7048. Deadline to apply for the 2019-2020 school year is Friday, April 26, 2019.

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was under the leadership of Toledo-area pastors Rev. A. Charles Ware of Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Robert Wormely of Southern Missionary Baptist Church, and currently Rev. James Willis Sr of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

Saturday's Prayer Breakfast opened with a blessing of the food by Deacon Bobby McDole, Jr.. Deacon Darryl Reed served as master of ceremony after the breakfast. The guest speaker, Rev. Smith, is a Toledo native who accepted the gospel ministry as his life calling at the age of 18. He was ordained in 1974 and was called to pastor his first church in 1982 while still a student at the American Baptist College.

Smith became pastor at Calvary Baptist, his childhood church, in 1989

Various congregations and St. Paul ministries submitted words of gratitude for the Men's Day Weekend Celebration including: Warren AME Church and pastor Rev. Otis Gordon MinD; Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church and pastor Rev. W.L. Perryman, MinD; Third Baptist Church and pastor Rev. K. David Johnson, MinD; Mount Ararat Missionary Baptist Church and pastor Rev. John Walthall III; Mt. Nebo Baptist Church and pastor Rev. Cedric Brock; church ministries Love Circle, The Circle of Job, Genesis Circle, Matthew Circle, Ruth Circle, Deacons Ministry, Deaconess Ministry, American Baptist Men, Trustees Ministry, American Baptist Women, Christian Board of Education, Choir Ministry; local businesses John H. McKissick senior apartments, C. Brown Funeral Home, and State Farm Insurance with Jan Scotland.

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about the issues that the Toledo Club felt were important for the guests to hear. They also showed a video and had a question and answer session.

The important components which also covers the national organizations views on human trafficking that the presenters covered were:

1. What is Human Trafficking
2. Components of Human Trafficking (sex trafficking vs labor trafficking)
3. How to identify sex trafficking victims
4. How to identify labor trafficking victims
5. The dark side of social media
6. Trafficking intake process
7. The long-term effects of sex trafficking on victims as a whole
8. Security measures needed to adhere to when rescuing a victim from the "life" of trafficking
9. Resources needed to assist victims on the road to recovery
10. Educating young women, men, and their parents on Human Trafficking
11. How to decrease the vulnerability of family members from being trafficked and
12. Educating young women and men on healthy vs unhealthy relationships that lead to sex trafficking

Human Trafficking and especially sex trafficking doesn't discriminate by race. Indeed many of our African-American girls are being trafficked daily, but all lives matter regardless of race.

Human Trafficking takes many forms and the two areas most known in this country are labor and sex trafficking. The industry of human trafficking is the second largest illegal industry (drug industry being number one) in the world. Human Trafficking generates \$32 billion dollars per year globally and is a \$12 billion in the industry in this country. The issue of combating human trafficking and educating members of the community has to come to the forefront of NANBPWC concerns.

NANBPWC's mission is to promote the awareness of this problem and suggestive prevention measures to minimize the vulnerability of victims of human trafficking.

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The Hollywood Jim Crow: The Racial Politics of the Movie Industry by Maryann Erigha

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

The movie you've been waiting for is finally available.

Sure, you saw it in the theatre, but you're happy to watch it again. It has adventure, a little romance, and plenty of action – plus, it features your favorite actor, so what's not to love? Better question, asks author **Maryann Erigha** in her book *The Hollywood Jim Crow*: what color is the cast?

The movie industry's awards will be given out soon, and there's something about it that you may notice again: the faces you'll see at the awards show could be predominately white. This issue is old but it came to a head in 2015 with the hashtag #OscarsSoWhite, and it still hasn't changed much.

Racism in Hollywood started when Hollywood itself began: from the outset, black directors were "barred" from directing studio films. That led to a twofold issue: so-called "race movies" had to be made without studio money; and because there was no one to advocate for them, few African Americans landed roles in major movies. In those early years, producers did manage to make limited-run films with black casts and crew, and audiences saw the occasional black performer here or there, but it wasn't until the late 1960s that a black director landed a job in a mainstream film.

As many actors, actresses, directors, and movie-goers have seen, today's black movie-makers still struggle to land jobs. Like their predecessors, they fight Jim Crow laws within the industry, and the same old reasons have a few twists: the assumption that white audiences won't pay to see a movie with a black cast means that fewer "black" films are

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given big budgets or green lights. Fewer "black" films mean fewer jobs are offered to African Americans, from behind-the-camera crew to the director's chair to the cast. Hollywood insiders further believe that all-black casts will not make any money in overseas theatres, which limits African-American moviemakers even more. This leads black films and directors to receive the label of "unbankable," despite that there are obvious exceptions to that dubious belief.

And it's all happening through "completely legal practices...."

Movies make us happy. They put us in another mood, another country, or another planet. After reading *The Hollywood Jim Crow*, they may make you angry.

Though there's a good bit of repetition inside here, even occasional movie-goers will be clear on (and shocked by) how deep the racism goes in Hollywood and how it affects what we see at the cinema. That makes for a meaningful and solution-driven read in this book. Still, there are times when it's about as easy to follow as a foreign-language film without subtitles: author Maryann Erigha presents some information in ways that could fluster fans who go to the movies to be entertained, not to keep records.

Still, like most movies, the book is better. This book, specifically, especially if you've noticed #OscarsSoWhite and it bugs you. For cinema fans who want to see what they want to see, *The Hollywood Jim Crow* is a reel good read.

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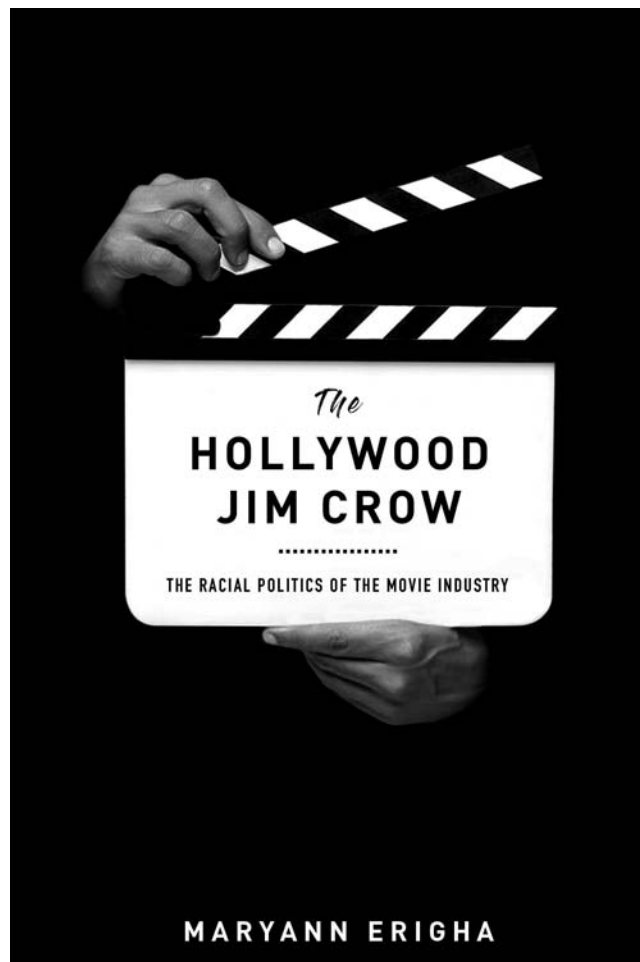
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At a time when the Department of Veterans' Affairs reports that women veterans are the fastest-growing veteran population, recognizing the collective service of women is more important than ever.

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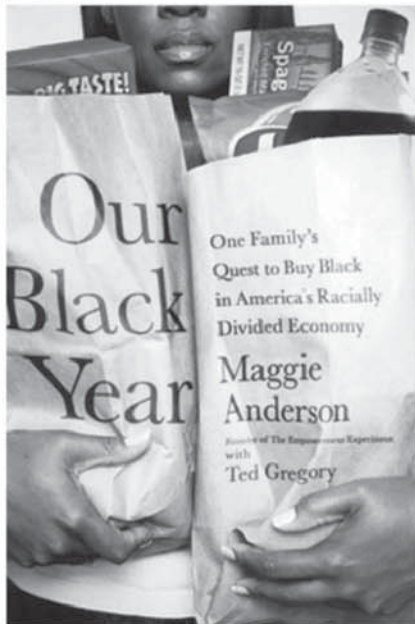
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Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive sealed bids for **Concrete Replacement Services**. Received in accordance with law until **March 26, 2019, 3:00 PM ET**. See documents: www.lucasmha.org; 201 Belmont Ave., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711). Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements (Executive Order #11246). This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract and any Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.



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Lucas Housing Services Corporation (LHSC), located in Toledo, OH is seeking experienced applicants for the following position(s): **Community Development Program Manager**. For complete details, visit www.lucasmha.org/Careers. Deadline: 03/19/19. This is a Section 3 covered position(s). HUD recipients are encouraged to apply and are to indicate on the application if you are a LMHA Public Housing client or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. **NO PHONE CALLS**. Equal employment opportunity shall be afforded to all qualified persons without regard to age, race, color, religion, religious creed, gender, military status, ancestry, disability, handicap, sexual orientation, genetic information or national origin.

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Men of St. Paul Encourage Other Men to Weather the Storm

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Men of the historic St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church organized their annual Men's Day celebration during the March 9, 2019 weekend. The two-day celebration kicked off with a Saturday morning breakfast which featured Rev. Floyd Smith, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and concluded with a spirit-filled Sunday morning worship service.

Biblical scripture Philippians 4:13 served as the inspiration for the 2019 celebration theme, "Men, don't stop in the storm," and Rev. Stanley Clark, an associate minister of St. Paul, was the Sunday speaker.

"God was in the building yesterday," began Rev. Clark. "I want to thank my pastor Rev. Willis, for this opportunity, to serve under him to share a word with you today. Our job is to uphold our pastor's arms when he calls upon us. I also want to thank the men for this opportunity, my brothers in Christ are on point today."



Pastors James Willis and Floyd Smith and Councilmen Tyrone Riley and Gary Johnson



Church members and guests were surrounded by various black and white decorative items, and every man of the church wore the same symbolic black and white tie during the service.



(Standing - L. to R.): Francis Ester, Pastor John Walthal, Robin Wilson, Pastor Floyd Smith (Seated): Pastor Stanley Clark, Pamela Clark, First Lady Linnie Wilson, Pastor James Willis

"The tie represents spiritual uniformity and is something we plan every year. This year, black and white was decided because of the theme. Take a moment to look at the storm, when the storm is raging there are clouds that surround you. When we depend on God, you can't let darkness of the storm stop us. Even though darkness it is because of God's light, we can battle the storm," explained Rev. James Willis Sr, pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

Rev. Clark was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, relocated with his parents and siblings to Toledo, graduated from Libbey high school, served his country with military service from 1980 until 1989 and earned rank of Staff Sergeant, married his wife in 1994, loving father of five children and two grandsons, and founding pastor of The United Vision Church. Rev. Clark

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Jan Scotland; guest speaker Rev. Clark and his wife Pamela; First Lady Willis and Rev. James Willis, pastor of St. Paul; and Deacon Darryl Reed, Men's Day Chairman



Men's Day Choir and congregation of St. Paul



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Rev. Clark (speaker) and Rev. Willis (pastor)